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## Davide on his way from Alaska2Patagonia and ready for the next stage of the adventure!

San Diego, California – Davide Travelli, 36, left from Prudhoe Bay, Alaska on August 13th 2015 to cycle the entire American continents till Ushuaia, Patagonia (Argentina). From the northernmost point of North America to the southernmost tip of South America along the Panamerican Highway, his solo, unsupported journey will cross 16 countries and is expected to take at least 15 months. This journey is an adventure through which Davide wants to learn about new cultures and places as well as inspire others to work on their real goals. It will also benefit Students Helping Honduras and Associazione Mango (Charities). He is now in San Diego California having cycled 7,500km across Alaska, Canada and USA in the past 4 months.

Davide is a 36-year-old Italian from Bergamo that lived several years in Dublin (Ireland). He is due to enter Mexico from Tijuana and from there continue his trip onto Latin America.

The project is also raising funds for the charity Students Helping Honduras, a movement to end extreme poverty and violence in Honduras through education & youth empowerment. Davide is also raising funds for Associazione Mango, an NGO based in Rome which operates in Paraguay, one of the poorest counties in South America. Davide intends to give presentations at schools during his journey, and find national media coverage in several nations.

The solo expedition has covered 7,500km in almost 4 months (including a 4 week rest in San Francisco). Across Alaska Davide first followed the Dalton Highway and then the Alaska Highway all the way down into British Columbia, Canada. It was a fascinating time to be in Alaska, Yukon and British Columbia with the Autumn colours painting the way. Nevertheless it was an arduous ride due to extended periods of severe weather conditions. In Alaska Davide twice suffered hand hypothermia and experienced a face to face encounter with a grizzly bear. In British Columbia a black bear ripped open his front panniers with food supplies and damaged his tent. Emotionally it was the hardest month of the journey. He replaced the front panniers only to have one stolen by another black bear. Fortunately he was able to recover it with only minor damage. The physically challenging months riding through the harsh wilderness of Alaska, Yukon and British Columbia were by the spectacular landscape. Passes, summits and temperatures of -10C have added to the fun. To help cope with the extremes of the journey Davide has had kit kindly donated or discounted by, amongst others, 100%FOOD, Skyroam and Showers Pass.

Travelling alone has helped Davide encounter more adventures and added to the challenge of cycling the Panamerican Highway. However, it has also led to extreme loneliness and the need to be utterly self-reliant.

Davide is currently in San Diego (California) and will soon be heading for Mexico and into Baja California. He will be seeking publicity for Students Helping Honduras and Associazione Mango through interviews and presentations about his journey. Davide will also be looking for further sponsorship of his expedition in the form of equipment and funds: He crossed North America on a daily living budget of just \$5 per day.

Davide needs the support of press and public alike to make this fund-raising venture a success. If you would like feature information, photographs, or regular updates, please email:

<u>d@alaska2patagonia.com</u> or visit the website which has full accounts of the journey and will be updated regularly:

http://alaska2patagonia.com/

Photos for media usage are also available at

http://www.flickr.com/photos/davidetravelli/albums/72157661833270930

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