

Dale Galbraith

Well, I did see the finish line. It was not as I had hoped it would be, but God has been more than kind to me. He allowed me to come through the wreck without any major injuries. I am sore but can still get around. I flew into Homer today, and it is absolutely beautiful. I have not seen a Bald Eagle yet, but I am sure I will before I leave. Once again, I want to thank all of you for your prayers over the last few weeks. This trip has been an eye-opening event and has impacted my life more than I would have ever imagined.

One thing that has special meaning to me...Gunny and I went to see Beth (with the Hoka Hey) at Chief Oliver Red Cloud's house on Sunday. We had seen Big Jim earlier, and he told us that Beth was about to go nuts since she had not heard from us. We pulled in to Chief Red Cloud's driveway and Beth came running outside to meet us. She had a tear in her eye and a smile on her face. She took us in to meet Chief Red Cloud and to have some lunch. Before Gunny and I ate, she asked us to sit on the couch and called Chief Red Cloud over. She asked Chief Red Cloud if he would have a prayer with us. The Chief explained that the Lakota people do not believe in church as a group but as an individual relationship between a person and God. He told us that he was going to say a special prayer for us and that he will pray in the native Lakota language. Chief Red Cloud grabbed my hand and Gunny and Beth placed their hands on top of ours. The Chief prayed for close to five minutes in the Lakota language. When he was through, he looked at Gunny and me and told us that we are both special people. The prayer was a very moving experience for me.

I will try to send you some pictures of Homer, Alaska and do a few more updates as the other challengers arrive. As of now, five riders have made it, but only three have been held for inspection. I am not sure if they followed all of the route or not. I will let all of you know who is declared the winner. I know I am a winner from the experience I have had through the Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge. I hope they will do it again next year. (Hint, hint.)

~ Sincerely,
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FLASH...Hoka Hey II **will** take place next year. Looking for sponsors. The ceremony at the Stone Step Estates was incredible. Chief Red Cloud actually called in and gave a prayer to all that were in Homer. He also said a prayer for the wounded warriors that did not make the ride or lost their life. Unfortunately, there were three riders that completed the journey as God saw fit. My thoughts and prayers go out to their families. They were doing something they loved and believed in. What an awesome way to live your life.

I look forward to seeing all the people that I have met through this incredible journey somewhere down the road when our paths might cross. Just remember to live in the spirit of the Hoka Hey. As Jim Red Cloud said to me, "History comes to us once in our lives, and this is truly an historic event." Hoka Hey II will be run, but the coins that all the

challengers received will never be duplicated. To all the people that lived this epic journey, you are a special breed of people. We have helped and touched more lives than any of us can ever imagine. With that being said, remember **Hoka Hey**. It is a good day to die.

To all the Hoka Hey organizers, thank you from the bottom of my heart for touching my soul in a way that you never could understand or imagine. This has been a journey during which I have come face to face with the Great Spirit. It has truly been a life-changing event, and for that I will be forever grateful.

~ Sincerely and Hoka Hey,
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