



**Riders and walkers at Columbus May 25**  
(raising \$3,000 for United Methodist Men's Missions)

June 26, 2019

Thirteen people from Columbus, Nebraska biked or walked on May 25 for the eighteenth annual UMMen's "Babcock or Bust" ride/walk raising \$3,000 for three missions. Some, not pictured, walked or rode at other times or places. The family-oriented ride/walk started at Columbus First United Methodist Church's Outreach Center with riders going north to Lake Babcock and walkers going south into Pawnee Park. In the first sixteen years, the annual ride-walk had been held on the Cowboy Trail going west from Norfolk.

The missions being benefited this year are Camp Fontanelle's *Branching Out* capital campaign, the UMM 100 Club scholarships for young people studying for full-time Christian ministry, and support for other Great Plains UMMen ministries as determined. Eighty-seven percent of the donations were from Columbus FUMC members, the rest being from other residents of Columbus and UM church members in Bellevue, Springfield, and Lincoln.

Thanks to all the participants and supporters. The people to be helped are thankful, and so is our God. This annual event has now raised \$120,000 over the last eighteen years and has benefited thirty-five various mission causes in the conference, the nation, and around the world.

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