Cycle challenge changes lives

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MORE than 80 top corporate executives from South Africa set off from Victoria Falls to take part in the inaugural Computershare Change a Life Cycle.

The Change a Life Cycle, which has raised R4-million to help combat crime, will fund crime preventative measures, and support victims of violent crime, following the murder of Computershare senior manager, Mike Thomson, at his Johannesburg home last September.

The 450km cycle challenge took place over three days along the Zambezi River, taking in part of Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia's Caprivi Strip and Zambia. Each participant raised R20 000 in sponsorship, with Computershare matching all funds raised for rand, in aid of the Mike Thomson Change a Life Trust.

Leading SA cyclist, Andrew McLean and Dusi king, Martin Dreyer are some of the sporting personalities that took part. A sum of R350 000 has been pledged to Children in the Wilderness, a life skills and environmental programme for vulnerable children, established by Wilderness Safaris.

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Liesen cycle... JSE CEO Russell Loubser addresses executive cyclists before setting off on the Inaugural Change a Life Cycle.