

Colorado Climber to Attempt Long's Peak North Face in Life-saving Effort for Children in Myanmar

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Colorado climber Dave Revere with children in a Thai/Burma border community for internally displaced Mon peoples.

Revere assisted MNHC in its vaccination outreach for approximately 3,000 children under five in internally displaced Mon communities from October 2012 through February 2013.

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“I lived with families who lost loved ones to easily-preventable diseases,” said Revere. “I saw children suffering needlessly from malaria. These people are strong and beautiful, but their living conditions are the poorest you can imagine. When an outbreak occurs, it

spreads like wildfire. Vaccinations are not just a good idea here in the jungle. They're often the difference between life and death.”

Revere said he saw funding fall short for the four-year-old program's 2013 vaccination schedule.

MNHC is a Thailand-based nonprofit that has no access to large grants and relies entirely on donations, according to the climber.

"That's why I'm doing this," said Revere. "I can't administer vaccinations. I can't oversee a health-outreach program. What I can do is climb."

Revere said he's climbed some of the most beautiful rocks in Southeast Asia, but he's looking forward to returning to the alpine heights of the Rocky Mountains.

"I feel like I belong to the Rockies," Revere said. "But I belong to these kids, too, so here's a chance for my passion and purpose to meet."

The Colorado Mountain School has partnered with Revere by preparing him for the north face, guiding him on the day of the attempt and donating all the gear for his climb.

"Dave Revere is climbing Long's Peak with us for a very cool cause," said Jane Anderson, Expedition Manager at CMS. "We are excited to be a part of this and looking forward to our summit attempt."

"I need partners like CMS," said Revere. "Because the bottom line is that these children will be at a much higher risk to these killer diseases if we aren't able to raise enough funds to complete 2014's vaccination schedule. There isn't a big grant coming in. There's this fund raising effort. That's it."

Revere is asking people to share ownership in this life-saving program by purchasing elevation on his climb for \$1 per foot. He said it's an invitation for others to connect themselves to the children in this unreached corner of the world. He's also designing a bandana with the names of all his donors to bring them in spirit as he climbs.

"One foot of my climb can buy one diphtheria or tuberculosis vaccine," said Revere. "A buck nearly covers two polio or tetanus vaccines."

Visit Revere's FundRazr page, [Elevation for Vaccination](#), to learn more about internally-displaced Mon peoples and Revere's challenge.

For details about the benefit concert on Oct. 10 featuring [Spoonfed Tribe](#), KatsuK and Sensible, visit the [Facebook event](#).

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qyzk3DNeDAI>

Dave Revere is a Denver-based writer with a passion for climbing. His picture book, *We Are Family*, features the children of Baan Dada Children's Home and their drawings. More information about this orphanage for disadvantaged youth along the Thai/Burma border and

the book can be found at baandada.org.

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