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Hello, my friend. In answer to your questions, the main reason that I took on the challenge was the size of it. To travel from New Zealand to the United States and to ride nearly four thousand miles to get to the start of the race, to be in the race and then to ride all the way back to Florida again was such a huge deal for me. The main reason that I did not stop riding was that firstly, I had nowhere else to go. Secondly, with the proud history that our small country has, I just wanted to finish the race and could not come home without doing that.

There were several sections that I was not really focused on racing as I was so taken by the scenery and the wildlife that I was seeing.

I do hope to come back and compete in August and, if I do, I will be much more competitive than the original Hoka Hey.

I don't have a lot of photos for you, but I would like to have some of yours if you would let me.

Thank you, my friend. Please pass on my regards to Jim, Beth and the team. All is well here in Christchurch although, nearly two months after our earthquake we are still shaking from time to time.

~ Grant Grieve, Christchurch, New Zealand