

When G2G family wins

By Susana Young
 Imagine that you had been without a shower, real food, your own bed, your phone, and had been suffering for the better part of a week. You are among the 89 who had crossed the finish line. You collapsed into the arms of Tess and Colin Geddes with tears in your eyes and stumbled to be hugged by your tent-mates, teammates, family and friends. You are totally exhausted. You sit down to breathe in the beautiful view, inhale some pizza, fruit and soda...and wait for the last runners to come in (usually around 11 a.m.) so that you can all get back to Kanab and your hotel. Then imagine how you feel when you learn that the last runner is having a problem. He is barely able to walk the last stage (7.7 miles), but insists on finishing the race without help. He's moving very slowly. Do they close the finish line so everyone can get to

the vans and head back to Kanab? Or do they wait? Brian Bartaby, age 52, Great Britain, was representing Walking with the Wounded. And wounded he was. But two of his tent-mates would not leave his side, even though they risked their own ranking and ability to qualify as finishing the race. What to do? You win again. You wait. You understand that Bartaby WILL finish this race, because he is raising funds for Walking with the Wounded. He will not disappoint them. Finally, word comes that Bartaby and his two tent-mates, Mark Cox and Mark Davids, are 300 yards away; 200 yards away; 100 yards away. You line up at the finish-line chute. You cheer and clap in rhythm with your new family. At 12:30 p.m., Bartaby and his two buddies cross the finish line. Now, hardly a dry eye anywhere. One of their wounded had made it home.



Brian Bartaby arrived at the finish line with Mark Cox and Mark Davids, his tent buddies who would not leave his side. They came through the winner's chute lined by all the G2G participants, clapping and shouting.

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A first: a runner proposes to his girlfriend at the finish line.



Laurel Wright is greeted by her husband Curt at the finish line. He broke through the tape to be the first to hug and comfort her.



Left: Tara Timpson's supporters at the finish line: father, mother-in-law, brother, two sisters, seven nieces and nephews, friends from Kanab. Below: Tara Timpson on the trail.



Tess Geddes on the shoulders of Davide Ugolini, Course Director; Colin Geddes on the shoulders of Jeremy Spircoff, Assistant Camp Manager. Tess and Colin have built a great team, making G2G the toughest and highest quality ultramarathon on the planet.

Local hospitality amazes G2G competitors

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 Vince Vincent, who completed G2G last year as one of Kanab's scholarship winners, helped to mark the trail this year, and also volunteered to "sweep" (pick up the trail markers after the last runners have passed a checkpoint). The oldest runner, James (Curt) Wright, turned 76 the day before the race started. He struggled through the first two stages – 58 miles total – and was 20 miles into stage three when he could not make the cutoff at a checkpoint. Vince happened to be there and offered to have Curt stay with him. (Several local residents put up some of the 27 runners who dropped from the race, because no hotel rooms were available.) Vince and Sara were superb hosts, and enjoyed Curt's company. Vince says, "It was great listening to his running stories of Boston, New York, Chicago." Curt explained that he and Laurel (who remained in the race and finished!) had done 40-50 marathons together, several triathlons (very difficult because he did not know how to swim), and felt like they needed a new challenge. G2G was their choice. At the finish line, Curt was there with Vince to greet his wife and the two local runners, Timpson and Grimm. Curt said, "I feel like a real Kanab-ite now. I went to the football game last night and they won!"



This year's youngest G2G participant, Kelsey Hogan (22), Canada, getting a hug at the finish line.

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What is the name of the cloud from which a tornado descends? **?** **Oct. 5, 1638** - The journal of John Winthrop recorded that a mighty tempest struck eastern New England. This second severe hurricane in three years blew down many trees in mile long tracks.

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Answer: Wall cloud