Please, donate your blood before you will regretfully think:
"If I knew I would have given it before I needed it"

Julien Leblay just turned 16 on August 27, 1997. when he had a serious accident on a tractor. He swung back into a ravine, made two somersaults in the tractor, was thrown out and landed on the ground. His lungs were severely damaged. Two days in an induced coma were necessary to begin to heal his lungs. He also needed huge amounts of blood to stay alive. For four days he lingered between life and death. Eventually he recovered his health.

"Thankfully, I'm alive today. I'll never forget those persons who dedicate their life to others: firemen, in particular, medical teams that give their best and also those who decided to give their blood to save lives."

"*I was 18 when I proudly went to give my blood at university, but the Doctor announced it is something I will never be able to do again. Unfortunately, in France, people cannot give their own blood once they have received a transfusion. That was a real shock to understand I will never be able to contribute my blood to save other people lives*."

When he was released from the hospital, Julien rode a bicycle to improve his respiratory capacities. He began to ride in the Alps.

As a transfused person who had been saved by blood donations and cyclist, he thought about Blood Donation. He decided to make Europe tours for blood donation. He was active in his Rotaract club until he began his travels.

Julien has ridden worldwide (Europe, New Zealand, South America and Balkans) to promote blood donation. Today at 28 years old he has a wife, Marion, 23. Together they will take the next ride. They are leaving France on July 4, 2010, starting a 20 month trip through Europe, Asia and Oceania.

Blood donations are organized and publicized in the countries where he travels. Back home, he continues to keep promoting blood donation through public lectures, books and exhibitions everywhere in France.

Not being able to donate my blood anymore, my bike tours are the only way I found to return the favor to generous and unknown blood donors who saved my life.Thanks again for such a gift.
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Quotes from Julien Leblay
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