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Around the world in a Land Cruiser

This year, Toyota's legendary Land Cruiser celebrates its 60th birthday. While we were doing some background research, we came across a rather interesting story. You might even say that it is the stuff of legend.



Swiss couple, Brigitta and Paul, decided several years ago to leave their familiar surroundings behind to embark on a world tour. With the advent and relative ease of modern air travel, this may not be such a crazy idea. However, Brigitta and Paul chose to circumnavigate the globe by car, and what a car – Toyota's Land Cruiser HZJ 78, which the couple affectionately named "Mahangu" (the

name of a type of sweet corn in southern Africa meaning "food for the people").

Three years in the planning, Brigitta and Paul departed from Switzerland in September 2006, crossing France, Spain and Portugal on their way to Africa. Within the first month on the road, they already visited two continents when they arrived in Morocco at the end of the month.

After a month in Morocco, the couple made their way back to mainland Europe and on their way to the third continent, South America, arriving in Brazil after a month-long crossing of the Atlantic.

Brigitta recently wrote to TME saying: "For us, [the Land Cruiser is] the best car you can drive around the world."



The couple are currently in Delhi, India. You can follow their progress on their website (see below for the link). Just take a look at their route map and you'll understand the immense scale of Brigitta and Paul's endeavour. Although Toyota is not involved in this epic journey, we wish them all the best as they continue on their trek across the globe.

http://www.circumnavigation.ch/index_en.php