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others have come and gone according to their schedules — many of them joining on weekends.

Sosikian expects more than 100 people from across California to join this weekend.

Armed with sleeping bags and little else, marchers have walked about 15 miles a day — regardless of the weather — and slept on church floors at night. The Armenian Relief Society provides meals, and vans keep pace to scout road conditions and provide water and first aid.

The event will culminate Thursday with “Rally for Humanity,” when the marchers reach the Capitol to thank state legislators for recognizing the genocide and to also further promote their cause, Sosikian said.

“We want to express that repercussions exist when such a criminal action happens, and

reparations must be made by those who have done wrong,” he said. “The fact that the Turkish government does not recognize this is possibly why the world has seen so many genocidal crimes, from Cambodia to Rwanda.”

Narbeh Aboolian, who walked in the march last weekend and set out again Friday, said this was the most meaningful thing he has ever done.

“It has changed me to know that I’m doing something big and getting our message across to the whole world, not just California,” the 18-year-old Hoover High School student said.

Narah Saghatelian, 19, of Glendale was also with the group that headed off Friday.

She will come home Sunday but plans to return Thursday for the rally.

“The fact that I’m part of something that is trying to get the genocide recognized is gratifying,” said Saghatelian, a Glendale Community College student.