

## May 12<sup>th</sup> Rest Day



12/5/09basel,marktplatz  
walking streets plenty of people beautiful  
paintings on the houses beautiful old houses sweet  
old town jazz playing in the back sound market  
place with bus and tram and so  
many different people look like a entehouse and  
we can see a Vincent Van Gogh in art museum.  
Jerome - France

## May 13<sup>th</sup> Munchenstein to Schopfheim 29K



The good news is the local Green Party has found us a place to stay the bad news is we can not get into the place until 10:00pm. It's not really bad news it just means a late night for us we will go to the home of our overnight host and cook dinner and visit there until we can get into the church. The day was good and hot we crossed into Germany mid morning and right before lunch we went into Lorrach and were greeted by Ingrid from the Green Party they are

having problems with the local government about informing the people that the Swiss and local government are in the planning process of building a nuclear waist facility on the border. The Green Party wants to have public hearings on it and the local government is fighting it. So after lunch a delegation from the walk went to meet with the Mayor and express those concerns the meeting was brief but we got our point across. It started to rain and Michael from the Green Party in Schopfheim joined us and led us through town to the city hall where we meet with the mayor then off to his house to get dinner ready. The evening was very nice and relaxing after dinner we were treated to ice cream compliments of Ingrid from Lorrach. Then off to the church for a good sleep.  
Jim USA



### **May 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Schopfheim to Schonau 23K**

This is where the updates are going to get a little complicated..... Every walk has one big hiccup well this is where ours takes place and it was a two for one special. I woke up with what I thought was the flu and the group arranged for me to go ahead to the next overnight and just sleep and rest.

Well it turns out that it might not have been the best idea the flu turned into a stomach virus and after a whole day of this it left me extremely dehydrated and my blood sugar levels in really bad shape. I ended up in intensive care at a hospital back in Schopfheim for two days. Meanwhile back at camp the van had fallen apart turns out that all these years the van has had power steering but because the wheel was about to fall off it was pinching the power steering line go figure.

This is the short version of the story and I will stop here I would like to say thank you to all the people who came to help in Schopfheim at the hospital and our overnight host, Schonau and from our little walking community.

Jim - USA

### **May 17<sup>th</sup> Staufen to Freiburg 19K**



Today Marion and me headed back to the walk we took a quick trip out to see the van and get an idea of what was wrong and to make sure they had keys and everything they needed to fix it. It will be ready for us no later than Thursday. Our overnight host in Schonau where glad to see me up and

moving. Micheal and his family helped us out so much getting me out of the hospital and making sure we had a place to stay and feed us I can't thank them enough. We got of the train in Freiburg and where greeted by Sophie, and one of our overnight coordinators no one at camp knows that I am on my way. We picked up Günter while we were at the station and headed off to camp. I spent the evening visiting, folding peace cranes and catching up on what has been happening, seeing pictures of the areas that they walked in and how beautiful it was. It was nice to be home.

Jim - USA

## **May 18<sup>th</sup> Freiburg Rest Day**

Today we have a busy schedule but we need to leave someone at camp because it's a public camp ground and we can't lock up anything because the van is not back yet. The first stop is the local radio station. The people that spoke were June from Australia, Glenda from Geneva and Sophie from France these interviews will be posted on the web site. Then a quick trip to the Mayor's office he wants to welcome us to town. After that most everyone came back to camp for lunch, some people stayed in town to have a look. At three we have a tour of a relatively large sustainable living community then at 8:30 tonight we have a showing of Uranium – is it a country? And a discussion afterwards when we arrived back at camp Gunter and me found out we knew each other in a round about kind of way he was one of the organizers for Sacred Run 1990 in Europe and he also organized the Walk for Justice Europe in 1994 at the same time we were walking across America which was my first event. We sat around the fire folding peace cranes, telling stories and listening to good music a good ending to a good day.



## **May 19<sup>th</sup> Freiburg to Bad Krozingen 11K**



So today the group will go on and I will wait with the luggage for a ride to our next overnight. Günter is coming back after work to pick me and the luggage up. We had 3 people from the film and discussions come to walk with us today. There are not that many kilometers to walk today so I told the group to take its time and enjoy the warm weather. Maybe stop in some of the bigger towns and pass out flyers about the walk. Günter arrived right around 1:30 and we packed up and headed out to catch the group they were sunning themselves by a river and relaxing right across the street from the church. We unloaded the van and had a quick circle to discuss the upcoming days it's going to be busy and Sophie and I will be leaving the walk and Jon will be coming with Jun-san. We are being hosted by the Presbyterian Church and dinner tonight is being prepared by a nice local woman named Elvira. After dinner we spent a lot of time looking at pictures folding peace cranes and visiting. The good news is the van is done so I will take the train back to you guessed it Schopfheim to get the van. We said goodbye to Günter and Elvira offered to drive me back to the van which I accepted.



## May 20<sup>th</sup> Bad Krozingen to Fessenheim 15K



So today will be a little bit of hurry up and wait. Around 5pm we are meeting Jocelyn from the Réseau Sortir du nucléaire at the bridge going into France. We will walk with other supporters from the area to the nuclear power plant in Fessenheim. Elvira and I took of to get the van she was very helpful and the ford dealership in Zell gave us a discount on the labor. We got back to the walk around noon they were already at the bridge waiting. I grabbed Jeff and Malvina and headed back to the church to get our luggage loaded. We got back to the group around 2:30 and had some coffee while we waited. Right before we took off to walk across the bridge Jon, Jun-san and Hidrin showed up everyone was very excited to see them at 5:00 we were greeted by Jocelyn and four other members from the community also by a Green Party senator. We walked the rest of the way to the power plant and had a small action out in front. Across the street we were greeted by more people from the community and they had water, apple juice, bread and cheese waiting for us this was really nice because people were feeling a little drained. After the break we headed off to camp it was getting late and we still had a lot to do tonight. We had one more circle so I could say



goodbye to the group and thank our host. I spent time with Jon going over paper work and day to day things then with Jun-san answering any questions she might have then spent the rest of the night just visiting I sure am going to miss everyone.



### May 21<sup>st</sup> Fessenheim Rest Day



Today the group will have a nice rest day in town at a big organic farmers market and meetings afterwards with the community. Liam and I will be heading back to Geneva to start making our way back to the states Mark is going to drive us to the train station and Marion will be hitch hiking into our next overnight to find the group a place to sleep. Jon called a circle and the group said goodbye to me they surprised me with a reclaim the future t-shirt that everyone signed. I went around the circle giving everyone a last hug goodbye and they kept getting out of line and going to the end of the line to get another it was fun and a good send off. This has been a great adventure with a great group of people a true community standing up against the deadly affects of the nuclear industry I can't say enough thanks gang.

Peace and Love,  
Jim