

April 24th

We all gathered at what will be our home for the next 3 nights. Paroiss St-Nicolas de Flue in Geneva.



This afternoon we all went to the World Health Organization (WHO) and joined a protest with the group Independent WHO. This was a well organized event we had pictures of people who died as a result of Chernobyl lined up and down the street connecting the WHO to the United Nations. And in between the pictures were people with signs and masks demanding that then WHO speak out for the people of Chernobyl.



April 25th

Today we joined the Independent WHO at a protest in downtown Geneva where we will briefly hear. Yuri Bandajevsky speak about how he was jailed after trying to publish the effects of Chernobyl.



At around 3:30 everyone joined together and we officially started the walk. We had about 50 walkers and a police escort through and around town it was fantastic. All the banners, people singing and one of the walkers named Marc was saying in this big booming voice.

Du March International Sortie De Nuclear! This was a great way to start.





April 26th



Today we have to drive to Bern for a demonstration organized by Jurg Joss. Who is also trying to help us get overnights for the walk. We took as many as we could they asked us to bring an international group so we took one from every country that we had. France, Australia, Scotland, Switzerland, Finland, and America. The protest was to stop the rehabing of the nuclear power plant in Muhleburg. This is also one of our scheduled stops on the walk. The

protest was not only educational it was full of young people great speakers and singers it was really energetic.

They invited us to speak Sophie went first and spoke about the walk and the overnights we still needed. Then Jim spoke about how the nuclear problem is a global one and how we need to come together as a global community to stop this horrible destructive industry. After we left the stage we were approached by many people offering us help with our overnights. By the time we left we only had two overnights left to get in Switzerland!



When we got back to the church in Geneva we had a circle to decide as a community how we were going to move and what roles people wanted to play.

Tomorrows a big day.



April 27th - Geneva to Nyon 26K

First day of the walk and everything went really smooth we were packed, ate breakfast, cleaned and had the van packed ½ an hour ahead of schedule. We arrived at the UN around 9:30 and were greeted by more walkers that were going to participate with us for the day and a few reporters it was a nice size group.



We started the walk with a silent moment in front of the UN thinking of the devastating effects of the nuclear industry from mining to waste to weapons. Thinking of all our friends and family all over the world struggling for a NUCLEAR FREE FUTURE.

After lunch it started to rain so Sophie went ahead into town and was greeted by a representative from the town council they were concerned about us camping in this weather and had arranged a place indoors for us to stay heated, with a kitchen and showers for us to use. We stayed at the green houses where they grew all of the plants for the green spaces in Nyon. Thank you to the town of Nyon and Mr. Rubatter for their hospitality.

April 28th Nyon to Saint Prex 27K

Well it's raining but everyone is in good spirits and ready for another day.



We had a fantastic lunch spot on the lake looking out over the french Alps all I can say is BEAUTIFUL! And it stoped raining for a little bit just long enough for us to eat.

After lunch Sophie went ahead to the town and once again the town people were worried about us and made some arrangements to have us indoors we couldn't cook indoors and I will get to that story in a minute.

We spent half the day on the road and half the day on a foot path that went along the lake it was beautiful. We came to a patch of wild garlic and Marc said everyone should think of KA (from Australia) now because that is KA's last name.



We arrived in town around 4:30 to sunny skies. We arrived at our overnight Chellat College it's like a junior high school. Now to the story of our stay, in Switzerland during the cold war all towns had to have a bomb shelter. Well this town converted their shelter into a homeless shelter for the winter months and a community center for things like boy scout meetings and that's were we are tonight. We could also camp in the back of the school. I would say it was about half inside half outside. We got camp set up and made dinner. After dinner we all visited and made peace cranes our goal is to have 1000 cranes ready to give to NATO when we arrive in Brussels. Thank you to the town of Saint Prex and to Christian Sieder for the nice dry stay.



April 29th Saint Prex to Lausanne – 20K

Guess what? Its raining really hard thunder storms there is a lot of road construction on the main road so we are going to stay on the footpath today it is really nice here you can take the main road or go on the footpath and they set out signs for these telling you how much time it takes to walk from place to place.



Along the way there are a lot of beautiful statues and you can see all the wildlife by the lake. The rain comes and goes sometime it is a very hard rain though. We ate lunch at a church that was built in the early 1600 it was very nice to be out of the rain and cold the temperature here is very cold maybe in the 30's F - 0 C and we are camping tonight.





We arrived by the footpath right into the campground and had a closing circle so that we all know what is happening. Then the sun came out and everyone put up our tents and hung our wet things to dry. And people went off to town to call home, email and explore we all got back together for dinner and decided that we will have a circle in the morning we decided at the beginning of the walk that on every rest day we would change jobs so that everyone was doing everything and to give people a break. Then in the evening after dinner we will see a documentary on the fist dismantling of a nuclear plant in France this should be interesting and then we will have a peace crane workshop.

That's all for now I do want to say that this is without a doubt the smoothest first 3 days of a walk I have ever been on and it truly feels like a community. Thanks to everyone that is here with us in spirit and everyone that is helping us on our journey. We will post another update when we can.