

## Cross-Country Rev. Moon is Innocent Peace Walk: God Works in Mysterious Ways

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On July 24, Mr. Machida finished the day at Vernal, Utah. He started walking from 5:10 am, 9 miles west from Roosevelt. The land was almost flat, but he kept his pace to arrive at his resting destination early that day. He arrived at downtown Vernal around 7:30 pm and had a dinner at the Golden Coral, then walked one more mile to the motel. Mr. Machida rested early to recover from 30 days of walking.



Luke Higuchi, who is accompanying Mr. Machida by car, recounted an auspicious encounter that day: “We met a young man named Shaun from England who is walking across the USA from Maryland to San Francisco. He started walking from April and plans to finish in August. He met Mr. Machida on the road. He was working at a big supermarket in England and he was also a mountain climber before.”



On July 25, Mr. Machida started walking from Vernal at 4:00 am. His next destination was Dinosaur, a national monument between Utah and Colorado, about 34 miles east from Vernal. He walked 20 miles by noon. Luke met him at a rest stop and bought him a burger and coke. He walked 14 miles to reach Dinosaur by 7:00 pm, and with determination he kept walking for two more hours (six more miles). He finished the day at 9:00 pm after walking 40 miles!



His next destination is Craig, which is 87 miles from Dinosaur. It will take two days.



On July 26, Day 32 Mr. Machida started walking at 5:30 am. Even though he started one hour later than usual, he completed 20 miles by lunch time.



He ate a sandwich from a market with a gas station, and took a hour rest for lunch. He started to walk from 1:00 pm for another 20 miles. It was a very hot day. Heat reflected from the asphalt road, and though Mr. Machida wanted to cool down his feet with water, he had to save his water for drinking. When he needed more water, God gave a bottle of water through strangers who were just passing by. He had such experiences many times throughout this trip. Sometimes, a bottle of water was thrown from a car or truck, and many people stopped their cars to hand him a bottle of water.

He finished this day at 9:00 pm after walking a total of 41 miles. He stayed at a hotel in the small town of Maybell called Victory Hotel, built in 1894.





On July 27, Day 33, Mr. Machida walked 10 miles west from Maybell at 5:17 am. The sunrise was an indescribable color of light rising as it covered over Mr. Machida.



He made his destination earlier than scheduled that day, traveling 39 miles by 8:40 pm. He was supported by God thanks to a strong back wind that gave him more speed. He also found a new shoe on the side of

the road, just as the soles of his own shoes started to wear out. The shoe fit perfectly, and came right in time for the next day's 43-mile journey to Steamboat Spring.

