

Cross-Country Rev. Moon is Innocent Peace Walk: A Milestone to Celebrate

Matsuo Machida
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The first big news of the day is that Matsuo Machida's walk for peace made the news! The *Mountain Democrat*, a publication based in California, highlighted his trip with the photo above of him making his way down Main Street in Placerville, California on July 1. They announced: "Machida is walking from San Francisco to the United Nations building in New York City to encourage work for peace centered on the teachings of Jesus. Machida previously completed a 3,000-mile walk from San Francisco to Washington, D.C." It's encouraging to see that such an arduous journey is catching the eye of local media, and as Mr. Machida continues eastward, we hope that he can build more awareness toward his cause.

Also, last week, Mr. Machida made it through the Rockies and was met with a celebration in Denver, Colorado. Read the latest on his journey:



Matsuo Machida finished day 39 of his cross-country trek on August 2nd. He departed from the Idaho Springs at 4:20 in the morning and took the Route 40 toward the Denver Family Church.

At some point, route 40 merged with the Interstate Route 70, which does not allow pedestrians. Mr. Roger Fuhrer, who has been helping lay out the routes for Mr. Machida, guided him through this obstacle.



Mr. Machida arrived at the Denver Family Church at 5:05 pm, after walking for 32 miles that day.

Pastor Michael Hentrich and local Unificationists welcomed Mr. Machida in front of the church building. Mr. Machida went into the chapel to say a prayer, then took a rest to prepare for his testimony meeting with the Denver community later that evening.



The meeting began with a prayer by Mrs. Hisako Geschwind, followed by a beautiful song by some of the church members.



Mr. Machida then spoke in Japanese, which was translated by Ms. Yumi Kang. He spoke on two topics: first, why he started a second challenge to cross America after 11 years, and second, his experience so far during the journey from San Francisco to Denver, CO.

The Denver community served a delicious curry and sushi dinner for Mr. Machida and everyone who attended. Mr. Machida enjoyed the company and an occasion to gather together, and continued walking at 8:00 am the next morning to begin his 40th day. A couple of the Denver Family Church members walked with him for a while, and Luke Higuchi, Mr. Machida's travel companion for the past couple weeks, bid him farewell as Mr. Hiroshi Suzuki continued along the journey alongside Mr. Machida.

