Walk Around The World Update

If you remember back to September 3rd, a small group of our Members got the chance to meet **Jean Beliveau** – the Canadian who has spent more than 10 years literally walking around – one a cold and rainy Melbourne day.

Jean (right) with CCV Vice President Stewart Marshall during his Melbourne visit in September 2010.

He left his Montreal home on August 18th in the year 2000 and has not been back since. He has been travelling on foot through 64 countries, so far covering more than 75 457km!! And the whole journey was in support of the United Nations proclamation: 2001–2010 – International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World.

Two significant events will have happened before the end of January 2011: new website and Canadian soil!

In the early part of January, the website dedicated to tracking Jean's journey (www.wwwalk.org) went through a major overhaul. Available in multiple languages, you are able to see the route Jean has taken, where he still has to go, pictures from the various countries, media releases from around the world, links to other important websites, trip highlights, and even a guest book! The site is still being updated by Luce, Jean's wife, and their web designer Emmanuel. It is a magnificent website for an amazing journey. Make sure you check it out today!

Returning to Canadian Soil: On January 30th, Jean will be aboard Air New Zealand flight NZ84 which is scheduled to land at the Vancouver airport at 12:20pm. It will be the first time he will be on Canadian soil since crossing over into the United States on August 18th, 2000. As you can imagine, it will be a wondrous day for Jean and his supporters as he reaches the final country of his journey – his home country. Although the journey is still expected to finish in another 9 or 10 months, when you are talking about an 11 year trip, than is only a short time remaining!

International Decade For A Culture Of Peace

The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the year 2000 as the International Year for the Culture of Peace and the decade of 2001-2010 as the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the children of the World. **UNESCO** was designated as lead agency for this decade. To learn more about any of these, click on the links or visit Jean's website www.wwwalk.org to get even more links.