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TRAVELING FARMER MILLERS

A GAIN we rescued the dormant suitcases from the attic to take an overseas trip to Hungary, Austria, Poland and the Czech Republic. 41 Pilgrims led by Brother Ronald Giannone, Spiritual Director of the Ministry of Caring of Wilmington Delaware. The Catholic Tour Company of Ohio made all the arrangements. \$2834 per person not including tips. 5700 miles from Wisconsin. This is the third trip we took with Brother Ron, the others were to southern Italy and Sicily and a boat trip in Russia from Moscow to St. Petersburg.

Czech Airlines from JFK Airport in New York City to Prague and Warsaw, met by our local guide Henryk and bus driver Rafal. Twenty hours without sleep, yet went on a city tour of Warsaw, even with our jet lag. New Construction, hammer-head cranes, chestnut trees, Parliament, churches, cathedrals, palaces. Everyone was cold, tired and crabby and how good those beds felt that night in the Novatel Hotel.



Prague

Brother Ron led everyone in Mass every day, even for us Lutherans. Mistletoe in trees, a parasite sucking the life from the trees. Hitchhikers, little towns and villages, roadside religious shrines. Czystocowa, monastery, wind mill generators, nuclear reactor.

Our Miller relatives emigrated from this area 110 years ago due to economic conditions and political permutation because, at that time, this was ruled by Russia and all men were required to serve 25 years in the Army. They were Lutherans in a Catholic Country.

Unemployment is at 12% in Poland. Many young people immigrate to the USA or Ireland. Prostitution seems legal, exotic sex shops. About a thousand miles we traveled, and we had gotten local currency from our bank for each country before we left.

One of the big shocks to our internal systems was the pay toilets.



Warsaw

Krakow was almost all destroyed during the Second World War. Gasoline seems to be \$14 a gallon. Some took a tour of a salt

mine. Budapest, Hungary, divided by the Danube River. Many Japanese students and other tourists, no one seems to speak English Lipizzaner Horse Farm, bitterly cold, but some braved the carriage ride through the estate.



Over the mountains in a snow storm to Vienna. The Hungarian Plague flu seemed to hit half our pilgrims with projectile vomiting and diarrhea. Not us Millers.

Vienna, Austria known as Wein, where Adolf Hitler was born. Towards last all the cities looked the same. Cathedrals, castles, palaces, government buildings all built within the last 50 years since the end of the war. Strauss lived in Vienna and wrote the Blue Danube Waltz here, Franz Joseph started World War One here in Vienna. Concert with Strauss Waltzes and Mozart.



Vienna

Czech Republic, Bohemia Moravia, Prague River, more Castles and cathedrals.

Then it was time to pack the suitcases for return flight. Of course we missed our Northwest flight from JFK and had to take

the scenic tours of midwest airports with our luggage going astray.

THIS IS OUR FINAL TRIP overseas, we are too old and tuckered out to keep up with the young people who travel now a days.

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The Hamons live out in the sticks in central Kentucky on 16 acres of rolling terrain with woods and a pond. We endured a beastly summer of excessive heat and humidity and a prolonged severe drought, like most of the southeastern part of the nation. As a partial result, the climate has changed here, and summer was about a month longer than usual, and the colors of Autumn were delayed a month. Despite predictions that we might not have much of a color display, we had a glorious showing, though a month later than usual.

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