

John's Journey - Day 5

April 5, 2009

Matthews, MO to New Madrid, MO

I pulled out this morning about 7:50 AM. It was a little overcast, but I was optimistic. I stopped at the Flying J Truck Stop in Matthews, MO for breakfast. It was good! While I was there I picked up some Preparation H to rub on Mack's back where one of the straps from the Harness was rubbing.

We pulled out of there & headed on down the road. It started to rain, just a little at first & then the sky opened up and the wind picked up as well. I knew it was time to stop, so the first driveway I turned off the road & tied up. No one was home, but I couldn't travel any further today in this weather.

The storm broke a little & I used what time I had to secure the sides of the wagon with the rope that Kenneth Wright from Henry had given me for the trip. He said you never know when a good piece of rope will come in handy. He had some kind of foresight - Thanks Kenneth.

Here it comes again - the wind must be blowing 30 to 40 miles per hour. It's been a long time since I have experienced such wind. It's rainy & really cold.

Bill & Carolyn came by tonight & brought me some hot Cabbage Soup with Bread & Key Lime Pie. It tasted really good & warmed me up.

The plan is to spend tomorrow resting. The weather forecast is calling for rain all day tomorrow too. We have already covered just about 100 miles.