

## Quartalsbericht 2, Half year's report Max

Still I am living in the farm where I moved in right at the beginning. Not much changed about the situation I am in within the last couple of months. I still love the place, these little huts are great for living, especially for sleeping at night. Now that it is getting warmer slowly, we realize the value of a open hut in the forest without any thermal mass that could be heated up by the day's sun. I am sleeping very well and deep, probably because I am outside of houses 90 Percent of my time and because most of the work I do is physically demanding. I am sleeping so well actually I don't even hear my timer in the morning. My plan for the near future is to create a stand for my Mexican hammock on the roof of our kitchen to spend the summer nights up there, without an insulating matrace below me and the cool breeze of that exclusive exponated position.

I still enjoy the work on the farm, even though I have allways the feeling of getting to little rest. That for, nobody beside myself is to be blamed, there simply is to much work around that I want to do and additionally I go to that other Project called sacred groves where I spend lots of my free time doing metalworks: welding, forging and all the repairs of tools in the workshop of them. I still go for most occasions where I can learn and improve out of doing jobs which I find myself or others ask me to do.

On the Farm I work on my own two thirds of the time, this is my preferred setting where I am able to choose my own tasks and to go my own speed. It happens sometimes that I come late in the morning and then I try to work longer in the evening, this is my favorite time of work. I work by the level of motivation and it works well for the farm and myself, I am sure I am doing a good job and am a benefit to the farm. I have a good relation to those who are in charge and the feedback is mostly positive. Because we can identify with the work we do we create a nice atmosphere of working together, I like that. In general I am pleased to be in the recent position in which my preferred pace of working is tolerated. I am learning more, I am growing faster personally and creating more than ever before, which makes me happy and thankful for having this opportunity to be here in Auroville, financially supported by weltwärts and with all the securities that I am used to have in Germany.

Still, I am aware that this situation is not healthy for me, that I am doing to much and resting to little. That I see with a whining and a laughing eye: I am able to test the limits of my abilities and they are higher than I expected, but I do not succeed in taking the rest that my physical body clearly is asking for. I am aware of this for almost all the time that I am here in Auroville now. I'm positively minded, I am sure to be able to change my habits if i feel a serious threat to my health, would I not be I know the people around me are there to support me. I see this as a save and effective situation for deep self-exploration. For now I am curious what is going to happen. Good for my state of mind is the silent meditation that I am doing every now and then, these are soothing little breaks of my hectic creative rush that hardly ever slows down. I get a lot out of conversations and gatherings with all these nice people that are so open-minded. I am glad to be around and a part of those who are trying to do some good in this world, learning and living and playing.

More than half of the time here is over which I am not really sad about, because I do absolutely not know yet what is going to happen after this year, I am confident about the fact that if I do not find anything better, I would just come back and continue what I am doing now and what I maybe haven't finished then. Here is so much to do that feels good to do because it makes sense to me that I don't really feel like I need to find something else for myself yet. Options I think about is to make an apprenticeship in carpentry or to travel Europe and or or South America. I don't think too much about the time that is going to come after August yet, but this will have to come soon, anyway. My day usually looks something like this: I get up between 7 and 8, have breakfast, and start working. Typical works on the farm are cutting bamboo or wood for structural purpose, digging in the fields or elsewhere, constructing or repairing some things or helping others with their tasks. The temperature is fine for me, I do not bother the heat (yet). I will usually find something for lunch before 1 o'clock, some meals outside, cooking at home or just some fruits. If there is time left I have a 20 Minutes Siesta in my hammock, which is a nice way to cool down a little and to get some extra sleep. In the afternoon there are usually the same tasks and after the work I usually care for those various things which come to my mind throughout the day that want to be created. A couple of times a week we cook together and most of the evenings we gather on the roof or in the hammocks or wash the dishes.

I still have two bigger projects that I am on and a third is mostly finished. At sacred groves I am creating a medium size charcoal kiln for producing charcoal out of wood, which is a structure mostly of steel barrels and earth. At the farm we are having slow progress only with building the electrical fence for our cows. My so far longest lasting project, the Tetrapak- roof is finished by the basic structure, but I will have to strengthen the bamboo-structure due to serious insect damage. I am very, very happy that I finally finished the manufacturing of these Tetrapak strips, a work that tiring it got me close to giving up the project multiple times.

For the next months I plan to forge some more tools that are missing here and are not available in India, for example a scythe to replace the petrol driven brushcutter. I intend to get more into composting and other basics of farming which I didn't dive into as deep as I wanted in the beginning and I want to spend more time with silent meditation than before. Yes, I'm doing fine here, I like Auroville a lot.