



**We knew it was not going to be easy. To us who had never been to Germany and knew nobody there, to say that making a news documentary in a foreign country was difficult, would be an understatement. We began to worry if we could complete the assignment. However, once we found help from Maria Wagner, who liased us with the right journalists and the right sources, the camera started rolling and the production started to come together.**

**We were touched by the hospitality of the German people. Our preconceptions about Europeans as strict and distant were not true. In actuality, everyone we met on this trip were so helpful and cared about our well-being and safety, especially when we were covering the story of the protesters.**

**Before we arrived in Dresden, we had been warned many times about how dangerous this task could be. However, with the care of Alexej Hock and Ludwig Rehnolt, who explained the safety precautions during the protest, we were able to finish our job efficiently.**

**In Dresden, we witnessed the conflict of ideas within German society. It was amazing to see the two opposing groups of protestors confront each other without resorting to violence. It was a true demonstration of democracy.**

**We would also like to thank Ine Dippmann, Michella Muller, and Ulrich Wolf who helped us find sources, in-depth information, and gave us an interview to help us complete our documentary.**

**Our first visit to Germany was a success. Warm welcomes from all of you eased the cold and brought warmth to our hearts during those chilly days.**

**There is a phrase in Thai, "mee-num-jai" which exists only in the Thai language. We could not find a word of the same definition in English but we could experience the definition of this phrase from all of you. The closest words we could use to define the phrase, "mee-num-jai" is generosity, graciousness and thoughtfulness.**

**We have come to the understanding of why Germany would host millions of refugees and how you manage to take care of them as well as you do. It's all because you "mee-num-jai."**

**Siriya Thongsomboon, Thai PBS**

