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Dear Sharing Friend,

Thirty-eight years ago today I had yet to walk my first "Good Friday mile". How little I knew, as I read the *Boston Globe* article about childhood malnutrition in Bolivar County, Mississippi, how, seemingly, the course of my life was about to change.

Over the years I have walked over seven hundred Good Friday miles and it is my hope and intention to continue doing so for as long as I live and can move in any manner. Some might ask why. What is it in the experience that I find so compelling?

Let me put it this way:

A Good Friday mile is not like any other mile.

It is not walked for the exercise, although it is that.

It is not walked in observance of the day, although it is walked then.

It is not walked for fun, although Joy is a real part of the experience.

A Good Friday mile is walked to celebrate what Good Friday is all about.

It is walked for love the way Jesus walked Calvary's hill for love.

It is walked to raise money that relieves the pain of others.

When a Good Friday mile is walked it connects one person's steps with other people's suffering.

However walking on Good Friday is not exclusively a Christian experience. Over the years persons other than Christians have participated in the shared conviction that we must respond with love and justice wherever God's people cry out. As Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel put it when speaking about his experience of walking with the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King from Selma to Montgomery in 1965, "I felt my legs were praying". When one's legs are "praying", within the context of the passion and death of Christ, then it becomes a celebration.

*Shalom,
Kay Doherty*

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Our brand new website will give you ongoing information about the southern projects receiving our support !! Go to the "your walk" page on our brand new website www.walkingongoodfriday.org It will make your heart sing !!

Christmas Love

Thanks to a generosity of time, talent, and treasure Sharing was able to send the following gifts to children in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana.

- 893 Awesome books, by and about African Americans !
- 160 beautifully dressed Black dolls
- 80 gorgeous baby blankets, beautifully boxed
- 76 basketballs
- baby bibs, sweaters, and small stuffed animals

Some thanks

- " Thank you and Sharing Inc. for the wonderful books: all 93 titles covering nearly 900 books. You can never truly know what a difference these books make in the lives of our children. Neither can I. I read the book Barack Obama - Son of Promise, Child of Hope the same day I received it. It is a special book. I have passed it on to Faya Rose. We shall read it to our grandchildren by blood and spirit. They too shall be sons and daughters of promise and children of hope.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Your good works strongly speak for you and Sharing Inc."

Senator Hank Sanders

- " Thank you for the blankets, bibs, bears and baby clothes. When all 17 boxes arrived, we forgot all about our office Holiday party. We peeked in each blanket box and inspected the other gifts. We had so much fun looking at all the beautiful items; we marveled at the time and care involved in each one. Thank you for entrusting us to pass on these love offerings."

Doctor Rachel Zippert Chatters

- "I love the baby blankets. They are wonderful. For some, they are needed for physical warmth; for others, they are needed for emotional warmth. I wish I could capture and share the emotions involved."

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