Walking Day #125, Sunday, December 30, 2012...Broncos WIN...thanks, Sonny

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I figured that I would walk today (Sunday) as some interesting weather seems to be rolling in. The day started sunny and cold. The shoulders of the road were nonexistent. At day's end I had walked 20.6 miles (33.2258 km's), used 42,296 steps and found \$0.52 in loose change. The findings for the day: 1 pair of rather rusty needle nose pliers, 1 large roll of "brand X" duct tape, 2 dimes, 2 nickels and 22 pennies. Shortly after I started walking a "nosey" gentleman stopped me at a snowy turnout. He introduced himself as "Sonny" and wanted to know what I was up to as he had seen me several times as did some of his children. Turns out he was a former mayor of Marshall, AR. As we chatted I decided that if I lived around Marshall he and I would be friends. We had a pleasant conversation about a variety of topics. Sonny, when THAT days comes you shall indeed get a "free pass" from St. Peter. My experience is that ones does NOT have to be part of a church to get to the front of THAT line, in fact there are a great deal of "church people" who will be rather surprised when they get to THAT day as they WILL be issued a shove!!!! Sonny was kind enough to make a contribution to Camp UTADA, "it ain't much but it is something" It is NOT the size of the gift that counts but where it comes from and you, SIR should be called "Sunny" as what you do spreads sunshine!...Thank you for your "something", Camp UTADA will put it to good use. Just as we were wrapping things up a van pulled up and a woman got out and introduced herself as Paula. She indicated that she had read about us in the paper and wanted to meet us and have her daughter take a picture. Turns out that Paula came from Bremerton, WA the daughter of a Navy man. She served in the Army and her husband has diabetes. We chatted about a variety of things after which photos where exchanged. Her daughter Elizabeth now has a picture of "The Walker" that she can share with her FaceBook friends. Paula, it was a pleasure to meet you and your daughter, best wishes to you and your family and thank you soooooo very much for stopping and sharing your story. This is part of what The Walk of Life is all about, "regular folks" on the ground. To a person everyone that I have chatted with since I began this adventure has been WONDERFUL! Now if we can get 7 billion of us to follow we will REALLY have accomplished something! Thank you Paula, thank you Sonny. You both made my day and enriched my life...CHEERS!!!



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