

## Shoe Stories

One Sunday, SunWesters were challenged to donate their shoes to the Mustard Seed Street Ministry—on the spot. Dozens of shoes were donated and people walked barefoot through the snow to their vehicles. For many, it was a moving experience. Here are some of their stories:

Deborah M. -

My husband had just bought me new, expensive leather boots to keep my cold tootsies warm. I know that for him, it was a sacrifice to spend so much for my boots. I had another pair of boots I could've worn that Sunday but I chose the leather boots. I would've given them up in a heart beat but I didn't want my husband to think that I didn't appreciate what he did for me. However, when it was God asking me to sacrifice, I couldn't say no. So off came the boots and down the aisle I went.

Patty G. -

I was surprised at how moving and powerful such a “simple act of kindness” made me feel! I was overwhelmed with emotion and the Holy Spirit by just giving away the shoes on my feet. The snow was minor because in my mind all I could think of was that Jesus did so much more for us. What is a short walk in the slush? I certainly tasted the sweetness of giving that morning.

Sharon P. -

WOW! This has been a great experience. The shoes I gave up were my work shoes. So every day this week, when I went to the closet, I remembered the shoes weren't there—this led me to remember what a sacrifice Christ made for me on the cross! Amazing what a pair of shoes can do for our daily walk with Christ!