



## After 17 Years, Their Walk Across America Still Making an Impact

Seventeen years after Rick and Jane McKinney completed their 2770-mile walk across America, the story is still resonating with those who hear or read it for the first time. Everyone from grade schoolers who read the children's book to college students and senior adults who hear them speak are challenged to accept their own calling from God. The walk, which started at Santa Monica Pier on January 1st, required over six months to complete and landed them at the Supreme Court steps on July 4th.

Their journey to pray for America and share their faith with others allowed them to encounter hundreds of people. The impact on many lives has been long-lasting, including some who have since begun their own ministries. "What we are finding, however," says Rick McKinney, "is that the story is just as powerful today for those who read the book or hear our presentations as it was for the people we met along the way, seventeen years ago."

Jane McKinney adds, "But the greatest impact was on our own lives. We were changed with every step and every stop. Seeing others through the eyes of Jesus transformed our hearts. We have never been the same."

Their best-selling book entitled "And...So We Walked" was released in May, followed by the audio-book, narrated by the author



Rick and Jane McKinney of Stearns read their children's book to students at Pine Knot Primary.

The inspirational story of a couple's walk across is still changing lives.



in August, and the children's version, "They Walked Where!?" in September. The books are filled with stories that take the reader from

laughter to tears and give an intimate look into the joy, pain, challenges and victories of their cross-country trek.

Since the book's release, they have appeared on over thirty podcasts and radio interviews in the United States, Nigeria, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Canada, and Australia. They have made personal appearances, been interviewed by newspapers, and done readings in schools and libraries. "When someone comes up to you with a copy of the book and says, 'This book changed my life,' it makes the waiting all worthwhile," says Mr. McKinney.

Rick and Jane now reside in McCreary County, Kentucky. They are available for interviews and speaking engagements to talk about their walk across America.