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Dear Nancy,

I don't take for granted the miracles that we continually witness here at SFJ. One of these miracles involves Melissa and Jared, a mother and son duo from Iowa. Melissa Reams is our Iowa State Representative and last fall, she and Jared applied for our upcoming mission trip to Kenya. I could not wait for Jared's phone interview because his application included a testimony of how he knew that he was supposed to go to Kenya during his senior year of high school. As Jared began to share, he told me about a recurring dream in which the Lord was calling him to go to Africa, and he saw himself in the villages each time. The dream was so vivid that after the third time, he got up to tell his mom. This was an exciting confirmation to Melissa, who already felt a call to the Kenya trip.

Now, that all sounds exciting— but have you ever faced severe disappointment after a mountain top experience? Several months later, Melissa called to tell me that due to funding issues, she and Jared had to both back out of the trip. They were heartbroken and confused but it was almost time for us to purchase airfare and both of them were far behind in their payments. My heart sank because I was so certain that the Lord had added them to this team! I began to pray out loud in my car, asking God for a financial miracle for Melissa and Jared.

A few weeks later, I got a phone call that changed everything! Melissa and Jared had just received two unexpected and miraculous gifts that caused both of them to be fully funded for the trip to Kenya!! Melissa thought they were too late, but

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New SFJ Apparel!

We are excited to introduce our new SFJ merchandise! Wearing SFJ apparel is a great way to help spread the word about our mission. Not to mention, you'll look great wearing it! These t-shirts are unisex and true to size from S-XXL. They are a very comfortable blend of cotton and polyester and come in Indigo, Turquoise, or Cardinal.

Choose your favorite color and style for only \$20 and place your order online at this [LINK](#), by phone at 414-365-1392, or by visiting our office. We can't wait to show you pics of our friends wearing their new SFJ merch!



we purchased airfare later than expected and He showed up just in time - to God be the glory!

Today, I encourage you to trust Him with the vision that He has given you. There are moments when you will be tested and tempted to give up on the vision. But once you see Him provide, it will become a defining moment in your life! God's provision always follows the vision, so keep trusting and believing!

I hope that you'll make plans to join me for our fashion show luncheon this fall, and may God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely in Christ,
Diane Studer
SFJ Founder/Director



Melissa and Jared, members of Team Kenya.

**Annual Fashion Show Luncheon
& Auction: November 12, 2016!**



Volunteer of the Month

We are pleased to honor our dear friend, Jo Stumpner, as our Volunteer of the Month! Jo has been serving at SFJ for nearly five years as a SOS Leader, where we sort and organize shoes in our warehouse. Jo shares, "I choose to serve at SFJ regularly, because it is a small investment of my time that has the potential to make a positive impact on the masses. It feels good to give and to be a part of such a great organization."

We asked Jo how it feels to know that you're the last one to touch the shoes before people in Africa receive them and she shared, "That is my favorite part about helping at the SOS events! I often share this with the volunteers. I still shed a tear, even after all these years, thinking about the joy on the face of the recipient of the shoes I just placed in the box."

We are so blessed to have Jo on our team! Thank you for all that you do for SFJ!



Jo Stumpner, Volunteer of the Month.



Tables and Tickets are **NOW ON SALE** for the 2016 Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction! The event will take place on Saturday, November 12th from 10am to 2pm at the Italian Conference Center in Milwaukee. We are thrilled to invite you to this exciting event and we hope that you'll join us! Tables are assigned on a first come first served basis, so get your seats now! For more event and table information, click [HERE](#).

[Buy Tickets](#)

Event Sponsorships: Bronze sponsorships are still available for this year's event! As a sponsor, you'll receive one full table with seating for ten guests, directly behind the silver sponsors. You will also receive company and individual signage, as well as your name on the sponsor page in the event program book. For more information, call us at 414-365-1392 or email Katherine at Klewis@SolesForJesus.org.

Auction items: We are extremely grateful for those who donate items to our silent auction! Fun packages like weekend get-aways and vacations, gift baskets, sports tickets and suites are all great items for guests to bid on. We also appreciate creative ideas for services, items or 'experiences' (ie: boat tours or gourmet dinners) as donations. Your business and item will be listed in our fashion show event program and we will acknowledge your tax-deductible donation after the event for 2016 tax purposes. Please contact Katherine at Klewis@SolesForJesus.org if you are able to donate. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Compass Church in MN — We are thankful for our friends at Compass Church in Minnesota. They held a shoe drive and together drove 275 pairs of

Shipment to Kenya

A shipment of 8,000 pairs of shoes is sailing to Kenya! This shipment is expected to arrive in Nairobi in October and will be distributed by our missions team in late December. Please pray for the people in the Kitui region who will be receiving these shoes. Pray that their hearts are ready to hear the Gospel and that they come to know Christ. Please also pray for our missions team. Pray that we'll be spiritually, physically, and emotionally ready for the journey ahead, and that we may be a blessing to everyone we encounter. View pictures of the shipment to Kenya [HERE](#).



The Kenya shipment loaded into the container.

Shoes Arrive in Seychelles

We are excited to share that our very first shipment to Seychelles has arrived in Port Victoria! Our ministry partner, Robert, and his team will begin shoe distributions soon! Robert is working with a special advisor to the President to distribute the shoes to young people who desperately need to hear the Gospel. Please pray for Robert and his team, for distributions to go smoothly and that many are reached for Christ. View pictures of the Seychelles shipment [HERE](#).

shoes to SFJ! This is their second shoe drive and they hope to collect more and more each year. When asked why the mission of SFJ is important, their team leader, Linda, shared, "I have two bother-in-laws that both lived in Africa and one still does. I know through them how much shoes are needed." Thank you, Compass Church, for your support!



Linda and her team taking a tour of the warehouse.

Orchard Hill Church in PA — Our friends at Orchard Hill Church in Wexford, PA have been collecting shoes throughout August. They have just wrapped up their drive with a total of 2,149 pairs! WOW!! We are amazed at the work God is doing in Pennsylvania and it's exciting to see so many people come together for His purpose. You can follow their shoe drive [HERE](#).



Unloading shoes in Seychelles.

Shoes Arrive in Burundi

A shipment of 8,000 pairs of shoes has arrived at the port of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, and will soon arrive by truck in Burundi. Please pray for unity throughout the country as they continue to struggle through civil strife. Pray that Evariste and his team will soon be able to begin shoe distributions so that the Gospel can be heard. Please also pray for a spiritual breakthrough, and for these shoes and the Gospel to spread hope in this nation. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



The port of Dar es Salaam.



Shoes collected at Orchard Hill Church.

Shine Catholic Work Camp in WI - These awesome ladies participated in Shine Catholic Work Camp. They gave up one week of their summer to serve those in need. We are so grateful that they spent a day with us! They helped with the Fashion Show mailing, organized shoes in the warehouse, and prepped shoes to be cleaned. Thank you for being so willing to serve!

Distributions in South Sudan

Fermo, our EHC National Director in South Sudan, continues to distribute shoes and share the Gospel. Please pray for peace in this nation as fighting continues between government leaders, forcing more and more people to abandon their homes and livelihoods. Pray also for protection over the EHC team. Now more than ever, the people of this nation need the hope of Jesus, and the comfort of receiving a much needed gift at a time of insecurity and fear. We look forward to sharing testimonies with you soon. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



Distributions in Burkina Faso

Distributions are underway in Burkina Faso! Our partner, Lompo, will share stories and photos soon which we look forward to sharing with you. Burkina Faso is currently facing severe difficulties since numerous militia groups are vying for power within the country. Please continue to pray for peace in this nation, and that every individual who receives shoes will come to know Jesus as their Savior. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



Shine Catholic Work Camp volunteers hard at work.

Luther Manor in WI - Members of the 2016 Tanzania mission trip had a wonderful time spending an afternoon at Luther Manor last week. Roberta Pratt and Rusty Tym put together a beautiful video of the mission trip. Not only did they create this video, but they also collected 1022 pairs of shoes and shipping funds! WOW! It was wonderful meeting these residents and having the opportunity to share with them the mission of SFJ.



Shoes are stored in preparation for distributions.

Distributions in Mozambique

Prayer is needed in Mozambique. Shoe distributions are still on hold due to political tension. Please pray for peace and unity among the people. Pray that distributions can resume so that Jesus' name will be heard throughout the country. View pictures of this distribution [HERE](#).





Residents at Luther Manor gather to watch the video.

Volunteer Opportunities

SOS Events (Sort & Organize Shoes) Join us as we gather at the Milwaukee, WI warehouse to prepare shoes for shipment to Africa! New volunteers are always welcome and we will have a brief orientation before each event. Please contact Katherine at 414-365-1392 or Klewis@SolesForJesus.org to set-up a time to come and volunteer.

Meet one of our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ ministry partner, Joseph Gule. Joseph serves the Lord as a leader and evangelist in Swaziland, along with his wife, Zama, and their five children. His goal is to mobilize 250 church leaders for house to house evangelism, and he hopes to organize a prayer team of 300 young people. Joseph shares that it's incredible to see churches opening their doors for shoe distributions. Some people are stepping in to a church for their first time. Praise God for this opportunity!



He specifically asked for prayer for these things:

- Please pray for my family. We currently rent an apartment and it is very expensive. My dream is to build a home for my family and meet their needs each month.
- Pray for God's protection over our office staff and board members, that they will have the passion and strength they need for ministry.
- Pray for more church partnerships in our country.
- Pray for every individual who receives Jesus, that they will continue seeking Him, and that they will share their experience with others.

Thank you for the Shoes Received this Month!

- Allo! Chocolat, WI
- Amanda Strassburg, WI
- Anytime Fitness, WI
- Bethesda Baptist Church, WI
- Brenden MacDaniel, WI
- Brookfield Christian School, WI
- Compass Church, MN
- Dr. Comfort, WI
- Eileen King, WI
- First Christian Church, IL
- First Congregational Church, WI



Lake Country Bible Church and Hillside Community Church serving at a SOS this month.

September

Saturday, September 10, 9-11am
 Saturday, September 17, 9-11am
 Tuesday, September 20, 12-2pm
 Saturday, September 24, 9-11am
 Monday, September 26, 6-8pm **FULL**

October

Saturday, October 1, 9-11am **FULL**
 Friday, October 7, 10:30am-12:00pm **FULL**
 Saturday, October 8, 9am-12pm **FULL**
 Thursday, October 13, 9-11am **FULL**
 Saturday, October 22, 9-11am
 Sunday, October 23, 1-3pm **FULL**

***You can choose a different date to serve!**
To learn more about this, read below.

"Business Hours" SOS: Volunteers are welcome to come during weekdays to sort shoes (Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm). Come and sort shoes when it fits your schedule. You can sort for an hour or a day - it's entirely up to you. Also, please feel free to bring friends! Training will be provided, and SFJ staff will always be available to provide support. For more details about this opportunity, please contact Mark Ellefson at Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org or 414-365-1392, and please let us know 48 hours in advance that

- Gabby Adam, WI
- Grace Lutheran, WI
- Hillside Community Church, WI
- Holy Apostles Parish, WI
- Jill Koepke, WI
- Kim Musial, WI
- Kris & Ric Monteen, WI
- Luther Manor, WI
- Ly Family, MN
- Margaret Hetzel, WI
- Maryann Kauffman Family, WI
- Neat Repeats, WI
- Nick Kaun, WI
- Performance Running Outfitters, WI
- Poplar Creek Church, WI
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, WI
- St. Martin Lutheran School Student Council, WI
- Starbucks, WI
- Sue Fassbender, WI
- The Ridge, WI
- Toby Shaw, WI
- Victory International Fellowship, WI
- WAC - North Shore, WI
- WAC - Wawautosa, WI
- Wynne Loehrke, WI

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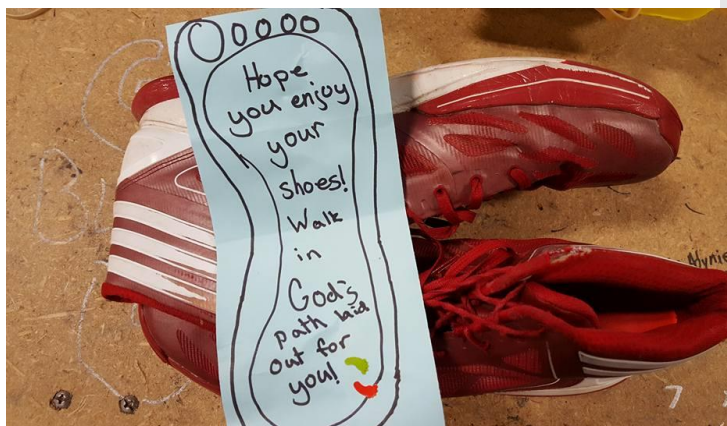
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you're coming.

SOS Group Event: Schedule a special date to host your own group! Are you a part of a sports team, small group, or club in your work, school, church, or community? Volunteering together to organize and pack shoes for Africa is a rewarding, 2 hour, team building opportunity for youth and adults (12+ years). Please contact us at info@SolesForJesus.org or 414-365-1392 to set up your volunteer group.



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