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Dear Friend,

God is doing amazing things throughout the continent of Africa! I just returned from Zimbabwe, where I met with our Every Home for Christ partners representing 20 countries in Africa. Jon joined me for his first trip to Africa, and we were deeply moved to hear story after story about how the Lord is using the gift of shoes to transform hearts and lives! It's the life-changing message of the Gospel that does the work, and He is using the gift of shoes as an entrance to searching hearts.

While we were together, the Lord put it on our hearts to wash the feet of these amazing leaders who help receive and distribute our shoes. This is a moment that is forever etched on my heart, as we were able to wash the feet of each National Director and pray over each one. There were many tears, as His love poured over us all in a special way. We were also able to bless each one with a brand new pair of Dr. Comfort shoes! What an emotional exchange, as they embraced their gifts with such joy. You can see Sara, Angola's National Director, kissing her shoes in the photo below.

Thank you for partnering with us to bring the love of God into a region that is ripe for the harvest. The response and discipleship that is happening is incredible, and I believe that He will bless you for being a part of it. Please continue to remember us in prayer— and also make plans to join me at our upcoming luncheon by purchasing your event table! There will be a surprise this year that I can hardly contain, and you won't want to miss it!

Sincerely in Christ,
Diane Studer

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Request for Supplies Needed

We are in the process of collecting items for our mission trip to Tanzania in May of 2016. We are in need of the following items:

- bath towels
- bars of soap
- washcloths
- 3 new, large tarps (preferably 12'x16')

Please drop off your items at SFJ before Friday, October 2nd, if you are willing and able to donate. Thank you for helping make our shoe distributions in Africa a success!

Every Home for Christ (EHC) Conference

Diane and Jon Studer joined our EHC partners in Zimbabwe last week for their annual conference. These leaders are the ones that receive and distribute our shoes across Africa. What a privilege it was for Diane to share her heart and plans for the next calendar year. We are grateful for the God-given partnership between EHC and SFJ,

SFJ Founder/Director



Diane and her husband, Jon, washing our partner's feet in Zimbabwe.

6th Annual Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction: November 14, 2015!

Tables and tickets are now **on sale** for the 2015 Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction! 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! Further details will be emailed to you after you register, including check-in time at 10:45am. For more information, including details on this year's new venue, the Italian Conference Center, click [HERE](#).

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and ask that you keep these National Directors and nations in your prayers. They are the heroes of the faith, taking the Good News home to home in each of their countries. We thank the Lord for our EHC family!



Diane and Jon sharing at the conference.

Shipment to Guinea

This shipment is expected to arrive within the next week. Please join us as we pray for a quick clearing through customs and a safe arrival into the hands of Maxime, the National Director of Guinea. Please also pray for him and his ministry team as they distribute their first shipment of shoes from SFJ. Pray for lives to be touched by a simple gift of shoes, and that hearts will respond to the Gospel message. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



Event Sponsorship: Gold and Silver Sponsorships are available for this year's event. As a Sponsor, your name or business will be recognized through printed material, social media, company signage and verbally honored at our event. You'll also receive one stage-side table, with seating for ten guests, to enjoy lunch. If you're interested, please contact Diane Studer at Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org for more information.

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 2015 tax purposes. If you are able to donate, please contact Brittney Ciciora at Bciciora@SolesForJesus.org. Thank you in advance for your generous support!



The Italian Conference Center in Milwaukee.

Volunteer of the Month



Brittney, Mark, Katherine, and Diane posing with the shipment before it left our warehouse.

Shipment to Tanzania

We thank the Lord that the container holding 8,000 pairs of shoes has been cleared from customs, and has reached our ministry partner, Yohana. He will store them until our mission team arrives in October. Please pray for the safety of these shoes, and that God's love will be shown through their distribution and that many will come to know Jesus Christ. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



Distributions in Botswana

Shoe distributions are going well in Botswana! After receiving shoes at a distribution in Thswaane Village, three children suggested that they rush to their school teacher and ask for paper and some colored pencils to write messages of appreciation to SFJ. Please pray for our

We had the privilege this summer of having Katherine Lewis as our SFJ Intern. She is a student at Concordia University Wisconsin, where she studies Business. This summer, Katherine helped with a variety of projects and performed everything with a cheerful attitude. She has a love for missions and serving people so interning with SFJ was a perfect fit. Katherine shares, "My favorite part of the internship was meeting hundreds of SFJ supporters from all across America that make everything we do possible. I've met so many incredible people from all different walks of life whether they're core volunteers, board members, SOS volunteers, or people dropping off shoes. We couldn't do all that we do without their help and it's encouraging to see so many people come together for one purpose. God is good!" We will continue to see her on a regular basis as she helps lead SOS Events. Katherine, we appreciate all of your hard work and we wish you the best as you continue your education.



Shoe Drives - Special Thanks!

Girls in Action- We are thankful for these girls who worked together to collect shoes for those in need! Girls in Action is a group that focuses on using teamwork to promote manners, self-esteem, and communication skills all for the purpose of helping girls become leaders. They chose SFJ as a service project in their cultural activities lesson. Erica, the organizer, said they had a great time collecting shoes and they hope that many lives will be blessed in Africa. Girls, thank you for your hard work!

partners and their ministry team as they continue distributions. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they travel village to village. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



Tanga, our EHC partner, at a shoe distribution in Thswaane Village.

Distributions in Liberia

Reports received by our National Director in Liberia, Sydney, are encouraging! Shoe distributions are opening the door to thousands of people coming to know Christ. In Lofa County alone, over 5,000 people heard the Gospel and over 3,500 turned their lives over to Christ! God is so good! Pray that future distributions continue to be successful. Pray also that the love of Christ will be shown to each individual who receives a pair of shoes and that God will continue to work in each of their lives. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



Members of Girls in Action in Milwaukee.

Life Church Green Bay- Life Church Green Bay in De Pere, Wisconsin, collected shoes for SFJ this summer. They collected nearly 500 pairs and they were able to raise \$2 per pair to help with shipping funds. Way to go, friends! When they delivered their shoes to SFJ this month, they stayed and participated in a SOS Event by helping pack shoes for Africa. A special thanks to Deena for organizing this drive. We are thankful for every hand that had a part in supporting the mission of SFJ.



The group who drove down from De Pere, Wisconsin to deliver and pack shoes.

Cornerstone Church- It was great to see our Minnesota State Representative, Jessica Broberg, and her husband, Aaron, last week! They delivered a SUV full of shoes that were donated by friends, family, and Cornerstone Church. Thank you to everyone in Minnesota who helped make this shoe



Ladies in Lofa County waiting in line for shoes.

Distributions in Swaziland

Joseph, our EHC ministry partner in Swaziland, shared a story with us about a widow who they served at a shoe distribution. He said she was thinking about her children saying, "Lord, I do not have money to buy them school shoes since the ones they were wearing had worn out." She was amazed and surprised by the gift of shoes from God Himself. Please pray that the Gospel continues to be heard and that people continue to turn their lives over to Christ in this nation. Pray also that the spiritual and physical needs of each individual will be met. View pictures of the shipment [HERE](#).



Joseph washing feet at a shoe distribution.

drive a success! Aaron and Jessica, thank you for your support over the years. We appreciate you and your family!



Aaron and Jessica delivering shoes to SFJ.

Compass Church- This joyful crew from Compass Church in Winona, Minnesota made a special trip to SFJ to deliver shoes. They challenged everyone in their church to donate two pairs of shoes and it was a great success! Thank you for helping us spread the love of Jesus in Africa. You guys are awesome!



A group from Compass Church in SFJ's warehouse.

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. To set-up a time to come and volunteer, please contact Brittney at Bciora@SolesForJesus.org or call her at 414-365-1392.

Distributions in Guinea-Bissau

Our EHC ministry partner, Julio, shared about distributing shoes on Bolama Island, "People were expecting us, as they heard we were going to bring shoes to those in need. Several of them have never owned a pair of shoes and some had to wait all day in order to get a pair. I could see that many lives were impacted that day, and many rejoiced in their needs being met." Please pray for the news of Jesus's love to be spread all over this island! View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



National Director, Julio, serving the children of Bolama Island.

Meet one of our Partners

Meet our Every Home For Christ ministry partner in Liberia, Sydney Thomas. At the age of 12, Sydney was a gang member and had been imprisoned several times. By the grace of God, he came to live with a Christian family who actively had devotions, prayed, and read the Bible.



One night in his dreams, Sydney felt God was calling him to read Psalm 19. Verse 14 states, "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer."



We enjoyed serving with the UW-Milwaukee Women's Basketball Team this month!

September

Thursday, September 10, 6-8pm-FULL
 Saturday, September 12, 9-11am
 Saturday, September 19, 9-11am-FULL
 Tuesday, September 22, 12-2pm
 Saturday, September 26, 9-11am-FULL

October

Saturday, October 3, 9-12pm-FULL
 Thursday, October 15, 6-8pm
 Saturday, October 17, 9-11am
 Saturday, October 24, 9-11am
 Tuesday, October 27, 9:30-11:30am

***You can choose your own 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, 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 you're coming.

SOS Group Event: Schedule a special date to host your 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 Brittney, our SFJ Office Manager, at Bciora@SolesForJesus.org or call her

This verse hit home with Sydney, and soon afterwards he ran into an old friend who led him to Jesus. Since then, Sydney has been called to fulfill the Great Commission. Today, his favorite Bible verse is Ephesians 3:20, because it talks of God's unlimited power and assures us that our prayers are answered. Sydney has asked that we pray for the following:

- For the health and well-being of his wife, Musu, and their five children
- For distributions to go smoothly, so that God's will can be done
- That over 300,000 homes in 8 of the 15 counties will be reached with the Gospel
- For the mobilization of churches for the fulfillment of the Great Commission
- For a renewal in Liberia's economy

Thank you for the Shoes Received this Month!

Anytime Fitness, WI
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 Brookfield Christian Church, WI
 Carol Kinn, WI
 Compass Church, MN
 Cornerstone Church, MN
 Dorothy Smith, WI
 Dr. Comfort, WI
 Franklin Mack, LA
 Friends of Jen Hanson, WI
 Girls in Action, WI
 Harley-Davidson, WI
 Hillside Community Church, WI
 Jamie Thomas, WI
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