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Dear Friend,

I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas with loved ones, and that you were able to experience the joy of giving. I just received some incredible reports and photos from Mozambique that express how much more of a blessing it is to give, than to receive. Godfrey and his team led a Christmas outreach that demonstrated the true meaning of Christmas by sharing gifts of shoes and the Gospel with those who are most needy.

At this Christmas outreach, they met a grandmother who cares for her four young grandchildren, since their mother passed away. No one was willing to help Mirina because of false rumors that have circulated these villages for years. She lives outside with her grandchildren, and jiggers (parasitic insects) have taken over their hands and feet. Godfrey's heart was moved to compassion, and he took them to a hospital that was 135km away for immediate care and nutrition. Once their physical needs were met, Godfrey was able to share more with Mirina and her grandchildren about the Living God that brought them together. I am thrilled to share that a brick hut is being constructed for them right now, and they are all growing in their newfound faith in Jesus. To God be the glory!

Thank you for helping us touch lives just like Mirina and her grandkids with the love of Jesus. The gift of shoes opened the door to a brand new life—and you can see photos below from the day that love found them. I praise the Lord for all that He's done this year, and I look

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Save The Date

Mark your calendar and invite your friends and family to our third annual Race For Soles on June 25, 2016! We look forward to sharing more details with you soon.



The starting line of Race For Soles 2015.

forward with expectancy to 2016, as He continues to enlarge our territory. (Isaiah 54:20)

God bless you and happy new year!

Diane Studer

SFJ Founder/Director



Mirina and her grandchildren received God's love this Christmas!

P.S. Please take a moment to watch our new video (below) to see the impact that you're making in Africa!

New Video From Tanzania!



We are thrilled to share this video, so that you can hear first-hand from our partners in Africa. Thank you for helping us make an incredible impact in the life of each person receiving the Gospel and shoes. To view the video, click [HERE](#).

Year-End Giving



It's not too late! There is still time to make a donation this holiday season. Each donated dollar helps share a pair of shoes and a Gospel booklet with someone in Africa. To ensure 2015 eligibility for your donation, please remember:

- Donations made by credit or debit card must be completed **before midnight tonight, Dec 31st**. Feel free to make a donation online at www.SolesForJesus.org
- Mailed checks must be dated and **postmarked by today**. You can also drop off your donation at the SFJ office by 5pm today.

We are in the process of updating our database. If you received mail from us with incorrect information, or if your address has changed, we would be happy to hear from you. Please give us a call at (414) 365-1392, or email us at info@SolesForJesus.org.

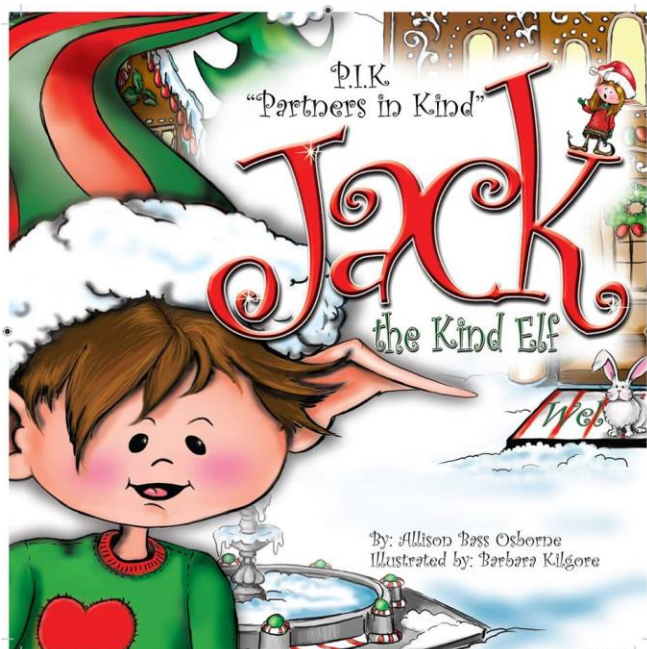
Thank you to all who have already given a gift to SFJ this season. May God bless you throughout the upcoming year!

Shipment to Cameroon

Recently, SFJ had the opportunity to partner with Matthew 2540 Church to ship shoes to Cameroon. 230 pairs of shoes were shipped to this nation and were given to students at Mission School of Hope. The Founder of the school, Rev. Charles Oma Sagay, shares, "We had a ceremony for our students and gave each of them a pair of shoes. Some parents came to watch their children receive this gift, and for many it was a dream come true. I am particularly happy because all the children found their sizes. It was difficult to control the children

SFJ Featured in *Jack, the Kind Elf*

We are honored to be featured in a children's book called, *Jack, the Kind Elf* by Allison Bass Osborne. This book has elf assignments and Allison included collecting shoes for Soles For Jesus as one of those assignments. We are grateful for Allison's support. If you are interested in purchasing the book, click [HERE](#).



Volunteer of the Month

We are excited to honor Aimee Vechart as our Volunteer of the Month. Aimee first heard about Soles For Jesus through a friend at her running group, Run for God. She reached out to get more information and has already organized three shoe drives for SFJ. Recently, Aimee wrapped up a shoe drive through her church and work, Appleton Alliance Church and Xcel Sports, where they collected over 1,300 pairs of shoes. To help raise shipping funds, Aimee made wreaths and sold them as a fundraiser. She sold 52 wreaths and raised over one-thousand dollars. What a great idea! Aimee shares, "Helping SFJ has been a fun way to get my friends, family, coworkers and perfect strangers to all come together for one common goal. Our shoe drives have been so much fun to see how the Lord provides not just above our shoe goal but above our financial goal as well." Aimee, you're a great blessing to SFJ, and we also

after they received their shoes because they were overcome with excitement. Some collected their shoes and ran home immediately, contrary to the plan of having a group picture at the end of the distribution. Please extend our hearty thanks to all who participated to ensure that our children received these shoes." A special thanks to Pastor Fred Thimmel and Angie Schuett for helping organize this shipment. We will share more pictures soon on social media.

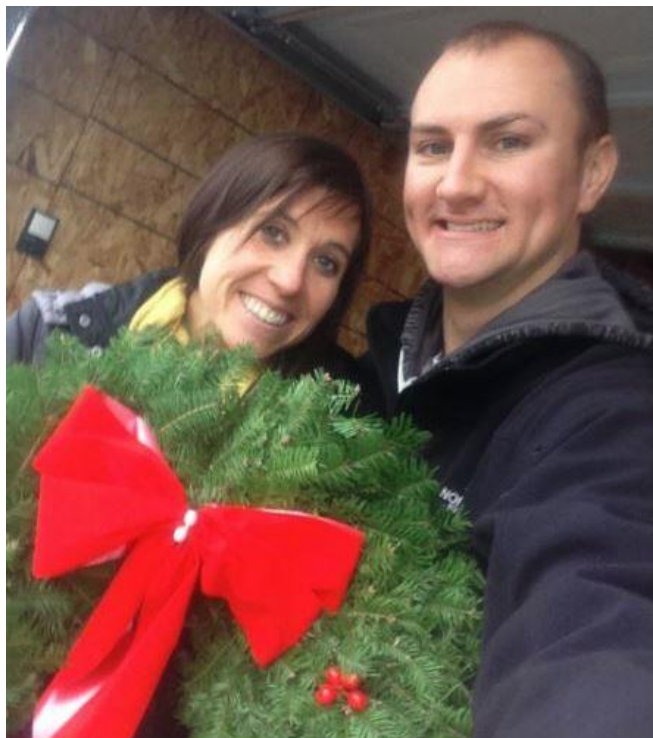


Children with their new Christmas shoes!

Shipment to Tanzania

This week, a second shipment of 8,000 pairs of shoes left our warehouse for Tanzania! This will be the shipment that our mission team will help distribute in May of 2016. Please pray for a quick and problem-free delivery. We also pray for the Lord to prepare the villages where our team will serve next spring. Please also join us in prayer for our EHC partner, Yohona. He had a minor surgery a few weeks ago and is recovering well. We look forward to ministering with him and his team again in 2016. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).

thank everyone in the Appleton area who has contributed to these shoe drives!



Aimee with her husband, Daniel, and a wreath that she made for her SFJ fundraiser.

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks!

Waupaca First Assembly of God- Thank you for collecting shoes for SFJ and for inviting Diane to speak at your Ladies Christmas Tea. A special thanks to Cindy Cameron for organizing the event. We appreciate your support, and may God bless you all!



Please pray for Team Tanzania, as you can see their names on the shipment.

Shipment to South Sudan

We praise God for our first 40-foot container of shoes leaving the SFJ warehouse. This shipment will transport 18,000 pairs of shoes to South Sudan where thousands of refugees will receive these gifts and hear about salvation through Jesus Christ. We're thankful for the generous donations of shoes and the funds that helped make this possible. Please join us in prayer for the hearts that will soon hear about Jesus and receive shoes in this nation. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



Diane and Brittney with the shipment for South Sudan.

Distributions in Mozambique

We are thrilled to share incredible pictures with you from Mozambique. Our EHC partner, Godfrey, shares that he and his ministry team have distributed over 5,000 pairs of shoes. Some of the people they served are suffering



Diane with Cindy Cameron at the event.

Screaming Tuna- We are grateful for the support of Screaming Tuna, as they hosted their third shoe drive for SFJ! Each customer who donates shoes through 2015, receives a 10% discount on their meal. Screaming Tuna's Co-Owner, Christian Vega, shares, "Screaming Tuna is nothing short of blessed to have the success it has. But we couldn't have gotten where we are without the love & support of good people with very big hearts. For as long as we have the ability to give back, we need to honor these good souls by doing so. One such soul led us to Soles For Jesus. We met Diane, and were very touched by the stories from Africa, and the rest is history. It is our pleasure and privilege to support SFJ for years to come." Thank you for the kind words, Christian! The shoes that you collect will bless many lives in Africa.

from jiggers, which are small sand fleas that burrow into the surface of people's skin. Even with their painful condition, these people are grateful and expressed their thanks for the gift of shoes. Godfrey shares this testimony from Lurdes Bandipa Jasse, "I am so happy to receive shoes for me and my children. I am a widow and life is difficult for me as I work tirelessly to make ends meet. I couldn't afford shoes for anyone in my family but with the grace of the Lord, we all have beautiful shoes. My son is so happy that he said he will not take off his shoes this whole week." Please join us in prayer for this nation. We pray that physical and spiritual needs will be met in Jesus' name. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



Excited to show their new shoes!

Distributions in Lesotho

Our EHC ministry partner, Josias, shares an encouraging story from a woman who they recently visited, "My husband heard about your visit and he furiously asked us why we allowed you to come in. I explained to him the reason for your visit and we gave him the pair of shoes that you left for him. He has been longing for a pair of shoes and they fit him very well. He got choked up and asked with a soft and broken spirit, 'What is the name of this ministry?' He read the message in the booklet that you left him and was deeply touched by this act of kindness." Praise God! May more hearts be softened through shoe distributions in this nation. Please join us in prayer, so that many more will decide to turn to Him for all of their needs. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



The Milwaukee Wave- We're excited to be partnering with the Milwaukee Wave again this year. You can help support both of us by attending games this season. Use the promo code "COACH" when buying your tickets, and you'll save \$5 per ticket— plus Coach Giuliano Oliviero will donate \$2 per ticket to SFJ! We are grateful for our partnership and we wish them a successful season. We look forward to seeing you at a Milwaukee Wave game soon. Purchase tickets [HERE](#).



Sturgis Wesleyan Church- Amy Kinsey and her husband recently moved from Wisconsin to Michigan, and found their church home at Sturgis Wesleyan Church. The second week that they visited their new church, Pastor Ryan Bibb challenged everyone to, "love unconditionally and give generously" by leaving the shoes they



Children receiving shoes and a Gospel booklet in Lesotho.

Distributions in Guinea-Bissau

Julio is experiencing a breakthrough in his backyard. He shares a story that is personal to him, "There is a Muslim woman in my neighborhood who would never let her kids come to my house to listen to the word of God. Whenever I gathered some kids around the neighborhood to share the Gospel, she refused to let them come. One day when I gathered the kids for a shoe distribution, she heard what I was doing and she let her children come to hear the Gospel and receive a pair of shoes. From that day on, she has become more open to the Gospel. Although she has not given her life to Christ yet, she comes regularly to my home to hear the message of salvation." Please pray for this woman and for many others who are seeking. May the message of Jesus be received by every person who hears the Gospel during each shoe distribution in this nation. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).

wore to church at the altar. Amy immediately thought of Soles For Jesus, where she had volunteered a number of times when she lived in Wisconsin. She told her pastor about SFJ and they agreed to donate all of the shoes to those in need in Africa. They have collected over one-thousand pairs. Friends, thank you for thinking of Soles For Jesus!



Shoes left at the altar to be donated to SFJ.

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 Bciciora@SolesForJesus.org or call her at 414-365-1392.



We enjoyed serving with students from Heritage Christian High School this month!



A crowd gathering to hear about Jesus before a shoe distribution in Guinea-Bissau.

Distributions in Burundi

Our EHC ministry partner, Evariste, and his team recently wrapped up a shoe distribution in Rutunga. This is an area that was greatly affected by a mudslide. Over eighty people accepted the gift of salvation. One man said, "Having these shoes will allow me to go miles and miles sharing Jesus with others." Please continue to pray for God's glory to shine through as the Gospel message is heard, and pray for peace and unity in this nation. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



Children with new shoes on their feet in Burundi!

January

Saturday, January 9, 9-11am
Wednesday, January 13, 6-8pm- FULL
Saturday, January 16, 9:15-11:15am- FULL
Tuesday, January 19, 12-2pm
Saturday, January 23, 9-11am
Thursday, January 28, 6-8pm- FULL
Saturday, January 30, 9-11am

February

Saturday, February 6, 9-11am
Saturday, February 13, 9-11am- FULL
Tuesday, February 16, 12-2pm
Saturday, February 20, 9-11am- FULL
Wednesday, February 24, 9-11am- FULL
Thursday, February 25, 6-8pm

***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, 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 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 Brittney, our SFJ Office Manager, at Bciciora@SolesForJesus.org or call her at 414-365-1392 to set up your volunteer group.

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Meet one of our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ (EHC) ministry partner in Guinea-Bissau, Julio da Silva. He is faithfully serving the Lord as a leader and evangelist in his native country. Here is a part of Julio's story, "I come from an animist background where my family practiced idolatry. Our neighbors were Christians and they invited me to church. When I was ten years old, I accepted Jesus but because of persecution from my parents, I had to quit going to church. When I was 19, God showed me a vision of the end of the world and not long after that, I totally dedicated my life in service to the Lord. The Lord led me and my family to Togo for Biblical studies, and afterwards we returned to Guinea-Bissau to serve the Lord in our native country." Julio's ministry goals for 2016 include two church plants in São Domingos and one in Safim. His ministry team is also working towards building a church in Biombo. Julio asks us to pray for the following:



- His wife, Maria, and their four children.
- For his health. He has pain in his right ear.
- For an increase in financial support for church plants.
- For more volunteers to help with outreach.

Thank you for the Shoes Received this Month!

Allo! Chocolat, WI
Amanda Strassburg, WI
Anytime Fitness, WI
Appleton Alliance Church, WI
Brookfield Christian School, WI
Cross Trainers Academy, WI
Dr. Comfort, WI
Eleanore Rebensburg, WI
Grace Lutheran Church, WI
Jamie Thomas, WI
Jen Hanson & friends, WI
Julie Behling, WI



**AND SO, LORD,
WHERE DO
I PUT
MY HOPE?
MY ONLY HOPE
IS IN YOU!
PSALM 39:7**

Julie Soyka, WI
Kat Fronek, WI
Kim Musial, WI
Lake Country Lutheran HS, WI
Melissa Smith, WI
Neat Repeats, WI
New Balance, IL
Pam Saffold, WI
Performance Running Outfitters, WI
Poplar Creek Church, WI
Ridge Community Church, WI
Sam McCollum, WI
Shepherd of the Hills, WI
St. Mark Lutheran Church, MO
Starbucks (124th & Capitol), WI
Sussex Outreach, WI
The Colour Tube, WI
The Kohler Family, WI
Tim & Ginger Olson, MN
Tim Anderson, WI
Victory Falls Int., WI
WAC- North Shore, WI
WAC- Wauwatosa, WI
Waupaca First, WI
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