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Dear Friend,

As 2018 draws to a close, I am overwhelmed with gratitude. I sincerely thank each person who has helped forward this mission over the last year, and I praise the Lord for all that He's allowed us to accomplish! We just sent our last shipment of the year to Guinea, where only 8% of the population is Christian. What a privilege to share His love and hope in another nation that desperately needs Him. Each pair of shoes has always been given with a Gospel booklet printed in their language but **now we are also including Bibles in each shipment** to be shared with village leaders, pastors, schools and orphanages. I am so excited about this great addition to each SFJ shipment!

I want to invite you to take a few minutes and watch our new 2018 video, so you can see what we've been up to. Nothing excites me more than seeing someone find Jesus as their Savior, and this is what motivates us each day. I just finished reading reports from Christmas outreaches where shoes and the love of Jesus were shared, and thousands of people placed their faith in Jesus Christ.

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Happy New Year From SFJ!



We want to take a moment to wish you and your loved ones a blessed and Happy New Year! We are believing great things for you in 2019 and we are excited about all that He has in store, including Soles For Jesus turning 10! We are grateful to be on this journey with

To God be the glory for each soul that's been impacted for eternity!

Thank you for being a part of what the Lord is doing through Soles For Jesus, and I pray His abundant blessings over you in 2019.

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer
Founder/Executive Director
Soles For Jesus, Inc.



Click on this image to watch our new video.

Season Of Giving!



Thank you to each person who has already given a gift this season! We are so grateful for your generosity and kindness. There is a new and exciting opportunity to be a part of what the Lord

you, and would like to invite you to celebrate 10 years with us on **November 9, 2019**. We can't wait to share more details about this Luncheon with you soon and we are believing God for even greater things in the new year!

Save the Date: July 13th!

Please mark your calendar and share this date with friends and family! Our 6th Annual Race For Soles Event will be held on **Saturday, July 13, 2019** and we'd love to see you there!



The starting line at the 2018 Race For Soles!

Volunteer Of The Month

We are thrilled to honor Jill Gutenberger as our December Volunteer of the Month! Jill joined SFJ this past May in Africa as part of Team Zambia. She also serves as a SOS leader in our warehouse, and she volunteers at our Annual Race For Soles Event and our Annual Luncheon. After hearing about SFJ from Diane, Jill was excited to be a part of the mission!

"After attending my first Luncheon and Auction, I realized how big of a difference one pair of shoes can make in someone's life. It is an amazing way to spread the Word of God and I wanted to get more involved. While Soles For Jesus is about spreading the word of

is doing in Benin and D.R. Congo.

To read more about this and the direction we are going in 2019, click [**HERE**](#). To ensure 2018 eligibility for your donation, please remember:

- Donations made by Credit or Debit Card must be completed before midnight on 12/31/18.
- You can donate online at [**SolesForJesus.org**](http://SolesForJesus.org)
- Mailed checks must be postmarked by December 31st. You can also drop off your donation at our office until 5pm on 12/31/2018.

Thank you and God bless you!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Christmas Party & SFJ Benefit - We sincerely thank Jeff and Heather Sorensen for hosting an incredible Christmas Party and Soles For Jesus Benefit in their beautiful home. Over 150 people came to enjoy delicious food, desserts, music and fellowship. Words can't express how honored we were to be included in such a special event, and may God bless you all!

Jesus to people in Africa, I also feel that my relationship with Him has grown so much. I was fortunate to be able to go on the Zambia trip last May. Getting to wash someone's feet, give them a pair of shoes and pray with them is an experience that I will never forget. If you are considering going on a mission trip, I would strongly encourage you to go. It will change your life in ways that you cannot imagine," Jill shared.

Jill loves hiking and traveling with her husband, Dan, and their kids, Gretchen and Peter. Thank you, Jill, for being a wonderful example of God's love in action. We are so thankful for you and pray God's blessings over you and your family!



Jill at an orphanage in Zambia, Africa.

Joint Shipment to Guinea

We are thrilled to partner with World Missionary Press for another joint shipment! This time our shipment includes 1,000 boxes of Gospel booklets and 6,000 pairs of shoes to Conakry, Guinea. Once again we are able to unite our missions to meet both the physical and spiritual needs of the people



Thank you, Sorensen family, for such a beautiful evening!

December Christmas Card Mailing -

These fantastic, "mailing elves," were a joyful blessing as they helped prepare our Christmas cards. We are so thankful for each volunteer who helps with important mailings throughout the year. If you would like to join us next time, please email YenH for future mailing dates at: Yenh@SolesForJesus.org



Special thanks to our December mailing crew!

Hope Church in Oconomowoc - Thank you, Hope Church, for inviting Mark to share about Soles For Jesus at your Christmas Small Group Event. We are so grateful for the many volunteers from

receiving these gifts. Please pray for Pastor David and his team as they prepare to reach out to thousands of people in the remote villages of Guinea. You can view more photos [HERE](#).



To Guinea with LOVE from WMP and SFJ!

Lesotho Shipment On Its Way

A shipment of 8,000 pairs of shoes left our warehouse for Lesotho on Friday, December 14th! It is always exciting to see a shipment of shoes that has been carefully packed and prayed over, being loaded onto a truck and heading to Africa. These shoes will be shared in the remote and mountainous areas that have not yet heard of God's love. Please join us in prayer as these regions have incredible physical and spiritual needs. Our ministry partner, Josias, is also prayerfully preparing to share the message of new life through Jesus Christ with thousands of people who will gather for shoes and foot washing. You can view more pictures [HERE](#).

Hope Church who continue to serve and pack shoes in our warehouse. Thank you also for the shoe donations and funds to help ship them, that were given on this night! We pray God's blessings over each of you and we're so grateful for your ongoing partnership.



Mark Ellefson (of SFJ) sharing with Hope Church families.

Immanuel Lutheran Church - What a special evening of fellowship at the, "Christmas Ladies Night Out," hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brookfield. Our dear friend, Roberta Pratt, shared about her mission trips to Tanzania and Zambia, and how her life has been deeply impacted by them. We thank you all for collecting shoes and donations for the entire month of December, and may God bless you for your kindness!



Sending our love & prayers to the people of Lesotho.

Eswatini Distribution Update

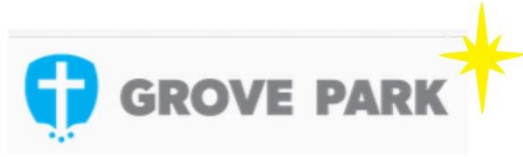
Joseph, our partner in Eswatini, shared a great story with us about a special shoe distribution that he organized this month. Joseph and the pastor of the Motshane Village set a date and invited all of the elderly people of this village to meet them at the church. They began by sharing the Gospel and then they began to wash feet and give a shoes to each of the 120 men and women who came. Joseph reported that each person was deeply touched by this demonstration of God's love and that many people chose to follow Jesus that day! We praise God for faithful partners who are committed to preaching the Gospel and we celebrate each new life in Christ! View more pictures [HERE](#).



Roberta Pratt sharing at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

"Gifts of Hope" Christmas Catalog -

What an honor to be featured as a charity in the Christmas Catalog at Grove Park Church in North Carolina. We are so touched by the generosity of this church community, and we admire your desire to share the true meaning of Christmas with others. We pray God's blessings over the wonderful families of Grove Park Church!



"Gifts of Hope" Christmas Catalog at Grove Park Church.



This woman was so blessed by her gift of new shoes!

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 asks us to pray for the following:

Volunteer Opportunities

SOS Events (Sort & Organize Shoes)

Join us as we gather at our 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 us at 414-365-1392 or Yenh@SolesForJesus.org to sign-up for a date and time to come and volunteer.



Thank you Honey Creek Church volunteers!

January

Saturday, January 5th, 9-11am
Thursday, January 10th, 6-8pm
Saturday, January 12th, 9-11am
Tuesday, January 15th, 6-8pm
Saturday, January 19th, 9-11am
Saturday, January 26th, 9-11am
Wednesday, January 30th, 3:30-5:30pm

February

Saturday, February 2nd, 9-11am
Thursday, February 7th, 9-11am
Saturday, February 9th, 9-11am
Saturday, February 16th, 9-11am
Saturday, February 23rd, 9-11am
Wednesday, February 27th, 3:30-5:30pm

***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

- 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!

- American Imports, WI
- Bethel Bible Church, IN
- Bill & Carol Becwar, WI
- Brookfield Christian School, WI
- Cheryl Ernst, WI
- Christ Alone Church, WI
- Cinda Bartz, WI
- Concordia University, WI
- Hope Church Lake Country, WI
- Jeff & Heather Sorensen & Friends, WI
- Jeff & Tammy Kops, WI
- Jean LaViolette, WI
- Jen Hanson & Friends, WI
- Jenny Retzlaffs, WI
- Jim & Michelle Olshanski, WI
- Joan Geraldson, WI
- Johnathan Keler, WI
- Journey Church, WI
- Joyce Ziegler, WI
- Kris Nitschke, WI
- Lifeline Church, WI
- Lutheran High School Association, WI
- Mary Ellen Simeth, WI
- Peter Homp, WI
- Poplar Creek Church, WI
- Performance Running Outfitters, WI
- Princeton Club, WI
- Randall Ferguson, WI
- Ryan Kops, WI
- Shawn Zieglmeier, WI

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, 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 Yenh at Yenh@SolesForJesus.org or 414-365-1392 to set up your volunteer group.

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- Wisconsin Athletic Club-Wauwatosa

Where In The World Is Lesotho?

Lesotho is located within South Africa's borders. It's a small country with only 11,500 square miles, and has a population of two million. Lesotho gained its independence from the United Kingdom in 1966. The economy is based on agriculture, livestock, manufacturing and mining. Lesotho is the largest exporter of garments to the USA and sub-Saharan Africa, sourcing to companies such as Foot Locker, Gap, Gloria Vanderbilt, JCPenney, Levi Strauss, Saks, Sears, Timberland and Wal-Mart. The official currency in Lesotho is the Loti and its main language is Sesotho.

Soles For Jesus has sent shipments of shoes to Lesotho in 2013, 2016 and 2018. Please join us in prayer for the beautiful people of Lesotho, and for the Lord to continue to move in this country!



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