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Dear friend,

Some of my favorite photos and stories from the field involve children receiving shoes for school. Uniforms are required in order to attend school, even in the most remote villages of Africa. The most costly and difficult piece of this uniform is a pair of shoes. I learned this on my second trip to Africa when we distributed shoes in villages. Shoes are extremely valuable to people of all ages in Africa, especially the children. When people hear that a shoe distribution is coming to a village, they will often walk many hours (or even all day) just for the chance to receive shoes for their children and family.

Each time that you donate a pair of kids shoes to SFJ, I hope that you'll remember these smiles from Kenya. Your donation is helping one more child get to school, and that is an incredible

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Shipment to Swaziland

We are thrilled to send another shipment of shoes to the nation of Swaziland! It was very special to have our Indiana State Representative, Steve Klinger, in town to pray over this shipment with us before it left the warehouse. We are looking forward to seeing what the Lord will do through Joseph and his team, as they share these shoes and God's love in Swaziland. We pray for God to give them

gift! Please continue to give shoes in all sizes, as we desire to cover the feet of entire villages and people of all ages.

Thank you for your support and prayers, as we share the love of Jesus throughout Africa.

Sincerely in Christ,

Diane Studer, SFJ Founder/Director



Students in Kenya sharing their joy, as they kick up their heels.

wisdom and favor, and for hearts to be opened to Jesus in each village and place they visit. See photos of this shipment [HERE](#)



Steve Klinger and Mark Ellefson with the shipment.

Volunteers of the Month

We are thrilled to recognize and honor our friends, **Roger and Carrie Igielski**, as our Volunteers of the Month!



Roger and Carrie are the owners of Allo! Chocolat in Waukesha, and they heard about SFJ from one of our board members who was visiting their fabulous chocolate shop. After hearing about our mission, they knew that they wanted to get involved and so they did. Carrie

You are Invited!



Please mark your calendar, and invite your family and friends to join us for a 5k run or 2 mile walk on **Saturday, June 13th**. We are excited to announce the new location for our 2015 Race For Soles! The event will start and end at the beautiful campus of WCTC—and we'll enjoy a scenic route through the streets of Pewaukee. More details coming soon, regarding post-race events and so much more!

Online Registration will go LIVE on Monday, March 16th!

Sponsorship Opportunity- Do you know of an individual, business or organization that would like to help sponsor the Race For Soles? There are several options to choose from, and it's a great opportunity to promote your business to all of our participants. To find out more about event sponsorship, contact Mark Ellefson at (414) 892-7581 or mellefson@SolesForJesus.org. Thank you for your support of Soles For Jesus!

shares, "One great aspect of SFJ is that everyone can participate. If you own shoes, you can partner with SFJ!"

Allo! Chocolat serves as a collection site, where people from around the area can drop off shoes to be donated. Carrie shares, "We like to be involved in things that God is excited about. It is very evident that He is using this ministry to bless others." We asked Roger and Carrie to share a cool story from a shoe donation received at their business. They shared, "One that really blessed us was a woman who used her Kohl's cash to purchase brand new shoes to put in the bin. She shared the reason for her purchase with the Kohl's employee, and the cashier gave her a 30% discount!" We are grateful for our partnership with Allo! Chocolat and we pray that the Lord continues to bless them and their amazing business! Also, we want to wish Roger a happy birthday! May God bless you today and always!

Distributions in Burundi

8,000 pairs of shoes arrived in Burundi and are safe in storage! Evariste, our EHC partner, informed us that we will be distributing shoes in the villages of Gitaza, Nyabiraba and Mwaro while we are there. The SFJ Mission Team is excited to serve these people in May! Thank you for keeping all who receive shoes, as well as the SFJ team, in your prayers as we continue to prepare for this trip. See photos [HERE](#)

Milwaukee Wave

We are grateful for our partnership with the Milwaukee Wave this season. Last Saturday, Wave fans donated over 400 pairs of shoes for us to send to Africa! This was also a great opportunity for more people in southeast Wisconsin to hear about our mission. Let's continue to cheer on the Milwaukee Wave, as they start the playoffs!



Diane and Adriana at the Milwaukee Wave game. The Wave played an amazing game with a 12-6 WIN over Denver!

Shoe Drives- Special Thanks!

Messmer Preparatory School- We are thrilled to have Messmer Prep participate in collecting shoes for SFJ. This is the third year for fourth grade teacher, Laura Krumenauer, to organize a shoe drive. Laura believes this is a



A port worker inspecting the container of shoes before releasing it to our partners.

Distributions in Liberia

Shoe distributions continue in Liberia, as another shipment arrived from SFJ. Praise Jesus! Please pray for a spiritual breakthrough, and for the Gospel and shoes to help spread a revival of His love in this nation. We will post photos to our social media as we receive them. To view pictures of this shipment, look [HERE](#)

simple act of love that leaves a great impact across the globe. Students also worked hard to raise the funds to help ship their donated shoes to Africa. Thank you students and Laura! We are grateful for every hand that participated in this effort!



Laura Krumenauer delivering Messmer's shoes to SFJ.

Nappy Roots- We are thankful for Anthony, owner of Nappy Roots Hair Salon & Barbershop. He was cleaning out his closet and came across several pairs of shoes that he rarely wore. He knew there were other people who also had shoes to donate, so he reached out to us to start a shoe drive at his business in Milwaukee. What makes his drive unique, is that several pairs of men's shoes were donated in sizes 16, 17 and 18! This is not a common shoe size, but we know that some men in Africa with big feet will be greatly blessed by these gifts. Thank you, Anthony!



People in Sinoe County, celebrating the gift of shoes.

Distributions in Mozambique

We need your prayers! Our EHC partner, Anacleto Ferao, is severely suffering with pancreatitis. Please join



us in prayer for the complete healing of Anacleto's body, for his ministry team, and for protection over his family while he is in the hospital. We also pray for strength for his team, and that they will help hold up the vision of going door to door, and sharing the great love of Jesus! Thank you for praying for our beloved brother, Anacleto.

Teagan- This sweet little girl just turned ONE! For Teagan's first birthday celebration, friends and family donated shoes to Soles For Jesus, rather than giving gifts. Her parents, Dave and Liza, say they want to teach Teagan the importance of giving at an early age. Liza shares, "My daughter has everything she needs, while there are many children her age in Africa that don't have their basic needs. It's the least we can do." Thank you for the beautiful kids shoes that you gave, and happy belated birthday, Teagan!



Liza, Teagan and Dave with the shoes they collected.

Shorehaven-Lake Terrace- Thank you to the Shorehaven-Lake Terrace community in Oconomowoc for inviting Diane to come and share about SFJ. She had a great time making new friends and sharing how the Lord is working through this ministry!

Distributions in Kenya

Our EHC partner, Nicholas Mulea, shares, "Several of these men and women are receiving their first pair of shoes. People keep saying how they feel so loved and cared for." Please pray for open hearts, as shoes and the Gospel are shared in this nation. As always, we will share photos soon— and we thank you for praying for our dear brothers and sisters in Kenya.



A young boy after receiving shoes.



Diane visiting with the ladies at Shorehaven-Lake Terrace.

Volunteer Opportunities

SOS Event (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 in and volunteer, please contact Brittney at bciciora@SolesForJesus.org / 414-365-1392.

Meet one of our Partners

Harold Mack is the President of World Missionary Press, Inc. (WMP) which produces Gospel booklets in over three-



hundred and forty languages, and sends them worldwide. When a person receives shoes from us in Africa, they also receive a scripture booklet in their language. During WMP's fifty-three years of ministry, God has enabled them to produce more than 1.8 billion scripture booklets. Praise God! Harold says they hope to increase their production in 2015 by producing 10 million booklets per month. They also hope to establish and equip in-house and external prayer teams.

Harold's wife, Marie, and their son, Stephen, are also involved in the ministry that is based in Indiana. Please join us in prayer for wisdom and for God's direction for World Missionary Press, for good health and unity among the staff, and for favor and growth in this ministry.



Players and parents of the Pound Town Baseball Team volunteering at a SOS Event.

March

Saturday, March 7th, 9-11am-FULL
 Saturday, March 14th, 9-12pm-FULL
 Saturday, March 21st, 9-11am-FULL
 Thursday, March 26th, 6-8pm-FULL
 Saturday, March 28th, 10-12pm-FULL
 Tuesday, March 31st, 12-2pm

April

Thursday, April 9th, 6-8pm
 Friday, April 10th, 9-11am
 Saturday, April 18th, 9-11am-FULL
 Saturday, April 25th, 9-11am
 Tuesday, April 28th, 12-2pm

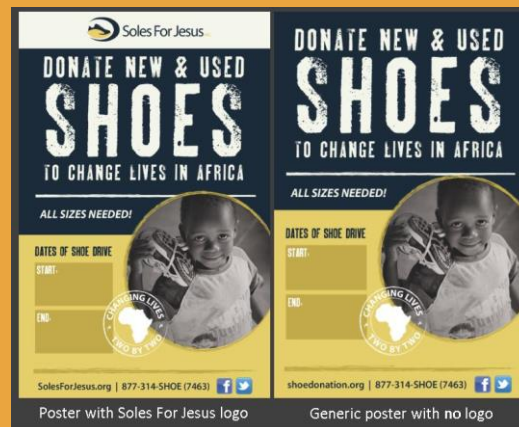
***You can choose your own date to serve!**

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

Shoe Drive Posters & Boxes

The SFJ mission is focused on changing lives through the shoes that we send to Africa...and this means we will always need shoes and the funds to send them! Would you consider hosting a shoe drive with your school, church, or community group? **We have TWO types of posters and boxes:** “Soles For Jesus” or “Donate Your Shoes” (for public schools & other places). You can pick up a shoe collection box for free at the SFJ office or make a \$10 donation online to cover shipping and have it mailed. To learn more about shoe drives & see SFJ collection boxes, go here: **SFJ Shoe Drives**



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 details, contact Mark 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). Contact Brittney to set up your volunteer group. bciciora@SolesForJesus.org / 414-365-1392



Thank you for the Shoes Received this Month!

Anytime Fitness, WI

Behling Family, WI

Brian Johanson, WI

Brookfield Christian School, WI

Chris Pfankuch, WI

Comstock Park UCC, MI

Dave & Liza Schramm, IL

First United Methodist Church, IN

Grace Fellowship Church, IN

Heritage Christian School, WI

Jen Hanson, WI

Joan SoloFra, WI

John Bonner, WI

Lake Country Lutheran High School, WI

Linda Zarling, WI

Messmer Prep, WI

Milwaukee Wave, WI

New Balance, WI

Nick Kaun, WI

Olshanski Family, WI

Peggy Daniels, WI

Performance Running Outfitters, WI

Poplar Creek, WI

Pound Town Baseball, WI

Rachel & Hailey Bonner, WI

Starbucks (124th/Capitol), WI

Susan Theep, WI

The Colour Tube, WI

WAC- North Shore, WI

WAC- Wauwatosa, WI

Yenh Mikolajewski, WI

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