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Dear Friend,

"Feet without shoes are synonymous to hearts without the love of God; both have great need for the other! As we looked at their feet, we realized their needs were more than just spiritual."

I love this quote that we received from Pastor Kakuwa in Zambia last week. How profound! I'm so grateful that the Lord called us to make an impact in Africa by meeting *both* the physical and spiritual needs of people. When Jesus ministered to people, that's exactly what He did. And by His grace, we will continue to follow His example.

Please take a moment to read about all that's going on at Soles For Jesus. Lives are being touched both here and in Africa, and I'm so grateful for each person who makes this mission possible! May God bless you abundantly.

For His glory,
Diane Studer
SFJ Founder/Director

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Cheer on the Milwaukee Wave this Saturday

Join us in cheering on the Milwaukee Wave as they take on St. Louis Ambush this Saturday, February 27th at 6:05pm. Receive \$5 off your tickets when you enter the promo code, "SHOES" online at ticketmaster.com. The Milwaukee Wave will be hosting a shoe drive at this game, so bring along some shoes that you would like to donate, and we hope to see you there!



Children waiting in line for shoes in Zambia.

Save The Date: June 25, 2016

Online Registration begins March 17th!



Please mark your calendar and invite your family and friends to join us for a 5k or 2 mile run or walk on **Saturday, June 25th**. The event will start and end at the beautiful campus of Waukesha County Technical College and we'll enjoy a scenic route through the streets of Pewaukee. The morning will also include medals, prizes, refreshments, exciting games and players from the Milwaukee Wave soccer team will be joining us too! **Online registration will**



The Milwaukee Wave soccer team.

Team Tanzania

We are thrilled to introduce the team who will be distributing shoes and sharing the love of Jesus in Tanzania this May. It was exciting to meet together for the first time last week, and we are looking forward to being the hands and feet of Jesus in this nation. Please pray for the people of Tanzania, and for our shipment of shoes to safely reach our ministry partner. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



The SFJ Mission Team Tanzania 2016!

go LIVE on Thursday, March 17th!

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 find out more about event sponsorship, contact Mark at [414-365-1392](tel:414-365-1392) or mellefson@SolesForJesus.org. Thank you for your support of Soles For Jesus!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

World Impact Ministries- We appreciate the ongoing support of World Impact Ministries (WIM)! Pastors David and Beverly Rehfeld have been faithful supporters of SFJ and their love for Jesus and world missions shows. WIM invited Diane to share at their church last Sunday, and they're also hosting a shoe drive for several weeks. We are grateful for our partnership, and pray that the Lord will continue to bless your church and ministry!



Pastors Beverly and David Rehfeld with Diane.

Shipment to South Sudan

18,000 pairs of shoes will arrive any day now in South Sudan. This is the first 40-foot container that SFJ has shipped to Africa. Soon, thousands of refugees will receive this gift and hear about Jesus. We're thankful for the generous gifts of shoes and funds that helped make this possible. Please pray for the hearts who will receive shoes and hear the Good News of Jesus in the coming months. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).

Distributions in Guinea

Shoe distributions in Guinea are going very well. Our EHC ministry partner, Maxime, and his team have visited several Muslim villages. He shares, "Shoes gave us the opportunity to evangelize in these villages. The Word of God was sown into the hearts of these people." Please continue to pray for guidance and protection for our partners as they travel to places where there is great need for the Gospel. We look forward to sharing more testimonies with you soon. View pictures of this distribution [HERE](#).



A happy girl with new shoes on her feet!

Concordia University Wisconsin- We are thankful for our friends at Concordia University who recently participated in the Mission Pizza Games, hosted by Mission Pizza Co. The students pictured below competed against three other local universities by making pizzas. The winner of the competition was able to make a donation to their charity of choice. For every five Palermo's pizzas sold, one was donated to a local food bank. Hats off to these students from Concordia!



Students who participated in the Mission Pizza Games.

The New Apostolic Church- Rachel, Eli and Aaron organized a shoe drive at The New Apostolic Church in Milwaukee. They chose SFJ for their confirmation project. This picture shows them counting and rubber banding the shoes, and they are also raising funds to help ship them. When these students deliver their shoes to our warehouse, they will stay for a SOS Event to help pack them for Africa.

Distributions in Mozambique

Our partner in Mozambique, Godfrey, shares that, "At a shoe distribution in Lepepe, there were many children who were stepping into their first pair of shoes. It was incredible to see the expressions on their faces. They are forever grateful!" Please pray that people will continue to receive God's love throughout these villages in Mozambique. View pictures of this distribution [HERE](#).



Children hearing about Jesus at a shoe distribution.

Distributions in Lesotho

Our EHC ministry partner, Josias, shares this testimony, "It's incredible to hear of a ministry that is spreading God's Word and giving people shoes. My shoes are amazing and the fact that they do not expect anything in return makes me happy." Please pray that the Gospel continues to be heard and that people will continue to grow in their faith. View pictures of this distribution [HERE](#).



Eli, Aaron, and Rachel with the donated shoes.

Liberty Christian Academy- Our friends at Liberty Christian Academy (LCA) in Ohio organized a shoe drive for their 7-day mission week. The students collected over 650 pairs of shoes. Principal Jones shares, "The students are so excited to know that many people will hear about Jesus because of these shoes." They even had the opportunity to participate in a "Barefoot Friday". So many children in Africa will be blessed by your efforts. Thank you, kiddos!



Preschoolers at LCA going barefoot for a day.

Lumen Christi Catholic Schools- Diane had the opportunity to share Soles For Jesus with Lumen Christi students, while their Mequon and Thiensville schools hosted a shoe drive. These students also decorated paper shoes and wrote beautiful notes on the back of each one. One note read, "I hope you feel God's love as you wear my shoes." Kim Paulson, a first grade teacher at Lumen Christi shares, "One of my first graders spontaneously prayed today 'for the children in Africa who will get our shoes.' I hope that we can do this shoe drive every

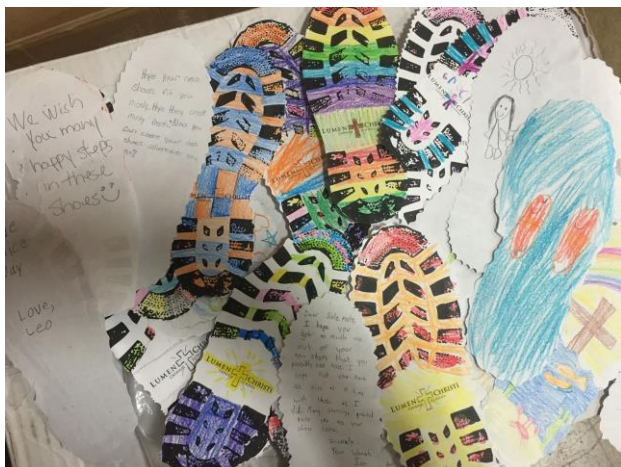


A little girl with her new shoes and a Gospel booklet in her own language from World Missionary Press.

Distributions in Guinea-Bissau

In Julio's recent report, he shares testimonies of people turning to Jesus. "I want to thank you for the wonderful message from the Word of God that you shared with us. It helped me recognize **the need** for Jesus in my life. I am sure that this pair of shoes will not last forever, but I want Jesus to live in my heart forever." Amen! Please join us in prayer for the hearts that have been committed to Christ. As they are discipled, may they become Godly leaders in their nation. View pictures of this distribution [HERE](#).

year!" It's incredible to hear that the people who are giving are just as blessed as the ones on the receiving end of our mission. Thank you students for your shoe donations, beautiful notes, and artwork!



Decorated paper shoes and notes made by Lumen Christi students were placed inside of their donated shoes.

Volunteer of the Month

We are thrilled to honor Tamara Fink as our Volunteer of the Month! You may recognize Tamara if you have volunteered in our warehouse, where she serves as a SOS (Sort & Organize Shoes) Leader each month. Tamara is upbeat and shares that she has always had a passion for missions. She developed a love for Africa 18 years ago when she was a part of a vision trip. Tamara shares, "To walk into the warehouse and know how it all began (with such humble unassuming vision), and to see what God is doing with that obedience, pushes me to do what God places in my heart. Whether it's a part of something big or small, He uses all of it for His glory! The other leaders are inspiring and it's great to hear their stories of what God is doing through SFJ, and to get to know so many amazing volunteers. Whether you're a student volunteering with your friends, or you're a retired senior, SFJ has a place for you to get involved. Each volunteer has something to offer and I love



People gathering to hear about Jesus and to receive shoes in Guinea-Bissau.

Distributions in Swaziland

Our EHC partner, Joseph, shared how amazing it is to see God get the glory through shoe distributions in Swaziland. "The people were happy and one lady said that she loves being a child of God because the Lord does things His own way for her good." Please join us in prayer for Joseph and his ministry team. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they continue distributing shoes. View pictures of this distribution [HERE](#).



An EHC worker putting shoes on the feet of a child.

that atmosphere!" Tamara, thank you for being a great blessing to SFJ!



Our Volunteer of the Month, Tamara Fink!

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 [414-365-1392](tel:414-365-1392).



Meet one of our Partners

Michael French is committed to sharing the Gospel and starting discipleship groups throughout Sierra Leone, with a special focus on the southern part of the country, where there is a large population of unreached people. His favorite scripture to meditate on is John 3:16, as he sees it summarizing the whole Gospel in one simple and explainable verse. Every day, Michael is striving to live out God's love for the people of Sierra Leone. Please join us in prayer for these specific requests Michael has shared:



- Pray for good health, guidance, and protection for Michael, Doreen, and their four children.
- Pray for deliverance from demonic manipulation for those near to Michael.
- Pray for the salvation of Sierra Leone, and that occultism and witchcraft practices will be eradicated.

New SFJ State Representative

There is a new face on the SFJ State Rep team, Celeste Bondon! Celeste resides in Virginia with her husband, Craig, and their two children. Celeste shares, "I was excited to learn about SFJ because my children had quite a few pairs of shoes and I wanted their donations to be meaningful." Celeste is motivated to help spread the word and get more people involved with collecting shoes in Virginia. We are thrilled to have her on our team. Welcome, Celeste!

We enjoyed serving with Shepherd of the Hills Church this month!

March

Saturday, March 5, 9-11am
Tuesday, March 8, 6-8pm
Monday, March 14, 9-11am- FULL
Saturday, March 19, 9-11am- FULL
Thursday, March 24, 6-8pm
Saturday, March 26, 9-11am

April

Saturday, April 2, 9-12pm- FULL
Wednesday, April 6, 12:30-2:30pm- FULL
Saturday, April 9, 9-11am
Monday, April 18, 6-8pm- FULL
Tuesday, April 19, 9:15-11:15am- FULL
Saturday, April 23, 9-11am
Saturday, April 30, 9-11am

***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](tel: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 [414-365-1392](tel:414-365-1392) to set up your volunteer group.



Celeste Bondon, our VA State Rep!

Thank you for the Shoes Received this Month!

Anytime Fitness Germantown, WI
Anytime Fitness Waukesha, WI
Attitude Sports, WI
Brookfield Christian School, WI
Colour Tube, WI
Dr. Comfort, WI
Eileen King, WI
Falls Busy Beavers-4H, WI
Ganiere Family, WI
Immanuel Lutheran, WI
Jen Hanson & Friends, WI
Jill Koepke, WI
Kolton Tarno, WI
Kristen Adam, WI
Life Church, WI
Lumen Christi School, WI
Melissa Smith, WI
Milwaukee Sting Volleyball, WI
Neat Repeats, WI
New Balance, IL
Roberta Pratt, WI
Shepherd of the Hills, WI
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Sturgis Wesleyan Church, WI

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