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Dear friend,

Do you ever pause for a moment to think about your blessings, and become overwhelmed with gratitude? I just had one of those encounters, as I scrolled through the photos from my last trip to Africa. Can you imagine what it was like to love on this precious woman? It was an incredible privilege, and I'll never forget this moment that was captured by one of my teammates. This mother came in with such sadness in her eyes, and shared about how painful and off-balanced it was to walk barefoot with missing toes. And as I lifted her feet in to the bowl of water, I began to wash her feet. I took my time speaking prayers and blessings over her life, and gave her feet the best massage that I knew how to give. Our eyes and our hearts connected, and she was overwhelmed with the love of Jesus. Her countenance changed, as she met her Savior that day! I wish that I had an "after" shot of her smile, but we get so caught up in these moments that cameras are forgotten. I know there was great rejoicing in heaven, and she walked out of this place with her feet safely covered in her first pair of shoes!

My heart is **thrilled** to go back to Africa in three months, as I lead a team to Burundi. I

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Shipment to Liberia

Another 8,000 pairs of shoes just arrived in Liberia! Praise God for the opportunity to ship to this country twice within the last year! Please pray for a spiritual breakthrough and for the Gospel and shoes to help spread a revival of His love in Liberia. We will post photos to our social media as we receive them. To see pictures of the shipment leaving our warehouse, head to our Facebook page [HERE](#)

can't help but thank Him for each **one** that we get to serve. Each face is a story— and each story is a soul that He died for. Thank you for your prayers and support, as we keep our eyes fixed on Him, the author and the finisher of our Faith. Not to us, but to your Name be the glory!

Serving Him together,
Diane Studer, SFJ Founder/Director



Children in Zohn Village who received shoes from the first shipment to Liberia

Shipment to Burundi

We praise the Lord that our ministry partner, Evariste, just received 8,000 pairs of shoes in Burundi! He is currently visiting villages to find which ones have the greatest need for shoes. The SFJ Mission Team is excited to personally serve thousands of people by distributing these shoes 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](#)

Save The Date!



SFJ Cheers on the Bucks!

The SFJ Operations Team, Board of Directors and staff were able to join together for a night of fun and fellowship, as we cheered on the Milwaukee Bucks! These individuals invest a great amount of time and energy into this ministry and we are grateful for their serving hearts. A special thanks to Paul Neuberger with Thrivent Financial for hosting us. We had a great time AND the Bucks won!



We are grateful for our partnership with Thrivent Financial! If you're an eligible member and have Choice Dollars® available to direct, please keep Soles For Jesus in mind. For more information or to direct Choice Dollars, call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice." Or [click here](#).

Shoe Drives- Special Thanks!

Every Home for Christ- We praise God for our five-year partnership with this fantastic organization, and we are thrilled that they collected shoes for SFJ over the holidays! Special thanks to Nathan Middlebrook for his leadership over the shoe drive, and also to those who donated funds to help send the shoes to Africa. We thank the Lord for our EHC family, and we're

Distribution in Lesotho

Josias, our Every Home for Christ partner in Lesotho, continues his journey of sharing the Gospel and gifting shoes. He shares encouraging stories of men and women committing their life to Jesus. A woman named Esther shared, "I thank God for meeting our spiritual and physical needs. This is my first time wearing shoes of such great comfort and quality. I never thought I would see the day that all the members of my family have shoes on their feet. I will give thanks to my Heavenly Father for eternity!" See photos [HERE](#)

Distributions in Kenya and Mozambique

Shoe distributions are going well in Kenya and Mozambique. Please pray for the national directors and for each team traveling village to village. Also pray for open hearts, as shoes and the Gospel are shared. As always, we will share photos soon— and we thank you for praying for our dear brothers and

believing great things for them this year!



EHC headquarters in Colorado Springs

Megan Drescher- This sweet young lady spent her Christmas break collecting shoes for SFJ. Her goal was to collect one hundred pairs of shoes but with the help of friends and family, she exceeded her goal by collecting one hundred and sixty pairs. Way to go, Megan! We love your compassion for helping others.



Megan (on the left) with her sister, Veronica.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish School- We are grateful for the 7th and 8th grade members of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish School. They organized a school-wide shoe drive that was a great success! Members also held a walk-a-thon to raise

sisters in Kenya and Mozambique.



Kenyans blessed by the gift of shoes.

Meet one of our Partners

Lanre da Silva is a pastor in Nigeria, where he is the National Director for EHC. Lanre also oversees a



Foursquare Gospel Church Campus. This campus is new and he prays for growth and opportunities to share Jesus with those who don't know Him. In 2015, he hopes to reach 2.5 million Nigerians with the Gospel message.

Lanre's wife, Ebeme, is also a pastor and they have two daughters, Odunayo and Ayomide. Lanre says that he and his wife pray daily for their daughters to grow deep in their relationship with Jesus and that

money for shipping the shoes to Africa. President of the NJHS, Sophia Gehman shared, "It was a great way for our school to come together and help others, working and following the path that God is showing us." Thank you for joining us in our mission to serve those in need!

UW-Waukesha OWL Group- We want to thank the members of the Older Wiser Learning group at UW-Waukesha. They collected shoes on campus and even took it a step further by visiting local resale shops and garage sales asking for shoe donations. We appreciate the time and effort they invested in organizing this drive. Thank you, friends!



Diane with a few members of the UW-Waukesha OWLS.

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.

everyone in their nation will experience a complete transformation through Jesus Christ. Please join us in prayer for Lanre, his team, and the nation of Nigeria.

Support SFJ and the Milwaukee Wave!

The season is not over! You can help support both SFJ and the Milwaukee Wave 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 new partnership with the Milwaukee Wave and wish them a successful season. We look forward to seeing you at a Milwaukee Wave game soon. Purchase tickets [HERE](#)





Students from Shepherds College volunteering at a SOS Event.

February

Saturday, February 7th 9-11am-FULL
 Tuesday, February 10th 6-8pm-FULL
 Saturday, February 14th 9-11am
 Saturday, February 21st 9-11am-FULL
 Tuesday, February 24th 12-2pm

March

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

April

Thursday, April 9th, 6-8pm
 Friday, April 10th, 9-11am
 Saturday, April 18th, 9-11am
 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 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

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](#)



Poster with Soles For Jesus logo

Generic poster with no logo



Box with Soles For Jesus logo

Generic box with no logo

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.
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SFJ Apparel



By wearing SFJ apparel, you help spread the word about our work and the need for shoes in Africa. You can have your own shirt with a \$20 donation to SFJ! Profits from sales will forward the mission of SFJ. **[Click HERE for more info and to buy](#)**

Thank you for the Shoes Received this Month!

Anytime Fitness, WI
Christ Our Savior Church, IL
Dan & Jean Johnson, WI
Dr. Comfort
Dr. Margaret Tackes, WI
Every Home for Christ, CO
Flomanda Jackson, WI
Grace Church-Delafield, WI
Grace Lutheran, WI
Grayslake Running Group, IL
Jennifer Link, WI
Jennifer Song, GA
Kelly Rossebo, WI
Life Church, WI
Mark Bristol, WI
McKey Perforating Company, WI
Megan Drescher, WI
Mount Olive Lutheran, WI
Nappy Roots Hair Salon, WI
Neat Repeats, WI
Paul & Judy Schumacher, IL
Paul Michaels, WI
Paul Nemcek, IL
Rafael Kawala, FL
Renea Liebe, WI
St. Nicholas Church, WI
Sussex Outreach Community, WI
Tamara Fink, WI
Templeton Middle School, WI
Tiffany Martens, WI
Tracy Hennes, WI
UW Waukesha Owls, WI
Victory International, WI
WAC- North Shore, WI
WAC- Wauwatosa, WI
World Outreach Church-West, WI



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YOU AS ORPHANS; I WILL COME
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- JOHN 14: 18

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