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Dear Friend,

I pray that 2016 is off to a great start for you. This month, our mission team began reading the devotional, "Experiencing God Day by Day" by Blackaby. What a difference it makes to begin each day with Him, and I invite you to join us! As I've been seeking Him in regards to this year, He continues to speak to my heart, "Just keep following Me!" I'm so grateful for the wisdom and strategy that He provides when we stay in step with Him. I can't wait to see all that the Lord has in store for this year!

I want to share a story with you from one of our supporters. I just received a letter in the mail from a dear widow who wrote, "A few weeks ago, I fell on the ice and needed surgery to repair broken bones in my ankle. I hope that my small contribution will help prevent someone in Africa from suffering with a broken bone or ankle. God bless you for what you do!" This touched my heart—because in the midst of her suffering, she sowed a financial seed in to the life of another for the Kingdom. How beautiful this gift must be to the Father!

Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord and what He is doing through Soles For Jesus. It's a privilege to partner together in His name, and I pray all of God's best for you in 2016.

Sincerely in Christ,
Diane Studer
SFJ Founder/Director

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Shipment to Tanzania

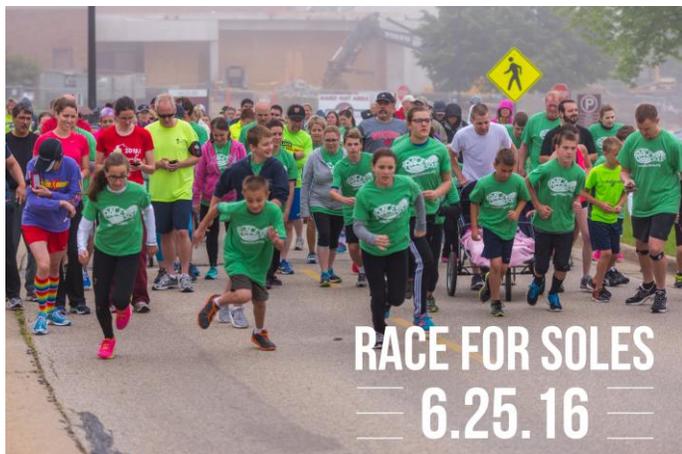
8,000 pairs of shoes left our warehouse for Tanzania! This is the shipment that our mission team will help distribute in May. Please pray for a quick and smooth delivery, and for the Lord to prepare the hearts of those we will serve. Our team is excited for this opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this nation. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



The MSC Brunella transporting 8,000 pairs of shoes to Tanzania.

Save The Date

Please mark your calendar, and invite your family and friends to join us for a 5k run or 2 mile 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 activities, and games. More details coming soon!



The starting line of Race For Soles 2015.

Volunteers of the Month

Meet our Volunteers of the Month, the Behling Family! Julie has been involved with SFJ for over four years. She serves as a SOS Leader, represents SFJ as our California State Representative, and also serves on the Race For Soles Committee. Often times, you will find the whole family serving together in the warehouse. Julie shares, "We want our children to learn about serving God and how the work in the warehouse physically impacts the shipments of shoes that go to Africa. We want them to see they are not too young to get involved and to bless those on the other side of the world. They also get a better understanding of how fortunate they are to have shoes on their feet!" Julie joined our mission team to Zambia in 2014. We're thrilled that she will also be traveling with us to Tanzania this May. Behlings, we appreciate your support and thank you for helping us impact lives in Africa!

Shipment to South Sudan

18,000 pairs of shoes are currently traveling to South Sudan. This is the first 40-foot container that SFJ has shipped to Africa. Thousands of refugees will receive this gift and hear about Jesus. We're thankful for the generous donation 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](#).



The South Sudan shipment before it left the SFJ warehouse.

Distributions in Mozambique

Our partner in Mozambique, Godfrey, sent us powerful testimonies from people in great need. Twelve year old Mateus shares, "We walk very long distances each day to get to school. I used to dread the walk but now that I have a pair of shoes to comfort my feet, I can't wait for school to open so that I can begin my journey for the day. I still can't believe that I now have my own pair of shoes." Please pray for the news of God's love to spread like wildfire throughout this nation, and pray that many will be able to experience this great gift. View pictures of this distribution [HERE](#).



Rachael, Gina, Joshua, Julie, and David Behling.

New SFJ State Representative

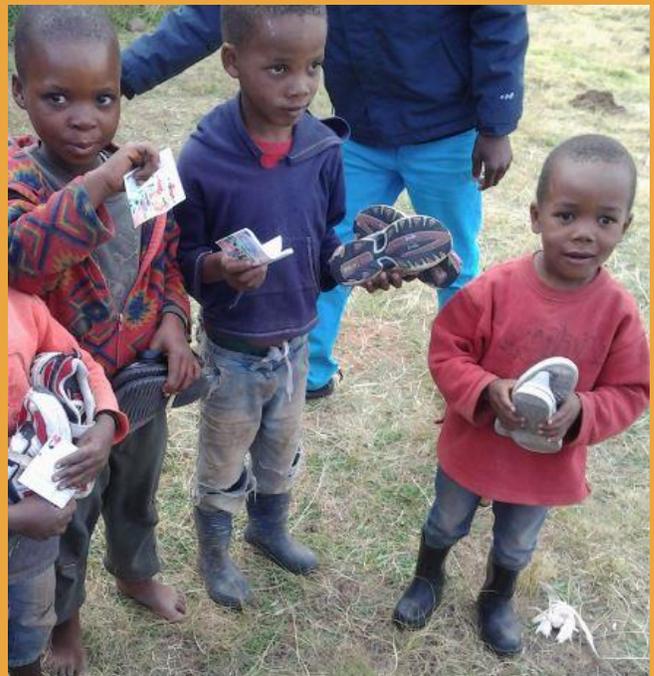
We are thrilled to welcome the newest member of our State Rep team, Odetta Jeffries. Odetta is a proud mom of her 12 year old daughter, Jayla. She lived in Milwaukee for twenty years and now resides in Dallas, Texas. She first got involved with SFJ in 2009 when she traveled with Diane and five other women to Ethiopia. Odetta shares, "The best part about being involved in this ministry is seeing the faces of pure thankfulness when people in need receive shoes." Prior to moving to Texas, Odetta volunteered with the event team for SFJ. "I look forward to representing SFJ and I encourage giving because it truly makes a difference. An everyday necessity like shoes can truly be life changing to someone. It's incredible to share the love of God by being His hands here on earth." We are so happy to have you back on our SFJ Team, Odetta!



Children waiting to receive shoes in Mozambique.

Distributions in Lesotho

Our EHC ministry partner, Josias, shares Daniel's story of salvation, "I was so excited for an EHC worker to visit my home. He explained how Jesus loves us and I decided to receive Him as my Lord and Savior. He prayed with me and he promised to visit again. He blessed me with a pair of shoes which had a piece of paper with these words written on it, 'Jesus Loves You!' I really feel that love from my Savior." Praise God! Please join us in prayer, so that many more will decide to turn to Him for all of their needs. View pictures of this distribution [HERE](#).



Odetta Jeffries, Texas State Rep.

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Hamilton High School & Menomonee Falls High School- Basketball players and parents from Hamilton High School and Menomonee Falls High School worked together to organize a shoe drive at their big rival game earlier this month. Roberta Pratt, who has joined our mission team to Tanzania this May, volunteers at these sporting events by taking photos. To show their support for Roberta and SFJ, these communities requested that those who attend the game also donate shoes to help those in need. The two communities collected more than five-hundred pairs of shoes! Thank you to everyone who donated shoes and shipping funds. Also, a special thanks to Nathan Lemen for leading this great project.



Kim Lemen, Jimmy Richter, Roberta Pratt, Nathan Lemen and Joey Lemen.

The Geracie Team Realty Executives Integrity- We're thankful for our friends, Jim and Jill, at Geracie Team Realty Executives Integrity. Their team collected shoes for SFJ over the holidays. Jim and Jill have been faithful supporters of SFJ over the years and we are thankful for them and their team. Thank you for your help in putting shoes on feet, friends!

Children with their new shoes in Lesotho.

Distributions in Guinea-Bissau

In our partner Julio's recent report, he shares how fun it was to witness the great joy of people who received shoes this holiday season. Albino Sanca shares, "I was informed about a shoe distribution which I thought was a joke because who would be kind enough to give free shoes. I came, I saw, and I was offered a pair of shoes. I am extremely happy! May God enlighten your path and give you more than what you have given." We thank the Lord for such a great response to the Gospel during each shoe distribution in Guinea-Bissau. View pictures of this distribution [HERE](#).



New shoes on the feet of children in Guinea-Bissau.

Distributions in Burundi

Our EHC ministry partner, Evariste, and his team continue to distribute shoes and share Jesus during a time of conflict and unrest in Burundi. Please 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 distribution [HERE](#).



Jim & Jill Geracie with their collected shoes.

UW Waukesha- We are thankful for Sarah Aulenbacher who organized her third shoe drive with Soles For Jesus. She and the Future Educator's Club collected shoes at UW Waukesha, which was a great success. She is already working on organizing her next shoe drive. Sarah, we love your heart for helping those in need. Thank you!



Sarah delivering shoes to Soles For Jesus.

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



Evariste putting shoes on the feet of children in Burundi!

Meet one of our Partners

Meet our Every Home For Christ ministry partner, Fermo Ogilla Utong. Fermo serves the Lord as a leader and evangelist in South Sudan. Jesus Christ revealed himself to Fermo when he needed him the most. "I was depressed and lonely, resorting to drinking and smoking to escape the pain. A local pastor recognized my distress and gave me a Gospel booklet. For weeks I could not think of anything else and I ended up giving my life completely to Christ. I was instantly healed of depression and my salvation affected my brothers so seriously that two of them also became Christians! This gave me the courage to proclaim Christ boldly." Fermo uses literature from our partners at World Missionary Press to evangelize home to home, telling everyone about Jesus.



Please pray for Fermo, his wife Sarah, and their four children. Also, pray for Fermo and his ministry team as they begin their first shoe distributions in the coming months.

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 the youth of Spring Creek Church this month!

February

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

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- FULL

***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

Thank you for the Shoes Received this Month!

American Imports, WI
Anytime Fitness, WI
Brookfield Christian School, WI
Christ Our Savior Church, IL
Christian Life School, WI
Christy Faase, WI
David & Kathryn Gravel, MA
Dr. Comfort, WI
Hamilton High School, WI
Jen Hanson & friends, WI
Jeremy Hengst, WI
John Dockendorf, MN
Julie Behling, WI
Katie McCarthy, WI
Kristen Adam, WI
Life Church, WI
Menomonee Falls High School, WI
Nathan Lemen, WI
New Balance, IL
Pam Saffold, WI
Performance Running Outfitters, WI
Phyllis Blodgett, WI
Rotary Club of Oconomowoc, WI
Sarah Aulenbacher, WI
Sherry Mahnke, WI
St. Anthony Parish, WI
Starbucks (124th & Capitol), WI
Steve & Becki Prunuske, WI
Sussex Outreach, WI
Sydney Peterson, IA
Terry Debe, WI
The Colour Tube, WI
The Jim Geracie Team, WI
The Van Eyck Family, WI
Tim Anderson, WI
United Protestant Church, IL
UW Waukesha, WI
Victory Int. Fellowship, WI
WAC- North Shore, WI
WAC- Wauwatosa, WI

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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