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Dear Friend,

Did you know that even in the remote villages of Africa, kids are required to wear school uniforms? The most costly piece of this uniform is shoes, and there are countless kids in Africa who can't go to school simply because they don't have shoes. I wish that I could take you to experience the celebration that happens when entire schools shut down for the day and walk several hours with their teachers to come to our shoe distributions. It's a little taste of heaven on earth when we are able to love each one, tell them about Jesus, and show them an example of His love by washing their feet.

At our last distribution, Sara's shoes were completely destroyed and were somehow hanging on by a few threads. I couldn't help but wonder what would've happened if we didn't come that day. Her teacher shared that Sara's family was not able to buy her new shoes and that many children have the same story. She thanked us through tears for showing us the love of God in this way. The teacher took an entire stack of Gospel books and said that she'll be reading them over and over to the children as they teach English, and that they'll be thanking God for a long time for these gifts.

Please know that YOU are making this happen! The response from these students to the Gospel was overwhelming, as you can see below. I often pray for God to bless you for the harvest—as your support and prayers make this possible.

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### Staff Updates

#### **Congratulations Mark & Jenny!**

Mark and Jenny Ellefson were married on June 4<sup>th</sup> in Charlotte, North Carolina. Their God-story is one that we love to share, as they met in Burundi while Mark was preparing for the arrival of our mission team. We were thrilled to celebrate them with our SFJ family last week, and we welcome Jenny to our SFJ family with so much **love**! May God bless you two abundantly, as you begin your new life together!

Sincerely in Christ,  
Diane Studer  
SFJ Founder/Director



Sara and her classmates responding to the Gospel message.

### Mark Your Calendar!

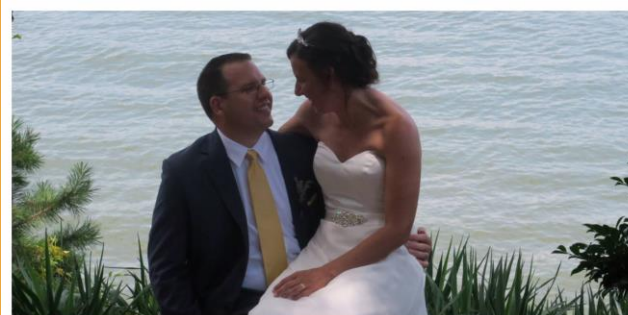
Tables and Tickets go ON SALE on Thursday, **August 18th at 9am!**

For more event and table information, click [HERE](#).



The 2016 Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction will take place on Saturday, November 12th from 10am to 2pm at the Italian Conference Center in Milwaukee. This is going to be a fabulous event that you do not want to miss! Tables and seats are limited, so be sure to act fast and get yours right away on August 18th at 9am. You don't want to miss out on this unforgettable time!

**Event Sponsorships:** Sponsorships are available for this



*Celebrating Mark and Jenny Ellefson with our SFJ family.*

### Welcome, Katherine!

We are thrilled to introduce Katherine Lewis as our new office manager! Katherine is a senior Business Scholar at Concordia University, Wisconsin. In May of 2017, she will receive her undergraduate degree in Management and her MBA in International Business. She first heard about SFJ when planning events for Concordia's Volunteer Club. She quickly fell in love with the mission and spent the summer of 2015 as our intern! She is very excited about traveling to Africa, as she's always had a heart for missions. We thank the Lord for adding Katherine to our SFJ family and we pray God's blessings over her!



*Katherine Lewis sending off our shipment to Kenya.*

### Shipment to Kenya

year's event. As a Sponsor, your name or business will be recognized through printed material, social media, company signage and verbally honored at our event. You'll also receive one stage-side table, with seating for ten guests. If you're interested, please contact Diane Studer at [Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org) for more information.

**Auction items:** We are extremely grateful for those who donate items to our silent auction! Fun packages like weekend get-aways and vacations, gift baskets, sports tickets and suites are all great items for guests to bid on. We also appreciate creative ideas for services, items or 'experiences' (ie: boat tours or gourmet dinners) as donations. Your business and item will be listed in our fashion show event program and we will acknowledge your tax-deductible donation after the event for 2015 tax purposes. Please contact Katherine Lewis at [Klewis@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Klewis@SolesForJesus.org) if you are able to donate. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

### Volunteers of the Month

John and Sue Tegge have been serving at SFJ on a regular basis for two years, and we adore these two! John and Sue are retired, and enjoy spending time with family and friends, volunteering, and going out to eat. John also loves to golf, while Sue enjoys gardening and taking walks.

Sue says, "We are committed to SFJ because this organization fills a big need to help people, and it spreads the word about the love of Jesus. It is a true blessing to know that our hands are the last ones to touch the shoes before they are sent to Africa. Before coming to SFJ, I did not know of the great need for shoes in Africa. Shoes are something that we take for granted, and many of us have more pairs than we need. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a blessing in the lives of others."

Thank you, John and Sue, for your faithful service. God bless you!

On July 26<sup>th</sup> a shipment of over 8,000 pairs of shoes was shipped to Nairobi, Kenya. In December, a mission team is going to help distribute these shoes while ministering in the Kitui region of Kenya. Please join us in prayer that people will open their hearts to hear the Gospel and commit their lives to Jesus. We are excited to see how God will use these shoes to further the work of His Kingdom in Kenya. View pictures of the Kenya shipment [HERE](#).



*Soles For Jesus Board of Directors with the Kenya shipment.*

### Shipment to Seychelles

We are delighted to update you on the progress of the Seychelles shipment. The shoes left the Soles For Jesus warehouse on May 31st and they are now in Khor Al Fakkan, United Arab Emirates. This is the last stop for these shoes before they arrive in Port Victoria, Seychelles.

This shipment is due to your generous donations during our appeal in May. We are thankful for everyone who stepped out in faith to help us raise these funds, including our friends who generously matched donations. View pictures of the Seychelles shipment [HERE](#).



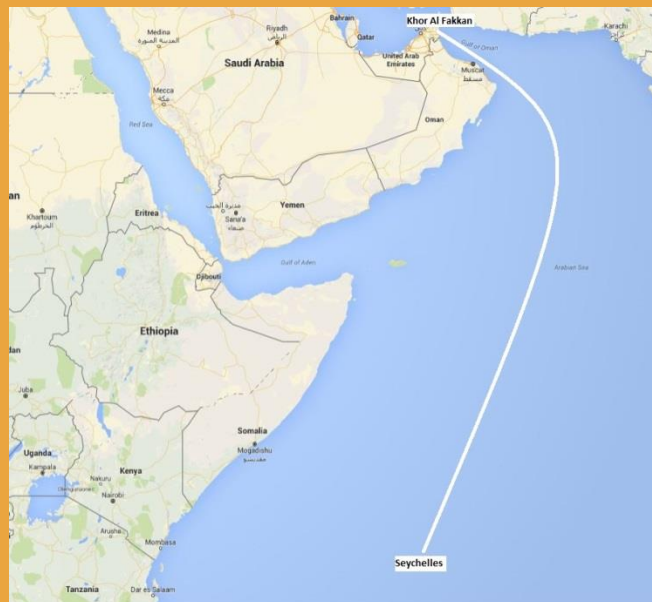
*John & Sue Tegge, Volunteers of the Month.*

### Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

**Simon Family in PA—** We want to give a huge shout-out to the Simon Family for hosting the SFJ event, “A Night at the Races!” in the Pittsburgh-area to help raise funds for shipping shoes to Africa. Friends and family gathered on July 16th for a buffet dinner, virtual horse racing, a Chinese auction and lots of fun! We thank God for Don, Michelle, Candace, Shane and Cadon for all of their hard work to make this event such a great success, and for collecting shoes year-round for SFJ. Last year, the Simons collected 8,000 pairs of shoes and they hope to collect 10,000 pairs this year. They already have 3,000 pairs in boxes at a storage unit, and eight local businesses also collect shoes year-round.

Michelle says, “Soles For Jesus ministry has changed our family’s lives. We’ve become more focused on serving others, and there are so many people that we can help with just the simple gesture of collecting shoes. Also, it’s a good lesson for our kids that there are people who have greater needs than ours and that Jesus calls us to serve.”

Simon family, we can’t thank you enough for your love and support from Pennsylvania!



*Shipping route for shoes from U.A.E to Seychelles.*

### Shipment to Burundi

A shipment of 8,000 pairs of shoes destined for Burundi is still on its way! The shoes have traveled from Milwaukee to Chicago to Norfolk, VA and to Mundra, India so far. They are bound for the port of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania where they will be trucked 700 miles to Bujumbura, the capital of Burundi. In total, these shoes will travel over 14,000 miles by truck, train and ship before reaching the wonderful people of Burundi in East Africa.

Please pray for a spiritual breakthrough, and for these shoes and the Gospel to spread hope in this nation. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



*The Simon Family hosting a special SFJ event in Pittsburgh, PA.*

**Brock family in IL**— Thank you to the fabulous Steve and Sally Brock family for delivering another 600 pairs of shoes from your annual shoe drive in Morton, IL! You continue to be such a blessing to all of us at SFJ, and we also thank the Grace Girls Club for helping touch 600 more lives with the love of Jesus! Each person who receives a pair of shoes will also receive a Gospel book printed in their language- and so you are truly changing lives with these gifts! God bless you for your kindness, and it's always a treat to see your beautiful family.



### Shoes Arrive in Burkina Faso

Our partner in Burkina Faso has just received a shipment of shoes and his team is busy finalizing plans for distributing the shoes provided by your generous support. This is the first time Soles For Jesus has shipped to this nation and we are very excited to be reaching people in this part of West Africa. Burkina Faso is currently facing severe difficulties since numerous militia groups are vying for power within the country. Please join us in praying for peace for this nation and that every individual who receives shoes will come to know Jesus as Savior. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



*Steve & Sally Brock family delivering 600 pairs from Morton, IL.*

**Victory of the Lamb Church in WI** - Thank you Pastor Ben, Cynthia Fitzsimmons, and Robina for delivering all of the shoes donated by Victory of the Lamb Church in Franklin, WI! We are so grateful for your partnership and we are thrilled to have Cynthia on our mission team to Kenya later this year. May God bless you all for the lives that will be touched by these gifts.



*Unloading the Burkina Faso shipment.*

### **Shipment to Zambia**

Final planning is underway to begin distributing shoes and Gospel literature throughout Zambia. This shipment was sent in partnership with World Missionary Press and Every Home for Christ to meet the spiritual and physical needs of people in Zambia. We jointly filled a 40 foot shipping container with pallets of Gospel literature and shoes. Please pray for Richard and his team, and that each person who receives shoes will be receptive to the Gospel message of Jesus. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



*The EHC Team unloading shoes from the container.*



*Pastor Ben, Cynthia & Robina of Victory of the Lamb Church, Franklin.*

### 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. Please contact Katherine Lewis at [KLewis@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:KLewis@SolesForJesus.org) or 414-365-1392 to set-up a time to come and volunteer.



*We enjoyed serving with the youth from St. John Vianney of Brookfield this month!*

### Distributions in South Sudan

EHC National Director in South Sudan, Fermo, has begun traveling to villages, sharing shoes and the Gospel. A new wave of fighting between government leaders has forced even more people to abandon their homes and livelihoods. Now more than ever, the people of this nation need the hope that Jesus brings and the comfort of receiving a much needed gift at a time of insecurity and fear. Please pray for peace and unity in this nation, for protection over the EHC team as they distribute shoes, and for people to receive the love of Jesus. We look forward to sharing testimonies with you soon. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



*Carrying boxes of shoes to a shoe distribution.*

### Distributions in Swaziland

Our partner, Joseph, shares that shoe distributions are ongoing in Swaziland. Joseph is excited to see how God is at work through the shoe distribution and evangelism project. He has told us that because the project is helping so many people he has been given even more opportunities to minister throughout the country. They see his work as a great blessing and he tells us that these new opportunities are more than he could have ever hoped for on his own. View pictures of this distribution [HERE](#).

## August

Tuesday, August 2, 9:30-12pm

Saturday, August 6, 9-11am

Thursday, August 11, 6-8pm

Saturday, August 20, 9-11am

Saturday, August 27, 9-11am

## September

Saturday, September 10, 9-11am

Saturday, September 17, 9-11am

Tuesday, September 20, 12-2pm

Saturday, September 24, 9-11am

Monday, September 26, 6-8pm **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, please 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](mailto: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 us at [info@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:info@SolesForJesus.org) or [414-365-1392](tel:414-365-1392) to set up your volunteer group.

## Ideas for Involvement

We are extremely grateful for those who help collect shoes and also raise funds to help send them to Africa. Funds and shoes are two key needs that we have, and we're often asked for creative ideas to help engage a group. Click [HERE](#) for some easy and fun ways to get everyone excited and involved!



*People worshipping Jesus at a shoe distribution.*

## Distributions in Mozambique

Due to political tension in Mozambique, shoe distributions are still on hold. Please continue to pray for peace in this nation and that our partners will soon be able to resume distributions freely and effectively in Jesus' name. View pictures of this distribution [HERE](#).



*Children thanking God for their shoes.*



*Birthday swim party, where shoes were donated instead of gifts- wow!*

### **Thank you for the Shoes Received this Month!**

- Anytime Fitness, WI
- Brookfield Christian School, WI
- Community Baptist Church, WI
- Daniel Douma, CO
- Deb Hetrick, WI
- Dr. Comfort, WI
- First Presbyterian Church, MO
- First United Methodist Church, IL
- Grace Church, WI
- Ian Bennett, WI
- Jen Hanson, WI
- John Schreiner, WI
- Journey Church, WI
- Linda Thesing, MN
- Milwaukee North Seventh Day Adventist, WI
- Nate & Emmy Leaders, WI
- Neat Repeats, WI
- Nick Kaun, WI
- Oliviero Family, WI
- Patrick & Heidi Kohler, WI
- Poplar Creek Church, WI
- Portage United Methodist Church, WI
- Rich Stahl, NJ
- St. John's Lutheran Church, WI
- Stacy Seim, WI
- Starbucks (124th & Capitol), WI
- Steve & Sally Brock, IL
- The Colour Tube, WI
- Victory International Fellowship, WI
- WAC- North Shore, WI
- WAC- Wauwatosa, WI
- World Outreach Church, WI

### **Meet one of our Partners**

Pastor Lompo Kangabaliba, or Robert for short, is the National Director for Every Home for Christ in Burkina Faso, West Africa. He is married to Naomi and they have four children, Georgette (26), Debora (23), Michée (21), Abdiel (20) and Schipra (16). Robert is very excited to begin shoe distributions and he believes it is going to be used of God to help open people's hearts to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ in his nation.



Robert has a goal to work with the EHC team in Burkina Faso to reach over 685,000 homes with the Gospel this year, so he is very busy working to coordinate that effort. In addition to this, he wants to see 2,000 people join the Discipleship Training program and help with the establishment of at least 60 new churches.

He shared with us that during a recent outreach a young man committed his life to Jesus Christ and even though he was severely persecuted by his community and family, his faithfulness to God is evident. When his sister became very ill, this man and his pastor prayed for her and she was miraculously healed. Now six other members of their family have also committed their lives to Christ. Praise the Lord!

#### **Prayer requests:**

- An end to political and economic upheavals that plague the nation.
- An end to the terrorist activities that perpetuate the instability of the nation.
- The unity of all the churches in the nation to rise up and testify to God's goodness.
- The shoe distributions to go well and to reach many for Jesus Christ.
- That everyone in his nation would turn their hearts to God and commit their lives to Jesus.

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