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Dear Friend,

Since our team returned from Tanzania, several people have asked me to share a testimony about something that made this trip unique. Each mission trip is full of amazing God-moments but there is one day from this trip that I'll never forget. As we were driving to our second village, suddenly there was confusion about the location of our distribution. Usually, we use a church building so that people can come back and grow in their faith, and it also creates shelter from the hot sun and crowds. But on this day, the local pastor called to tell us that the crowd of people was gathered far away from the church, under a massive tree used for Bible study. The problem was that the tree was very hard to reach, and so we stopped the van to discuss our options and pray. It quickly became clear that we needed to go to where the people were waiting, and by the grace of God our van made it!

We proceeded with our first open air shoe distribution, under the massive tree at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro. It was amazing, and I kept looking over my shoulder to take in the breathtaking view of Mt. Kilimanjaro. The day prior, the team asked if we could get a quick peek of the mountain at some point during the trip. Not only did we get a "peek" but we got to soak in her beauty all day long! I love it when God takes our Plan A and transforms it into an even better Plan B. His ways are always good, and I encourage you to trust Him today if your plan A isn't going the way that you expected. We were able to serve so many people under that tree, and people walked for hours to reach us. Entire schools and villages came to hear the

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## Volunteers of the Month

We are thrilled to honor our friends at Hope Church as our Volunteers of the Month! This group has played a key role in the success of Race For Soles over the last three years. They are a fun crew and they serve with joyful attitudes. Volunteer organizer, Nick Kaun, shares, "We realize that what we have is actually all God's; we are just stewards. What we have materially, our talents and skills, the time we have, it is all His. He gives it all to us, and how we use it is important." Thank you all for the time and love that you invest into SFJ!

Gospel and receive their own pair, as the news about free shoes traveled. It was a day that we will never forget; to God be the glory!

I hope that you are enjoying your summer, and that you have a wonderful Fourth of July celebration.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Diane Studer  
SFJ Founder/Director



*Sharing shoes and Jesus in Tanzania.*

## Race For Soles

The Race For Soles 2016 was a great success! Thank you to everyone who came out to Waukesha County Technical College in Pewaukee to make this an incredible event. We are grateful for such a wonderful morning where friends and families enjoyed food, games, prizes, and fellowship, following the 5k run and the 2 mile walk.

We want to say a big, "Thank You" to our Gold Sponsors, American Imports and Bryant Products, for supporting this event. Special thanks to Terri Mitchell for being our fabulous emcee, and also to Mark Weber and Roberta Pratt for capturing great photos. We also appreciate Ian Bennett from the Milwaukee Wave for joining us and for handing out medals to our winners. Last but not least, we want to thank all of our volunteers who shared a helping hand. We could not have done this without your help and support. Praise the Lord for all that was accomplished as a result of this event! To view more photos from this day, click [HERE](#).

If you signed up for the race but were unable to attend, please stop by the SFJ office this week



*Some of our fabulous volunteers from Hope Church.*

## Staff Update

Thank you, Brittney Ciciora, for being a key player on our SFJ team for more than two years! We wish you all of God's best, as you follow His plans for your life. You have made an eternal impact at SFJ and in Africa, and you will be missed. We are grateful for all that you gave during your time with us, and we pray God's abundant blessings over you, John, Coco and Rocky!



*Brittney with Lucy in Tanzania.*



to pick up your T-shirt(s).



## Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

**Zachary Hang-** Zachary attends JK Lee Taekwondo and is working towards his black belt. He included SFJ in this goal by collecting shoes for his community hours, and he also raised funds to ship the shoes to Africa. Way to go, Zachary! We wish you well as you test for your black belt.

## Shipment to Seychelles

We are thrilled to share with you that we reached our fundraising goal of **\$19,000!** And with your donations, we were able to send the Seychelles shipment right away! Praise Jesus! We are thankful for everyone who stepped out in faith to help us raise these funds, including our friends who generously matched donations. We thank God for EVERY hand that makes this ministry possible, and we're excited to send shoes to these nations for the first time. May God bless you for your generosity! View pictures of the Seychelles shipment [HERE](#).



*Mark, Brittney and Diane with the Seychelles shipment.*

## Shipment to Burundi

A shipment of 8,000 pairs of shoes left the warehouse for Burundi last month! Some of our volunteers joined us to pray over the shoes before they left. We're excited to work with Evariste, our EHC partner in Burundi. 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](#).



*Zachary with the shoes that he collected.*

**World Missionary Press-** We thank the Lord for our partnership with World Missionary Press (WMP) in New Paris, Indiana! This month, they had an open house and collected shoes for SFJ. PulseFM was at the event, doing live interviews with WMP and SFJ. We are thankful for WMP including us in their celebration. A special thank you to Barb Hertsel for being our representative at the event. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to donate shoes!



*Our SFJ Representative, Barb, at the open house.*

**Jessica Broberg-** We love these ladies! Our Minnesota State Rep, Jessica Broberg, and Missy Cline took a road trip from MN to deliver shoes to SFJ. Thank you for helping spread the word of



*The ship that is transporting shoes to Burundi.*

## Shipment to Burkina Faso

8,000 pairs of shoes are now in the hands of our partners in Burkina Faso! We have been praying for open doors to this country for some time, and we praise God for this breakthrough! Please join us in praying for every individual who will soon receive shoes and hear about Jesus. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



## Shipment to Zambia

We praise God for the safe arrival of this shipment in Zambia! What a blessing to partner with World Missionary Press and Every Home for Christ to meet the spiritual and physical needs of people in Zambia. 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](#).



what the Lord is doing through SFJ. We appreciate your ongoing support!



*Jessica and Missy with their shoe-filled van.*

**Joshua Wolfsohn-** It was a joy to meet Joshua Wolfsohn this month, as he and his dad drove from Nebraska to deliver their shoes. For his Eagle Scout Project, Joshua hosted a shoe drive and it was a great success! He shares, "I chose to collect shoes for Soles For Jesus because I could see that there is a dire need for shoes in Africa. I could see how my shoes and the shoes of everyone participating in the drive would change lives. I held a work day with my scout troop where I led the boys in cleaning and disinfecting the shoes that we collected. The experience was fun and I would definitely do this again in a heartbeat." We love your heart for missions, Joshua! Thank you!



*Joshua sorting the shoes that he collected.*

**Laurie Neff-** Laurie Neff lives in Minnesota and hosted a shoe drive. We are thrilled that she will be traveling to Kenya with SFJ this December to



*The EHC Team unloading shoes from the container.*

## Distributions in South Sudan

EHC National Director in South Sudan, Fermo, has begun traveling to villages, sharing shoes and the Gospel. 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.*



help distribute shoes. With the help of her community, she collected over one thousand pairs of shoes! Laurie, thank you for your heart to share Jesus and shoes with those in need. We are excited to serve with you in Kenya!



*Laurie with a massive pile of shoes!*

**Bake Sale & Lemonade-** Check out this bake sale for Soles For Jesus! Abby, Lydia, Abby and Bella baked brownies and made lemonade to help raise funds to ship shoes to Africa. What a great idea! Thank you for helping those in need and have a great summer!



*Abby, Lydia, Abby and Bella at their bake sale.*

## Distributions in Swaziland

Joseph, in Swaziland, shares that shoe distributions are going well. "Most people are surprised that we want to wash their feet. It has been a very humbling experience for me and my ministry team. We thank God that people are being ministered to and prayed for." Please join us in prayer for Joseph and his ministry team as they continue distributing shoes, and that many will feel the overwhelming presence of Jesus in each village that they visit. View pictures of this distribution [HERE](#).



*People worshipping Jesus at a shoe distribution.*

## Distributions in Mozambique

Due to political tension in Mozambique, shoe distributions are currently on hold. Please 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 hearing about Jesus in Mozambique.*

## 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 us at [info@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:info@SolesForJesus.org) or 414-365-1392.



*We enjoyed serving with the youth from Crossroads Presbyterian Church this month!*

### July

Thursday, July 7, 6-8pm- FULL  
Saturday, July 9, 9-11am  
Saturday, July 16, 9-11am  
Thursday, July 21, 6-8pm- FULL  
Saturday, July 23, 9-11am- FULL  
Saturday, July 30, 9-11am

### August

Tuesday, August 2, 9:30-12pm  
Saturday, August 6, 9-11am  
Thursday, August 11, 6-8pm  
Saturday, August 20, 9-11am  
Saturday, August 27th, 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](mailto:Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org) or 414-365-

## Meet one of our Partners

Pastor Benjamin Holder is the newly appointed EHC National Director in Liberia. He gives all praise to our almighty God for the work that He is doing through his ministry team. He shares, "We have seven outreach coordinators who are responsible for seven different regions in our country. Each of them has a goal to reach five-thousand homes a month and sixty-thousand homes a year with Biblical literature that shares the love of Jesus Christ. Our partnership with Soles For Jesus is helping make this happen. It's incredible to see people jump for joy and thank Jesus when they receive their first pair of shoes."



Benjamin and his wife, Fatu, are blessed with four children: Benjamin, Bentu, James, and Augustin. Please join us in prayer for his family and for the following prayer requests:

- Peace and stability in Liberia, so they can continue to reach homes.
- For an Ebola-free nation.
- An increase in financial provision, so they can purchase Bibles and other essentials to help others.

## Thank you for the Shoes Received this Month!

Adam Family, WI  
Brookfield Christian School, WI  
Calvin College, MI  
Carle Egger, IL  
Classical Conversations Delafield, WI  
Faith United Methodist Church, WI  
Janet Shahrokhi, WI  
Jen Hanson, WI  
Joshua Wolfsohn, NE  
Journey Church, WI  
Kim Musial, WI  
Laurie Neff, MN

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 to set up your volunteer group.

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