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Dear Friend,

I hope that you're doing well and that you're enjoying your summer. Over the years, we've received hundreds of photos from Africa, and occasionally there are ones that take my breath away. As I was looking through reports and photos, I saw this picture and was so moved by what I read. Our partner in Swaziland, Joseph, took this photo after these people received Jesus as their Savior and were given the gift of shoes. When they asked Joseph where the shoes came from, he shared that many people across the USA sent them to show God's love. They were so moved by this gift that they bowed down in thanks to God, and they prayed for each of you who help the mission of SFJ. **I just love that they're praying for you in this photo!**

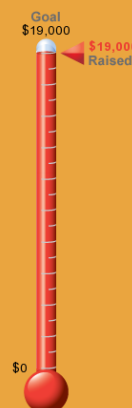


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Praise Report!

We are thrilled to share with you that we reached our fundraising goal of **\$19,000!** With your donations, we will be able to ship 16,000 pairs of shoes to South Sudan and Guinea! PRAISE JESUS! We are thankful for everyone who stepped out in faith to help us raise these funds. 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!



SFJ Board of Directors

We are thankful for our SFJ Board of Directors! The Board and their spouses enjoyed a special evening together on

In Swaziland, the winter season is approaching and warm, strong shoes cannot be found or afforded by most people in this mountainous region. An elderly woman that was present exclaimed, "This is marvelous! The God that you introduced me to knows my needs! He came to me at the right time, since it is winter and my feet are cold. Now my feet and my heart are warm; this is like a dream and I'm so happy!"

Thank you for being faithful supporters of what the Lord is doing through SFJ! I praise God for how you helped us meet our goal, so that we can send shipments to refugees in new countries. May the Lord bless you for being a part of the harvest, as He continues to expand our territory.

Sincerely in Christ,
Diane Studer
SFJ Founder/Director

Race For Soles

The Race For Soles 2015 was a great success! Thank you to all of the participants 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 thank our sponsors, including our RFS Gold Sponsor, American Imports, for supporting this event. A special thanks to Mark Weber for capturing so many photos and memories for us on this day. Also, thank you to 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](#).

Pewaukee Lake last week. These men and women faithfully use their gifts and talents to glorify our Lord. It's incredible to see the unity amongst this group, as they work towards the mission of sharing shoes and Jesus with those in need in Africa. A special thanks to Kent and Wynne, for hosting the dinner and for an enjoyable boat ride!



Pictured: Kent and Wynne Loehrke, Becky and Jason Held, Jen (and Kyle) Hanson, Jon and Diane Studer, and Michelle and Jeff Novak.

Special Thanks!

The Simon Family - We're thankful for our supporters, Don and Michelle Simon, who live in Pennsylvania. They organized a mega shoe drive, and recruited ten businesses to join them in collecting shoes. Their goal is to collect five thousand pairs of shoes and they plan to drive them to Milwaukee this fall. Don shares, "This has been a great outreach project to do as a family. We spend time together sorting and organizing the shoes in our garage. It's a great way to teach our kids the importance of giving back." Thank you for your hard work and for supporting the SFJ mission from the east coast. We feel the love 550 miles

If you signed up for the race but were unable to attend, please stop by the SFJ office this week to pick up your T-shirt(s).



1st, 2nd, and 3rd place runners.



Participants having fun at Race For Soles.

Volunteers of the Month

We are happy to honor the Race For Soles committee as our Volunteers of the Month! This crew did an amazing job

away in Milwaukee!



The Simon Family packing shoes for SFJ: Don, Michelle, Candace, Cadon, and Shane.

Brookfield Academy - Thank you, Brookfield Academy, for inviting Diane to speak to the elementary and middle school students this month! She enjoyed sharing about SFJ and answering questions about our mission. Each student brought a pair of canvas shoes to school to decorate and donate for a child in Africa. We love how you used your artistic skills to serve those in need. Thank you!



Shoes decorated by students at Brookfield Academy.

planning and organizing this run/walk event. We are grateful for the time they invested in making it a success. Mark Ellefson, our RFS team leader shares, "It's great to work with such committed volunteers. Their teamwork and unity was a blessing. Without them, there is no way that Race For Soles would be possible." Way to go, friends!



Julie, Sherry, Mark, John, Yen, and Patti at RFS.

Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction: NEW location!

SAVE THE DATE: Nov. 14, 2015



The 2015 Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction will take place on **Saturday, November 14 from 11am to 2pm.**

We are thrilled to announce that our **new** location for this year's venue is the **Italian Conference Center** in Milwaukee! This is going to be a beautiful and fantastic event that you do not want to miss!

Madison Elementary School - We are grateful for the students and staff at Madison Elementary School in Wauwatosa! To wrap up their school year, they organized a shoe drive and ended up collecting over one hundred pairs of shoes for our friends in Africa. They also helped raise funds to ship the shoes. Look at that overflowing bin! Thank you!



Mrs. Misirian and her students who helped organize the shoe drive.

Shipment to Tanzania

8,000 pairs of shoes are on their way to Tanzania! The SFJ mission team is excited to distribute these shoes in October. Please pray for safe travel and protection over this shipment of shoes. Pray that God's love will be shown through the team's distribution of these shoes and that lives will be changed. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).

Tickets will go on sale **Thursday, August 20th at 9am**. Tables are assigned on a first-come first-served basis and seats are limited, so be sure to act fast.

This is our sixth year hosting this luncheon, and it will be an unforgettable time! Further details will be emailed to you after you register, including check-in time at 10:45am. We look forward to seeing you there!

FS Event Sponsorship: Gold and Silver Sponsorships are available for this year's event. As a Sponsor, your name or business will be recognized through printed material, social media, company signage and verbally at our event. You'll also receive one stage-side table, with seating for ten guests, to enjoy lunch. If you're interested, please contact Diane Studer at Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org for more information.

Auction items: We are extremely grateful for those who donate items to our 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. If you're interested, please contact Brittney Ciciora at Bciciora@SolesForJesus.org to donate. Thank you in advance for your generous support!



Brittney, Mark, and Diane with the shipment.

Shipment to Botswana

This shipment is now in the hands of our partner, Tanga Chawora! Praise Jesus! This is our first shipment to Botswana and we're excited to hear testimonies from each shoe distribution, as they begin in the coming weeks. Please pray for the Word of God to be heard throughout this nation. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



The EHC team unloading the boxes of shoes from the container.

Meet one of our Partners

Meet Josias Mohanoe, our EHC ministry partner, in Lesotho, Africa. In Josias' report, he shared with us Hebrews 6:10, "God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them." He wishes to share his sincerest gratitude for all of those who support SFJ. He says that seeing tears of joy from those who have received a pair of shoes is a miracle. Josias strongly believes that those who have heard and accepted Jesus will remember SFJ for the rest of their lives. Josias and his team are now working to reach over 1,000 souls with the Gospel and hope to train forty percent of them through discipleship training. He has asked us to pray for the following:



- God's wisdom for the volunteer distributors
- Protection over the herd boys who live high up in the mountains
- Greater resources for those living in the most remote areas
- Open doors to reach more unbelievers (prisoners, students, youth) with the Gospel message
- Strength and wisdom for the local pastors and overall unity in the church
- Greater humanitarianism in his country in order to alleviate suffering for those in combat

Distributions in Liberia

The reports that we have received from our EHC partner, Sydney, have moved us all! This nation was severely affected by the Ebola virus. When Sydney explained to the villagers that SFJ sent shoes as a token of God's love and our concern, the people were so excited that they began to shout! Children came running along with women and men, jumping and dancing with joy and gratitude. Many that day were led to faith in Jesus Christ. Please pray that future distributions continue to be blessed. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



Children from, "Love a Child Orphanage" with their shoes.

Distributions in Swaziland

Shoe distributions are going well in Swaziland, and people are committing their lives to Jesus Christ! Please continue to pray for Joseph and his team, as they share shoes and God's love in this nation. We pray that spiritual and physical needs will be met with each person they serve. See photos of this shipment [HERE](#).

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 Ciciora at Bciciora@SolesForJesus.org or call her at [414-365-1392](tel:414-365-1392).



We enjoyed having Immanuel Lutheran's National Junior Honor Society serve at a SOS Event this month!

July

Thursday, July 9, 6-8pm
Saturday, July 11, 9-11am
Saturday, July 18, 9-11am-FULL
Tuesday, July 21, 12-2pm
Friday, July 24, 1-3pm
Saturday, July 25, 9-11am

August

Saturday August 1, 9-11am-FULL
Thursday August 6, 6-8pm
Saturday August 15, 9-11am-FULL
Saturday August 22, 9-11am
Tuesday August 25, 12-2pm
Saturday August 29, 9-11am

***You can choose your own date to serve!**



Celebrating shoes and Jesus in Swaziland.

Thank you for the Shoes Received this Month!

Adriana Ortiz, WI
Agnes Sim, OR
Alejandra Monico, WI
American Imports, WI
AT&T, WI
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, WI
Betty Lalicker, TN
Bob Lenning, WI
Brookfield Academy, WI
Brookfield Christian School, WI
Christ the King Lutheran Church, WI
Christian Life School, WI
Clark Richard Salon, WI
Concordia University Wisconsin, WI
Daisy Troop 4106, WI
Divine Consign, WI
Emily Groth, WI
First United Methodist Church, WI
Gethsemane UMC, WI
Grace Lutheran School, WI
Grayslake Running Club, IL
Hamacher Resource Group, WI
Heartland Community Church, WI
Jan Johnson, WI
Jean Loveday, WI
Jen Hanson & friends, WI
Madison Elementary School, WI
Mia Patterson, WI
Molly Lewis, WI

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



Neat Repeats, WI
New Balance, WI
Nick Kaun, WI
Performance Running Outfitters, WI
Plymouth MOPS, WI
Sarah Aulenbacher, WI
St. James Catholic Church, WI
St. John's Lutheran Church, WI
Starbucks (124th/Capitol), WI
Tamara Fink, WI
The Blum Family, WI
The Chang Family, WI
The Colour Tube, WI
The Klopp Family, WI
The Pfankuch Family, WI
Trevor Mertz, IL
Victory Int. Fellowship, WI
WAC - North Shore, WI
WAC - Wauwatosa, WI
Waukesha First Assembly, WI
Whitewater Grill, TN

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