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Dear Friend,

I hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend. My heart is full of thanks to the Lord for all that He is doing! Our EHC partner, Tanga, shared this testimony from a shoe distribution in Botswana, "Sethlake Moketsi, a 46 year old man, confessed that he's never received anything for free in his entire life. Sethlake was completely overwhelmed with joy and thanksgiving when he was given a pair of quality shoes that fit him perfectly. After hearing the Word of God, Sethlake shared, 'How else can I respond to such profound love but to give my life to Jesus Christ and declare that He is my Savior!'"

My heart was touched by the simple, child-like faith of Sethlake (pictured below). As we enter the Christmas season, may we all respond with that kind of faith, declaring Him as our Savior and giving thanks for His unspeakable gift! I rejoice with each person who has come to know Jesus through shoe distributions- to God be the glory! (View more pics from Botswana [HERE](#))

Thank you for your ongoing support of what the Lord is doing through SFJ.

May the Lord bless you abundantly!

Sincerely in Christ,
Diane Studer
SFJ Founder/Director

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Year-End Giving



As we enter the season of giving, would you prayerfully consider a year-end gift? Each donated dollar helps share a pair of shoes and a Gospel book with someone in need in Africa. You can also give on behalf of a friend or relative, and they'll receive a personalized card from SFJ. To ensure 2015 eligibility for your donation, please remember:

- Donations made by Credit or Debit Card must be completed **before midnight on Dec 31st**. Feel free to make a donation **online at www.SolesForJesus.org**
- Mailed checks must be dated and **postmarked on or before Dec 31st**. You can also drop off your donation at



SFJ 6th Annual Fashion Show Luncheon and Auction

The 6th Annual Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction was a great success! We enjoyed celebrating the lives that are being impacted in Africa with 600 of our guests. It was an honor to have Rev. Cleopas Chitapa, EHC Regional Director in Africa, share with us the tremendous impact that SFJ is making in Africa.

We thank each person who helped make this such an amazing day. We also want to share a special word of thanks to Lannon Stone Products for being our Gold Sponsor! And to each event sponsor, guest, and volunteer, we thank you for making this day so special, including Faye's and Squire for putting on a great show. View more photos from the event [HERE](#).

the SFJ office by Dec. 31st.

A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great. - Proverbs 18:16

May God bless you for your generosity!

A.J. Ellis Visits SFJ

We want to thank A.J. Ellis, catcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers, for his generous donation of New Balance shoes! With his support over the years, many lives have been impacted in Africa with brand new shoes and the Gospel message. Thank you for helping us spread hope and the love of Jesus in Africa!



A.J. with donated New Balance shoes.

SFJ in the Shepherd Express

The Shepherd Express highlighted Soles For Jesus this month, as a part of their *Heroes of the Week* section. A special thank you to Amanda Sullivan for helping spread the word about SFJ in our community. View the article [HERE](#).



A big, "Thank you" to our SFJ event team for all of their hard work!

Volunteers of the Month

We are thrilled to honor the Simon Family as our Volunteers of the Month! Don and Michelle first heard about Soles For Jesus when they volunteered to help with a shoe drive at their son's school, Memorial Park Preschool, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Michelle shares, "After learning more about the ministry, we knew that we could make a difference, and after a couple of months it became clear that God had a bigger plan for us." The Simon's started collecting shoes and asked over a dozen businesses in their community to join them. Michelle says that it has been amazing to meet such generous people who want to join their efforts. Since May, the Simon's have collected more than 8,000 pairs of shoes,



Distributions in Tanzania

Shoe distributions are going well in Tanzania. A second shipment of 8,000 pairs of shoes will be leaving our warehouse within the next week. This will be the shipment that our mission team will help distribute in May of 2016. Please pray for a quick and smooth delivery. We also pray for our partners who continue to distribute shoes from the first shipment. May the Good News travel fast in Tanzania! View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



SFJ Team Member, Jennifer, giving shoes to a woman and her son in Mlamlani.

and they have already set a goal of collecting 10,000 pairs for 2016. Amazing! Don and Michelle are praying that God will lead them in hosting a "Pittsburgh loves SFJ" fundraiser this coming summer to help raise funds to ship their shoes to Africa. Don and Michelle, we are blown away by your efforts! Thank you for helping spread the news of SFJ on the East Coast.



Shane, Don, Michelle, Candace, and Cadon Simon

Shoe Drives - Thank You!

Upward Sports at Spring Creek Church- We thank the Lord for Spring Creek Church and Upward Sports! Twenty-six Upward soccer teams helped collect nearly 600 pairs of shoes for those in need! Awesome! Mike Poelzer (pictured below) said it was a great way to teach their athletes the importance of giving back. They plan to do another shoe drive with their basketball teams this coming spring. We appreciate your support, friends!

Distributions in Guinea-Bissau

Eighty teenagers gave their life to Jesus in Biombo region! Julio shared that this is an area that he and his ministry team have been trying to minister to for a while but they were not welcome. They informed this village, in Biombo region, that they would be back in two days and that this time they would be bringing shoes for those in need. Distribution day came, and to their surprise, the turnout was great! "We took time to share the Gospel with them. We let them know that our motivation to give them shoes came from Jesus Christ, and that He is much more important than this gift. We seized that opportunity to preach to them and consequently a lot of people gave their lives to Jesus." Please pray for the message of Jesus to be received by every person who hears the Gospel during each shoe distribution in this nation. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



Children gathering to hear about Jesus in Guinea-Bissau.

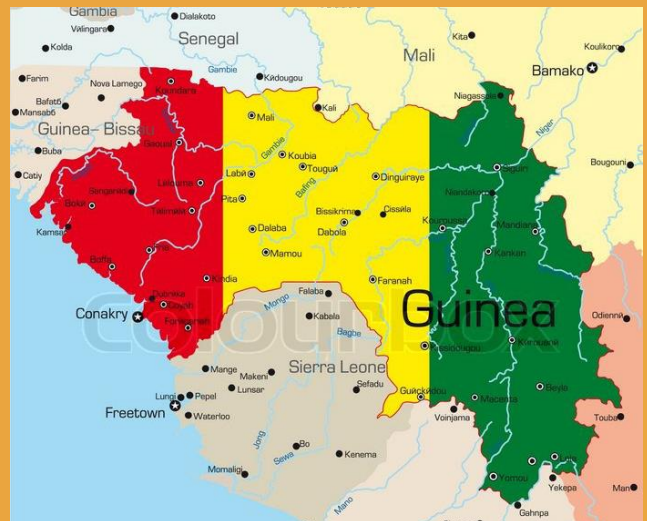
Distributions in Guinea

Please continue to pray for peace in Guinea. Civil unrest has delayed shoe distributions in this nation. Please pray for the safety of Maxime, and his ministry team, and for guidance about where they should distribute shoes. Pray for restoration and unity in this nation, and for all of the hearts that will soon hear about Christ's love. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



Mike Poelzer and Bob Larson delivering the shoes to SFJ.

Harlan Community High School- We are thankful for Sydney who has been collecting shoes for SFJ at her school, Harlan Community High School, in Iowa. She has a heart for missions and knew that she wanted to get involved after hearing about SFJ. She shares, "The Bible says so much about giving to others and helping when needed. I feel like that is something I'm meant to do. I want to make a difference and do God's work and spread His word. I think this shoe drive is a good way to start doing that." Sydney has collected over 300 pairs of shoes and has helped raise the funds to ship them to Africa. Sydney, we love your heart for serving those in need. Keep up the great work!



Distributions in Burundi

Heavy rain has led to mudslides throughout parts of Burundi. This has made it difficult to transport shoes for distributions. Please pray for the families who have lost their homes and farms due to the rushing floodwater. Please also continue to 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 the shipment [HERE](#).



Flooding on one of the main roads in Gitaza.



Sydney with the shoes that she has collected.

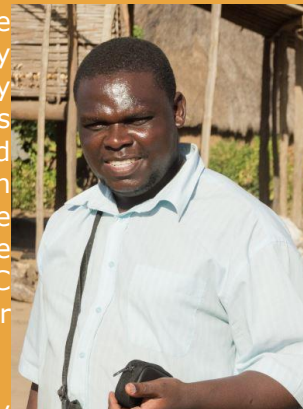
Memorial Park Presbyterian Church and Preschool- Our Pennsylvania State Rep, Jan Moreth, organized a shoe drive at Memorial Park Presbyterian Church and Preschool for the sixth year in a row. To date, they have collected nearly thirty thousand pairs of shoes for Soles For Jesus! Amazing! Thank you to every hand who had a part in collecting shoes or raising shipping funds. Also, a special thanks to John Cory for transporting the shoes to Milwaukee! We are grateful for your hard work and generosity.



Men loading boxes of shoes into the semi.

Meet one of our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ ministry partner, Godfrey Bhodyera. Godfrey is the newly appointed National Director in Mozambique. Before taking this role, he served as an EHC Project Manager for many years.



Godfrey's main ministry goal this year is for an increase in their ministry coverage and for more lives to find Jesus as their personal Savior. He has a shipment of shoes and his team will soon begin shoe distributions throughout Mozambique. Godfrey shares, "Shoes sent from SFJ have always been a great blessing. They fuel our outreaches by demonstrating the practical love of Jesus." Please join us in prayer for unity and favor for Godfrey and his team, and for open doors as they travel village to village, serving those in need.

Thank you for the Shoes Received this Month!

A.J. Ellis
Amy Kinsey, WI
Aurora Healthcare, WI
Behling Family, WI
Brookfield Christian School, WI
Calvary Lutheran Church, WI
Cargo Services, IN
Carlie Ann Kocaja, WI
Cheryl Chybousk, WI
Cheryl Stous, WI
Christ the King Lutheran, WI
Covington Wesleyan Church, NC
David Glrsy, WI
Debbie Fedikovich, WI
Diane Bormann, WI
Divine Consign, WI
Donna Repka, WI
Dr. Comfort, WI
Eileen King, IL
Epworth UMC, IN
First United Methodist Church, IN

Covington Wesleyan Church- A shoe drive just wrapped up at Covington Wesleyan Church in North Carolina. They collected shoes as a part of their children's ministry, Awana. A special thanks to Haley Bray for organizing this shoe drive. She shares, "It was such an honor to be able to be the hands and feet of Jesus in this way. We pray that the people of Africa will come to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ through this ministry!" Many lives in Africa will be touched by your donation. Thank you kiddos!



The children with the shoes they collected.

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 at Bciciora@SolesForJesus.org or call her at 414-365-1392.



We enjoyed serving with Milwaukee North Seventh-Day Adventist Church this month!

Gail Bryant, WI
 Grace Church, WI
 Grace Fellowship Church, IN
 Harold Stefan, WI
 Immanuel Lutheran School, WI
 James Marshall, WI
 Joy Bloemer, WI
 Katherine Ortiz, WI
 Kathryn Petrie, WI
 Kim VanKlompberg, MI
 Krista Colpaert, WI
 Lakeside Fitness Fitbody Bootcamp, WI
 Latisha Sims, WI
 Manda Mosoiu, MI
 Mount Olive Lutheran Church, WI
 Neat Repeats, WI
 New Balance, IL
 New Life UMC, IN
 Patricia Scott, MN
 Rudy Ramen, WI
 Sara Burgess, MI
 Shepherd of the Hills, WI
 Spring Creek Church, WI
 St. John's Church, WI
 St. Nicholes Orthodox Church, WI
 Starbucks (124th & Capitol), WI
 Suzanne Mikolajczyk, WI
 Tracie Horton, WI
 UMC of Franksville, WI
 Upward Sports, WI
 Victory Falls Int., WI
 WAC- North Shore, WI
 WAC- Wauwatosa, WI
 World Missionary Press, IN

Amazon Smile Program

You can support Soles For Jesus while you shop this holiday season! Each time that you sign in to your Amazon Smile account, a portion of your purchase can be donated to SFJ. It's the

same Amazon site that you already know, and now you can help support our mission as you shop! To get started, click on the "Get started" link to sign in to your account and select "Soles For Jesus," as the charity you want to

Shop at AmazonSmile
 and Amazon will make
 a donation to:

Get started

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December

Tuesday, December 1, 12-2pm
Saturday, December 5, 9-11am- FULL!
Saturday, December 12, 9-11am
Thursday, December 17, 6-8pm
Saturday, December 19, 9-11am- FULL!

January

Saturday, January 9, 9-11am
Wednesday, January 13, 6-8pm- FULL!
Saturday, January 16, 9:15-11:15am- FULL!
Tuesday, January 19, 12-2pm
Saturday, January 23, 9-11am
Thursday, January 28, 6-8pm- FULL!
Saturday, January 30, 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 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 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.

support. Thank you! To learn more, click here: [Amazon Smile FAQs](#)

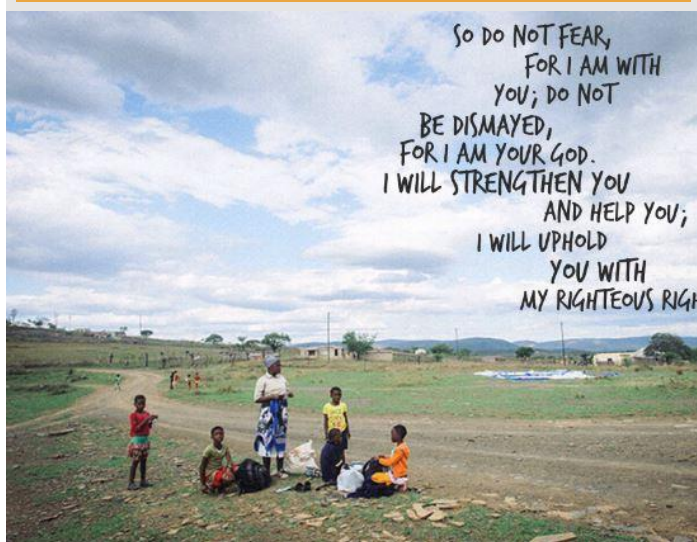
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