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Dear Soles For Jesus,

Our partner missionaries are the best of the best! When I saw this photo (below), it moved me. The "Every Home for Christ" field missionaries will not rest until every tongue and every tribe has heard the Good News! This young man accepted Christ in Benin, and learned that Jesus invites us to repent and be baptized. No time was wasted, as they walked down to the river and he came up from the water a new creation in Christ! All across the continent of Africa, these national directors are fully committed to making disciples in their nations, and it's a privilege to partner together for the Kingdom.

As we make final preparations for our annual luncheon and celebration on November 12th, would you please pray for us? I hope that if you are in the Milwaukee-area, that you'll make plans to join us. The Lord has provided great vision for the next 12 months but we can't do it without your prayers and support. Please consider asking the Lord what He would have you do, and I'd love to hear your ideas!

Let's praise the Lord of the harvest for every soul that turns from darkness to

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## SFJ Makes the Big Screen!

Salty Earth Pictures is filming a movie in the Milwaukee area called [The Open Door](#). In the film, SFJ is highlighted for the work that we do. After filming the scene pictured below, Beth Zambo (producer) shared, "This was a very emotional scene with not a dry eye in the place! What a special day to be a part of the crew and extras. Thank you to the many people who gave so much to make this possible! God blessed us with talent, many gifts of shoes from all over, fellowship with Godly company and so, so much more! May He continue to be gracious and bless us as we work on the movie, [The Open Door](#)!"

Thank you for including Soles For Jesus. We are so excited to be part of

light! This is the heart of our mission, and I thank you for your partnership.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Diane Studer  
SFJ Founder/Director



*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Mt. 28:19*

## **Annual Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction: November 12, 2016!**



this film, and can't wait to see it!



*A scene from The Open Door.*

# *Multiply Your* **IMPACT!**

Are you aware that many employers have programs designed to match their employees' charitable giving? Most businesses are seeking ways to be active in their communities by supporting causes that are important to their employees. Looking in to this is as simple as approaching the appropriate person at your work place, and inquiring if this type of program is available. Businesses of all sizes have developed these types of programs. This is a great way to multiply the impact of your donation. Please contact Mark at [Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org) or (414) 365-1392, with any questions.

## **Shipment to Swaziland**

We are excited to share that a shipment

Our 7th Annual Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction is only two weeks away! A few tickets remain, so it's **not too late** to save your seat. This event will take place on Saturday, November 12th from 10am to 2pm at the Italian Conference Center in Milwaukee. Details and ticket information can be found [HERE](#). We hope to see you there!

## Volunteers of the Month

We are proud to honor Shepherds College as our Volunteers of the Month! Shepherds College's mission is to train students with intellectual and developmental disabilities in vocational and life skills while instilling in them a lasting awareness of God's plan for their lives. Elyse Cyr, an instructor at the school, continues to bring students to serve at SOS events. When asked why Shepherds College is passionate about SFJ, Elyse shared, "We are passionate about partnering with people whose mission is also to share the life-transforming message of God's love and redemption for all people. We are also trying to teach our students to serve God and serve others and SFJ does just that!"

We want to give a huge thank you to Elyse and all of the students at Shepherds College for being a wonderful blessing to SFJ!

of 8,000 pairs of shoes has left the warehouse and is now on its way to Swaziland! These shoes will be distributed by our EHC ministry partner, Joseph. Please pray for a safe delivery of these shoes as they make their way across the ocean. Pray that God will prepare Joseph and his team for distributions, and pray that the hearts of those receiving shoes will be ready to hear about the love of Jesus.



## Shipment to Guinea Bissau

A shipment of 8,000 pairs of shoes is sailing to Guinea Bissau and is expected to arrive at the Port of Bissau on November 6th. They will then be delivered to our ministry partner, Julio da Silva. Please pray for a safe and secure delivery of these shoes, so that distributions can begin soon. Pray for Julio, his team and all those who will receive the gift of shoes. Pray that they receive the Gospel message and come to know Jesus as Lord. View pictures of the shipment to Guinea Bissau [HERE](#).



*The Shepherds College Class of 2015-2016.*

## Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

**Amanda Strassburg in WI** — Our dear friend and Tanzania team member, Amanda Strassburg, recently spoke twice on behalf of SFJ. First, she shared about her Tanzania trip with her church family in West Bend. Then she spoke at a women's event at Bowler Lutheran Church. She even helped them host a shoe drive and will be speaking again, since a couple of guests invited her to speak at their church! We appreciate you and your support of SFJ, Amanda! God bless you!



## Shoes Arrive in Kenya

We praise the Lord that the shipment to Kenya has arrived safely at the Port of Mombasa! Our SFJ mission team is excited to distribute these shoes to people in the Kitui region in December. Please pray for this team as they prepare their hearts for the journey ahead. Pray also for our ministry partner, Nicholas, his team, and all those we will serve. Pray that we may be a blessing to them and that they come to know Christ. View pictures of the shipment to Kenya [HERE](#).



*Amanda speaking and collecting shoes.*

**Dan & Aimee Vechart in WI** — Our friends, Dan & Aimee, are selling 24" Christmas wreaths to raise money for SFJ in the Appleton/Brillion/Rib Lake area! Each wreath costs \$20 and all donations will go towards shipping shoes to Africa. Thank you, Dan & Aimee, for being an incredible blessing! You can find more creative ideas on how to get involved at SFJ [HERE!](#)



*Several local members of Team Kenya.*

## Seychelles Shipment & Launch

An amazing group of leaders gathered for the EHC launch in Seychelles this week! Soles For Jesus is thrilled to have been a part of the celebrations, as 8,000 pairs of shoes were officially received on this day. Words of deep appreciation were shared by government minister, Vincent Meriton, and also by Hon Madam Giovanna Rousseau, CEO of the National Sports Council of the Government of Seychelles.

We welcome the newly appointed National Director, Robert Moumou, to our EHC family and we'll continue to hold you close in prayer. The Lord surely has great plans for you and the people of Seychelles! We also thank Dr. Cleopas Chitapa for his leadership over this entire project, and Bishop Nicholas Mulea as well. May Jesus be glorified from the islands in the Indian Ocean!

You can view pictures of the Seychelles shipment [HERE.](#)



**Princeton Club in WI** — We are excited to welcome the Princeton Club in New Berlin as our newest collection site! If you're in the area, you can drop your shoes off and they will deliver them to the SFJ warehouse. If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a collection site, call us at 414-365-1392 or email us at [Info@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Info@SolesForJesus.org). Our full list of collection sites can be found [HERE](#).

**PRINCETON CLUB** "we're committed to you"



*Leaders gather for the EHC launch in Seychelles.*

## Distributions in Burundi

Our EHC ministry partner, Evariste, will begin shoe distributions this week! He and his team are so excited as country leaders, church leaders and the Christian Police Association will be joining them as they distribute shoes. Evariste asks that we pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to take over and lead the event in the Kirundo Province. Pray also for the people of Burundi, that they hear and receive the Gospel message and surrender their lives to Christ. View pictures 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. Please contact us at 414-365-1392 or [Info@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Info@SolesForJesus.org) to set-up a time to come and volunteer.



*Students from Brookfield Christian School serving at a SOS.*

### November

Friday, November 4, 10:30am-12:30pm

**FULL**

Saturday, November 5, 9-11am **FULL**

Tuesday, November 15, 6-8pm **FULL**

Friday, November 18, 9-11am **FULL**

Saturday, November 19, 9-11am **FULL**

### December

Thursday, December 1, 6-8pm

Saturday, December 3, 9-11am



*Shoes are unloaded in Burundi.*

## Distributions in Burkina Faso

Our ministry partner, Lompo, is preparing for distributions in Burkina Faso. He and his team will distribute shoes to the poor neighborhood of Ouagadougou and three surrounding villages. Please pray for the people of Burkina Faso as they face severe difficulties, since numerous militia groups are vying for power within the country. Please pray for peace in this nation. Pray also for those who will receive shoes, and that they'll come to know Christ as their Savior. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).

Wednesday, December 7, 6-8pm  
Saturday, December 10, 9-11am  
Friday, December 16, 9-11am **FULL**  
Saturday, December 17, 9:15-11:30am  
**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, 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.

## Thank you for the Shoes Received this Month!

- American Imports, WI
- Appleton Alliance Church, WI
- Bethesda Baptist Church, WI
- Bowler Lutheran Church, WI
- Calvary Lutheran School, WI
- Christ the King Baptist Church, WI
- Christ the King Lutheran Church, WI
- Divine Consign, WI
- Frank Jackson, WI



*Women and children eagerly wait to receive shoes and hear the Gospel message.*

## Meet One of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ ministry partner, Joseph Gule. Joseph serves in Swaziland, with his wife, Zama



Nosipho and their three children: Vuyani Nkosingphile (8), Uyizwile Nkosinami (4), and Iminathi (2). Joseph's ministry goal for the year is to reach 112,000 homes with the Gospel.

He shares this testimony from a distribution, "One old man from the Tikhuba community was so excited after receiving the gift of shoes. When asked to say something about the gift, he said that it was his first pair of shoes ever and he was very excited and thankful. This time of sharing and joy opened up a wide door and they received the Gospel literature without

- Gina Kurtz, WI
- Grace Lutheran Church, IN
- Jean Paulinski, WI
- Jeff Adam, WI
- Jen Hanson, WI
- Kat Fronek, WI
- Luther Manor, WI
- Margaret Sutton, WI
- Marnee Uchtyl, WI
- Mary Ellen Simeth, WI
- Oconomowoc Rotary Club, WI
- Poplar Creek Church, WI
- Princeton Club, WI
- St. John's Lutheran Church, WI
- St. Vincent's Daycare, CT
- Terri Mitchell, WI
- Toby Shaw, WI
- United Protestant Church, IL
- Val Williams, WI
- Victory International Fellowship, WI
- WAC - North Shore, WI
- WAC - Wauwatosa, WI
- WI Lutheran HS Volleyball Team, WI



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any problem, as the shoes put a smile on their faces."

He specifically asks for prayer for these things:

- For our field workers.
- For all our office staff.
- For our volunteers both on the field and in the office.
- For God's provision to build a house for his family. (They currently live in a rented house which takes most of their monthly support and causes financial strain.)

## **Feed a Village this Christmas!**

Consider taking part in this unique opportunity to provide a meal that will be served by our mission team to a village in Kenya! Families, small groups and churches have found this to be a special way to give back during the season of giving, or it could be just the right Christmas gift for someone on your list. For only \$300, you will provide all that is needed for this large feast, including a couple of goats, because meat is such a special treat! Once we return from Kenya, we will provide you with special photos from the village and the meal that you provided.

Please send us an email at [Info@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Info@SolesForJesus.org) or give us a call at [414.365.1392](tel:414.365.1392) if you'd like to sponsor one of three village feedings at the end of this year! Thank you and God bless you!

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*Village feeding with SFJ Team  
Tanzania.*

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