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Dear Friend,

I praise the Lord for an incredible trip to Tanzania! Just as our team was finishing our first village shoe distribution, a group of 75 orphans showed up with their leader, pleading for them to be served. Pastor Komba shared that these children lost their parents to HIV and AIDS, and they walked quite a distance to reach us. We discussed what to do, since we barely had any kids sizes left, after a full day of putting shoes on feet. In faith, we received the entire group, and we praise the Lord that every child left with a pair of shoes that fit perfectly! What a celebration of joy, when the last one was served.



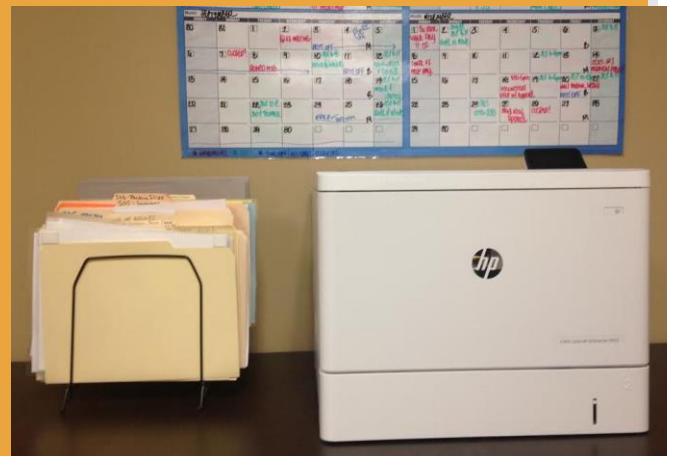
Thank you for helping us touch lives, just like these orphans, with the love of their heavenly Father. We

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Praise Report!

This month, we were reminded that God cares for all of our needs. Soles For Jesus has been in need of a new color printer. Last month, we put a request in our newsletter and we're excited to share that a family stepped forward and provided the funds! This donation will allow us to continue to spread the news of Jesus' work through SFJ. This is a great blessing and we are thankful for this family stepping out in faith to help us with this need. Thank you!



could not do this without your help, and it's a joy to partner together to make Him known. I look forward to celebrating another year of the Lord's faithfulness at our annual luncheon in two weeks, and I thank you for helping us sell-out 600 seats! If you're out of state or unable to come, I invite you to get plugged in from where you are; there's a place for you to get involved and we'd love to hear from you.

Sincerely in Christ,
Diane Studer
SFJ Founder/Director

Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction: November 14, 2015!

We are just **two** weeks away from our luncheon, and we only have a few tickets left! Thank you for your support and for helping us sell-out this event! Please use the, "Buy Tickets" link below to secure your seats today! For more information about this event at the Italian Conference Center in Milwaukee, click [HERE](#).

Buy Tickets



We are thrilled to have our partner from Zimbabwe share at our luncheon! Rev. Cleopas Chitapa is the EHC Regional Director in Africa, providing leadership to 25 countries. Cleopas was born and raised in a family that was deeply involved in witchcraft, until he miraculously found Jesus in 1982. We thank the Lord that Cleopas is able to come to Milwaukee to share with all of us first-hand the impact that SFJ is making across Africa. You will love his heart, and you don't want to miss this!



Celebrating World Missionary Press

We praise God for our partnership with World Missionary Press (WMP) in Indiana! These amazing partners print the Gospel literature that we share with each pair of shoes in Africa. Last week, Diane had the privilege of speaking at their 54th Annual Anniversary Dinner and Open House. It was fun to have WFRN radio on site doing live coverage of the event, as well.

We are also thrilled about our joint project going on with WMP right now! Together, we are going to send a 40-foot container to our mutual partner in Zambia, filled with Gospel literature and shoes! WMP, and other local churches and businesses, are hosting shoe drives to help fill this container—and our amazing SFJ Indiana Rep, Steve Klinger, is transporting the shoes to SFJ. What a blessing to partner together to meet the spiritual and physical needs of people in Zambia. May the Lord continue to bless WMP and our beautiful partnership!



Diane with President Harold & Marie Mack and Pastor Chitapa.

Special Thanks!

Thank you, Shepherd of the Hills in Pewaukee, for inviting SFJ to be a part of your weekend services! They are currently in

We're also excited that Tom Murray will be our emcee for this year's event. You might recognize Tom as an anchor/reporter for Today's TMJ4 until recently. He has been a great supporter of SFJ, hosting us at TMJ4-TV to share about our events on live television. Most importantly, Tom shares our love for Jesus and we are thrilled to have him as a special part of our day.



Special thanks to our event GOLD Sponsor, Lannon Stone Products, for your support of SFJ. Your support helps make this event a success, and we pray that the Lord will continue to bless your business!



We also want to thank our Silver Sponsors for their support:

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Volunteers of the Month

Meet our Volunteers of the Month, the Mumert family! You might recognize Holli, since she is our Missouri State Representative. The Mumert family has been a great blessing to SFJ. Recently, Michael and Holli worked together with Michael's parents, Steve and LaVonne Mumert, to collect shoes for

a sermon series called, "Game Day; Are You Playing or Just Watching?" They included SFJ by hosting a shoe drive this month. We are so grateful for your partnership over the last six years! We thank the Lord for SOTH Pewaukee and we're always cheering you on!



Pastor Aaron and Pastor Tom with Jen Hanson, a SFJ Board Member.

Tanzania Mission Trip

It was incredible to see God's love shown through the distribution of shoes in Mbala, Mlamleni, and Udindivu Village, as well as orphanages outside of Dar Es Salaam in Tanzania. Many of these villages were predominately Muslim, and many heard the Gospel message of Jesus for the first time. Amen! It was incredible to see people receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior. A fellow team member shares her experience below. To view pictures from this trip, click [HERE](#).



those in need. Together, they collected one-thousand pairs of shoes and they were able to raise one-dollar per pair to help ship the shoes to Africa. Great job, friends! Steve and LaVonne live in Kansas and they drove the shoes to Milwaukee. It was great to meet them in person and give them a tour of our facility.

Holli shares, "One reason that we make time for SFJ is that it has given us an avenue in which we can bless others. Life is busy and it's easy to be consumed just by the challenges and load we face within our own home and workplace. SFJ reminds us that God has called us to serve and it helps broaden our world view. We value being able to share with our daughters why we are collecting shoes, why other children need shoes, and why these shoes help bring people to Jesus. So many people are a part of this ministry. It's amazing to have people from all over the world working together towards a common goal." Thank you for all that you guys do, Mumert family!



Michael and Holli with their daughters Mady, Olivia, and Emma.

Shoe Drives - Special Thanks!

Zion Lutheran School & Church- Beth Eubank, a teacher at Zion Lutheran School, organized this shoe drive. With the help of her students and church community, three hundred pairs of shoes were collected! Beth shares, "The students and church members at Zion Lutheran really rallied around our Soles For Jesus collection. It was fun to watch our two collection boxes overflow with shoes. It was heartwarming to watch our older students work with their younger school siblings to match shoes and band them together and fill the bags. The kids understood that these shoes will help others as well as help them learn about Christ!" Way to go kiddos!

"My trip with SFJ to Tanzania was more than I could have hoped for. I truly felt the presence of the Lord in our ministry. The people we served were incredibly joyful, thankful, and welcoming and the local team that worked with us truly embodied the definition of Biblical love. I believe the Holy Spirit worked in big ways through this ministry both in the hearts of those on our team and in those we served and I am grateful to have been a part of it."

- Keller, Tanzania mission trip team member.

There are still a couple spots left on our next mission trip to Tanzania, which will take place in May of 2016. For more details about this mission to Tanzania, click [HERE](#). If you're interested in this trip, please contact Brittney Ciciora ASAP at Bciciora@SolesForJesus.org or 414-365-1392 to request an application.

Distributions in Guinea

Civil unrest has delayed distributions temporarily in Guinea. Please pray for the safety of Maxime, and his ministry team, and for guidance about where they should distribute shoes. Pray for peace 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](#).



Our EHC partners, unloading the shoes from the shipping container in Guinea.

Distributions in Burundi

Shoe distributions have been peaceful and are going well in Burundi. A local news agency covered our partners distributing



Students at Zion Lutheran School helping sort the shoes.

Grand Marais Mennonite Church- The members of Grand Marais Mennonite Church in Michigan are pretty amazing. They hosted their third shoe drive and collected nearly five hundred pairs of shoes. The important thing to note is that the population of this town is two hundred people. Amazing! They also raised one dollar per pair to help ship the shoes to Africa. A special thanks to Bill and Barb Ellefson for delivering the shoes to SFJ.



Mark and Diane with the SUV full of shoes.

Milwaukee North Seventh-Day Adventist Church- We are grateful for our friends at Milwaukee North Seventh-Day Adventist Church

shoes and sharing the Gospel with Rutegame Village. Please 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](#).



The local news station covering a shoe distribution.

Distributions in Botswana

Shoe distributions are going well in Botswana. Thousands of people have received shoes and heard the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. We praise God for the people who have decided to follow Jesus. Please pray for our partners as they continue distributions. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they travel village to village. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).

who hosted their first shoe drive. The organizer, Ivelisse, shares that they hope to make this an annual event. "This drive was an unforgettable experience. Counting every pair reminded me of how fortunate I am and how much others are in need. I am grateful to Christ that He allowed us to participate in such a wonderful way." We look forward to hosting this group for a SOS Event next month. Thank you for your support!



Ivelisse delivering the shoes to SFJ.

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 the students of Wisconsin Lutheran High School this month!



EHC leaders organizing shoes before a distribution.

Distributions in Liberia

Sydney and his team are hearing countless reports of people receiving their first pair of shoes. A 65-year old man named Taylor, shared how precious it was to receive his first pair. Our partners shared that he left with a big smile on his face, and he prayed that God will bless and prosper SFJ for reaching the people in his village. Please pray that the love of Christ will be shown to each individual who receives a pair of shoes. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



People waiting in line to receive shoes in Lofa County.

Distributions in Guinea-Bissau

November

Monday, November 2, 9-11am-FULL
Saturday, November 7, 9-11am-FULL
Thursday, November 12, 6-8pm-FULL
Thursday, November 19, 6-8pm-FULL
Friday, November 20, 10-12pm
Saturday, November 21, 9-11am-FULL
Tuesday, November 24, 12-2pm-FULL

December

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

Use Your Credit Rewards Points to Benefit SFJ!

Did you know that most major Credit Card companies allow you to use your reward points to donate to the charity of your choice? Now your everyday purchases can help reach even more people with shoes and the Gospel and it won't cost a dime. Log into your account or call your Credit

Our EHC ministry partner, Julio, shared that ninety-eight people accepted Christ at the last village they visited. Praise God! The closest market to this village, Mansaba Mansaine, is 40 miles away and the majority of these village people live on less than one dollar a day. Shoe receivers kept praising God for His faithfulness and for remembering their needs. Please pray for the seeds that were planted in this village, that they will sprout and that we will hear of great growth in their spiritual lives. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



People praying together in Mansaba Mansaine.

Meet one of our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ ministry partner, Gilford Matonga, in Malawi. Years ago, when Gilford decided to follow Christ, he no longer felt rejected, but fully accepted by God and his new



church family. Now, Gilford is sharing the Gospel message with thousands of families in Malawi and desires to see the spiritual life of his nation transform. As he leads others to Christ, he reflects on Matthew 25:31-45 as a reminder of how practical Christian living is. Part of this passage says, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me (Jesus)." Gilford recognizes that the way of Christ can be as simple as helping others in need. Let's support Gilford by praying for his

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requests:

- Good health and provision for him, his wife, and their three children
- The improvement of Malawi's economy
- Political stability in the country
- Favor from the government for Gilford and his ministry

Thank you for the Shoes Received this Month!

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Calvary Lutheran Church, WI
Cindy Lakatos, WI
Divine Consign, WI
Don & Jan Alecock, CA
Dr. Comfort, WI
Erin Blum, WI
Hanson Family, WI
Jean LaViolette, WI
Jennifer LaBud, WI
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