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Dear Friend,

I'm grateful to have just returned from incredible meetings with our ministry partner, Every Home for Christ, in Colorado Springs. EHC staff in Africa help receive and distribute our shipments of shoes, along with Gospel literature. In the past, we've shown pictures of shoe distributions where large crowds gather. But it's important to know that pioneer missionaries also travel home to home, visiting one family at a time. As they knock on doors, they share the love of Christ, pray for needs, and also share shoes when we can get them in their hands.

In Mozambique, several EHC foot missionaries responded to God's call to travel to the village of Munhacua, where people were suffering from hardships caused by a terrible drought. This grandmother and her grandchildren, who were all shoeless, were the first ones to greet them. The missionaries were able to tell them about the love and kindness of Jesus, and this grandmother and her grandchildren were also the first ones to receive the gift of salvation in their village that day! As they continued to minister home to home, God moved mightily in Munhacua Village and many responded to the love of Christ. Praise the Lord for the *living water* that was poured out on such a dry and needy land!

Thank you for your partnership in the harvest, and for your continual prayers. When I look at these faces, I have a deep longing for everyone to have a personal encounter with Jesus. Once you receive His love, you'll never be the same again!

I hope that you can join me for our annual

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



Tables and Tickets are **ALMOST SOLD OUT** for the 2016 Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction! 90% of tickets have been sold, so buy yours while you still can! The event will take place on Saturday, November 12th from 10am to 2pm at the Italian Conference Center in Milwaukee. We are thrilled to invite you to this exciting event and we hope that you'll join us! For more event and table information, click <u>HERE</u>.

luncheon on November 12th! It's not too late to secure your tickets or table, and you can use the link on the right side of this page. Thank you to our 540 guests, who have already reserved your seats. We have some special things planned again this year, and I invite you to celebrate with us!

Sincerely in Christ, Diane Studer SFJ Founder/Director



Sharing the Gospel and shoes in Munhacua, Mozambique.

Feed a Village this Christmas!

This is a unique opportunity in which you can provide a village feeding that will be served by our mission team 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 or give us a call at 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!

Buy Tickets

Auction items: We are extremely grateful for those who donate items to our silent 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 2016 tax purposes. Please contact Katherine at Klewis@SolesForJesus.org if you are able to donate. Thank you in advance for your generous support!



Auction items from Stella & Dot, The Milwaukee Repertory Theater, and Pump It Up.

Shipment to Guinea Bissau

A shipment of 8,000 pairs of shoes has left the warehouse and is on its way to Guinea Bissau! These shoes will be delivered to our ministry partner, Julio da Silva, in early November. Please pray for a safe and secure delivery of these shoes as they make their way to Africa. Pray for Julio and his team, as well as every individual who receives a pair of shoes. May God be glorified through it all as they come to know Him. View pictures of the shipment to Guinea Bissau HERE.







Village feeding with SFJ Team Tanzania.

New SFJ Apparel

Check out our new SFJ merchandise! Wearing SFJ apparel is a great way to help spread the word about our mission. Not to mention, you'll look great wearing it! These t-shirts are unisex and true to size from S-XXL. They are a very comfortable blend of cotton and polyester and come in Indigo, Turquoise, or Cardinal.

Choose your favorite color and style for only \$20 and place your order online at this <u>LINK</u>, by phone at 414-365-1392, or by visiting our office.



Our beautiful friends rocking their SFJ apparel.



Mark with the Guinea Bissau shipment.

Shipment to Kenya

The Kenya shipment is expected to arrive at the Port of Mombasa on October 3rd! Our SFJ mission team is so excited to distribute these shoes to people in the Kitui region in December. Please pray for this team as they prepare for the journey ahead. Pray also for our ministry partner, Nicholas, and his team, as well as those we will serve. Pray that we may be a blessing to them and that they come to know Christ as their Lord and Savior. View pictures of the shipment to Kenya HERE.







Port of Mombasa, Kenya.

Seychelles Shipment & Launch

Volunteers of the Month

We are excited to honor Jeff and Cindy Jans as our Volunteers of the Month! Cindy was on the original trip to Ethiopia in 2009, when Diane received the call to begin Soles For Jesus. Jeff and Cindy have supported Soles For Jesus since the very beginning, by serving as a shoe collection site at their business, American Imports in Menomonee Falls, WI. Anyone can drop shoes off, and they will deliver them to the SFJ warehouse. The Jans' have also been faithful sponsors for SFJ events, including our annual luncheon and race. We are so grateful for their partnership over the past seven years, and for being a tremendous blessing to SFJ. Thank you, Jeff and Cindy, for all of your love and support! May God continue to bless your family and business abundantly.



Jeff & Cindy Jans.

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Xcel Sports in WI — Our friends at Xcel Sports in Appleton, WI are hosting their 4th annual shoe drive during September and October. They have been doing a fabulous job of promoting their shoe drive on social media! Follow them on Facebook @xcelsports or Instagram @aacxcelsports for

We are thrilled to be involved in the EHC launch in this great nation! This event will include a celebration attended by government leaders, and a shoe distribution for those who are in need of both shoes and the Gospel. Please pray for divine favor and wisdom for the newly appointed National Director, Robert Moumou, as the Lord uses him and his team to spread the Gospel throughout the islands. Please pray that this launch and the following distributions will begin a spiritual revival in this nation, and that many will come to know Christ. We look forward to sharing stories with you soon, and you can view pictures of the Seychelles shipment HERE.



Robert, our EHC ministry partner, with the shoes.

Shoes Arrive in Burundi

Our EHC ministry partner, Evariste, has received the shipping container of shoes! These shoes, along with Gospel literature, will be distributed to poor children and families in the North Zone and Bitwe region. Please pray for Evariste and his team as they begin distributions. Pray for God's guidance every step of the way, and that He may be glorified in all they do. Pray also for the people of Burundi, that they hear and receive the Gospel message and turn their lives over to Christ. View pictures of this shipment HERE.







more updates. Thank you, Xcel Sports, for your continued support!

Shoes Collected at Xcel Sports.

Cargo Services, Inc. in IN — We are so grateful for our partnership with Cargo Services, Inc. Our IN State Rep, Steve Klinger, collects shoes from supporters in Indianapolis and the surrounding areas. Once he has a full load, Cargo Services, Inc. ships them to the SFJ warehouse here in Milwaukee! The most recent shipment included shoes from 7 different shoe drives in IN and KY. Thank you, Steve and Cargo Services, for being a great blessing!

Steve Klinger receives shoes from KY and transports them to the SFJ warehouse.

Christian Women's Leadership Circle in WI — We were so pleased to have members of the Christian Women's Leadership Circle come to the warehouse for a tour of our facility. Diane will be the guest speaker at their Butterfly Brunch this spring. It was wonderful meeting so many incredible women that are passionate about the mission of SFJ. Contact Katherine by phone at 414-365-1392 or email at KLewis@SolesForJesus.org if you would like to schedule a tour!







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.



Women and children eagerly wait to receive



Members of the Butterfly Brunch Committee.

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 Katherine at 414-365-1392 or Klewis@SolesForJesus.org to set-up a time to



come and volunteer.

Friends of SFJ serving at a SOS this month.

October

Saturday, October 1, 9-11am FULL Friday, October 7, 10:30am-12:30pm FULL Saturday, October 8, 9-11am Thursday, October 13, 9-11am FULL Monday, October 17, 9-11am FULL Friday, October 21, 9-11am FULL Saturday, October 22, 9-11am FULL shoes and hear the Gospel message.

Meet One of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home, for Christ ministry partner, Robert



Moumou. Robert serves in Seychelles, and has been married to his wife, Michelle, for 13 years. They also have a 7 year old son named Elisha. In March of 2016, Robert and his team started a new church north of Mahe. His ministry goal is to grow the church, further stabilize the ministry in Seychelles, and come up with a strategy for home to home outreach by mobilizing the churches involved in this project.

He specifically asked for prayer for these things:

- Prayer for his church ministry
- Prayer for the EHC family in Seychelles.
 Pray that church leaders embrace the vision and are willing and committed to reaching all of the homes in Seychelles.
- Pray for him and his wife as they support themselves through their own rental events, logistics and wholesale business. They need God's favor in providing a continuous flow of clients. Pray for financial provision to purchase land with a house or the ability to build a new one.
- Pray for protection and blessings over his family, as they share the Gospel and advance His kingdom further in Sevenelles.

Thank you for the Shoes Received this Month!

- Anytime Fitness Germantown, WI
- Cargo Services, Inc., IN
- Christ the King Baptist Church, WI
- Constance Church of the Brethren, KY
- Core Fitness, IN
- David & Kathryn Gravel, MA
- Dr. Comfort, WI
- Dr. Dick Eastman, CO
- Epworth United Methodist Church, IN

Sunday, October 23, 1-3pm **FULL** Wednesday, October 26, 10am-12pm **FULL**

November

Friday, November 4, 10:30am-12:30pm **FULL** Saturday, November 5, 9-11am **FULL** Tuesday, November 15, 6-8pm Friday, November 18, 9-11am **FULL** Saturday, November 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, 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 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 or 414-365-1392 to set up your volunteer group.

- First United Methodist Church, IN
- Grace Fellowship Church, IN
- Green Bay Elite, WI
- Harley Davidson, WI
- Julie Soyka, WI
- McKinley Elementary School, WI
- Michael Bryan, WI
- Neat Repeats, WI
- New Balance, IL
- New Life United Methodist Church, IN
- North Sewickley Presbyterian Church, PA
- Performance Running Outfitters, WI
- Plymouth Wesleyn Church, IN
- Progressive Baptist Church, WI
- Randall Marker, OR
- Sarah Aulenbacher, Wi
- Shepard of the Hills Hubertus, WI
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- WAC North Shore, WI
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