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Dear Friend,

In just a few a few days, our Tanzania mission team will be on our way to Africa! Would you please pray for us? I want to show you two pictures (below) that will give you an idea of how to pray. When our team arrives in each village, we are welcomed by a crowd just like this. And we have the incredible privilege of sharing the life-changing message of the Gospel with them. You can see how attentive they are, as the village pastor interprets our message of God's deep love for them. We also tell them why we are going to wash their feet; because Jesus did this for His best friends, to show them love before He went to the cross. Then we begin to wash and measure feet, while giving shoes and Gospel books to each person. We finish the day with a celebration and feast of food that we provide for each village.

I praise the Lord for the incredible team that He's assembled, and I can't wait to see what He has in store! What a privilege it is to partner with the Lord, and to be His hands and feet in each of these villages. Please pray for a mighty harvest of souls, and we look forward to sharing updates with you on social media.

God bless you for being a part of what the Lord is doing. As you read this newsletter, you'll see how much He is doing in both the U.S. (in the left column), as well as in Africa (in the right column). To God be the glory!

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Request for Supplies

We are in the process of collecting items for our shipment to Kenya, and we are in need of the following items:



- bath towels
- bars of soap
- washcloths
- 3 large tarps

Please drop off items at our office before Tuesday, May 3rd, if you'd like to donate. Thank you for helping make our shoe distributions in Africa a success!

Shipment to Burkina Faso

We are thrilled to share that 8,000 pairs of shoes are on their way to Burkina Faso! We

In Christ alone,
Diane Studer
SFJ Founder/Director



SFJ Team Tanzania 2016.

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2016
RACE - FOR - SOLES
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EVERY \$1 RAISED SENDS A SHOE TO AFRICA!

// SATURDAY, JUNE 25
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// WTC in Pewaukee

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Invite your family and friends to join us for a 5k or 2 mile run or walk on **Saturday, June 25th**. The event will start and end at

have been praying for open doors to this country and we praise God for breakthrough! Please join us in praying for this shipment, for a safe journey to Burkina Faso, and for every individual who will soon receive shoes and hear about Jesus. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



The Tanzania Mission Team praying together over the shipment to Burkina Faso.

Shipment to Zambia

This 40-foot container is sailing towards Africa and is filled with Gospel literature and 8,000 pairs of shoes! We're thankful for our partners, World Missionary Press, who helped make this shipment possible. What a blessing to partner together to meet the spiritual and physical needs of people in Zambia. Please continue to pray for this shipment to reach the hands of our partners. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).

the beautiful campus of Waukesha County Technical College and we'll enjoy a scenic route through the streets of Pewaukee. The morning will also include medals, prizes, refreshments, exciting games, and the opportunity to meet players from the Milwaukee Wave soccer team!

Sponsorship Opportunity- Do you know of an individual, business, or organization that would like to help sponsor the Race For Soles? There are several options to choose from, and it's a great opportunity to promote your business. To find out more about event sponsorship, contact Mark at 414-365-1392 or mellefson@SolesForJesus.org. Thank you for your support of Soles For Jesus!

Are you following Soles For Jesus on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)? Connect with us and join the conversation about the Race For Soles 2016: **#RFS2016**



Watch our short RFS video!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Oak Creek Assembly of God- Diane had the opportunity to share at the Revive Women's Conference at Oak Creek Assembly of God last weekend. The theme this year was, "She Believes." It was a great time of worship, fellowship and teaching. Thank you OCAOG for your support!



Richard and Harold sharing about Jesus in Zambia.

Distributions in Guinea-Bissau

In Julio's recent report, he shares a word of thanks from the village of Bá, "I was hanging out with my friends when we heard our names called. A friend informed us that shoes were being distributed! We rushed to the site and by the grace of God, I had a chance to receive a pair. This was a huge blessing because I can't afford to buy them on my own." Praise the Lord that many are responding to Jesus and the Gospel during each shoe distribution in Guinea-Bissau. View pictures of this distribution [HERE](#).



Crowds gathering to hear about Jesus and receive shoes.



Diane sharing at Oak Creek AOG.

Pensacola Christian College- Pensacola Christian College hosted a one-day shoe drive this month and it was a great success! They collected over 425 pairs of shoes and had a fun time doing it. Anna Grace is a freshman class sponsor on campus and helped organize the event. She shares, "Hosting a shoe drive proved to our campus that you don't have to be on a mission trip to make a difference. It was overwhelming to see teachers, students, and staff come out to help with set-up, donations, and sorting. We were floored by the response on campus, and we're so excited to see people go the extra distance to meet someone else's need." Thank you for all the support in Florida!



PCC students with the shoes they collected!

Good Shepherd Catholic Church- Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Menomonee Falls

Distributions in South Sudan

18,000 pairs of shoes have arrived in South Sudan and soon distributions will begin! This is the first 40-foot container of shoes that SFJ has shipped to Africa. Thousands of refugees will receive these special gifts. Please pray for the hearts who will receive shoes and hear about God's love in the coming months. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



Transporting shoes and the Gospel in South Sudan.

Distributions in Swaziland

Shoe distributions are going well in Swaziland. Many are hearing and responding to Jesus for the first time and receiving their first pair of shoes. We praise God for new opportunities to share the Good News with people in this nation. Please join us in prayer for Joseph and his ministry team, for wisdom and guidance as they continue distributing shoes. View pictures of this distribution [HERE](#).

hosted a shoe drive throughout the season of Lent. They collected more than one-thousand pairs of shoes and donated funds to help send them to Africa! Fantastic! We would like to thank every hand that had a part in this shoe drive, including the group below who helped deliver the shoes to SFJ. Thank you!



We enjoyed meeting this group from Good Shepherd Catholic Church when they delivered 1,000 pairs!

Shepherds College- Our friends at Shepherds College did an awesome job with their shoe drive! After their shoe drive was over, they delivered them to SFJ and stayed to help pack shoes for Africa. An instructor at Shepherds College, Elyse Cyr, shares, "We love partnering with Soles for Jesus! Hosting a shoe drive and serving at a SOS Event is an incredible way to be a part of the global work of God to reach people from every tribe, nation, and tongue. It's also a valuable opportunity for our students with intellectual and developmental disabilities to experience firsthand how God has created them to serve."



Joseph washing the feet of a young boy.

Distributions in Mozambique

Our partner in Mozambique, Godfrey, shares words from a local pastor who attended a recent shoe distribution. Pastor Fernando said, "I would like to thank God for remembering our needs in this special way. No one here has ever dreamed of receiving free shoes, not in Lamego. These shoes are a special gift because the majority of our village does not have shoes." We pray for the Good News to travel fast in this nation and that many will turn to Him for their needs. View pictures of this distribution [HERE](#).



Measuring feet for a perfect fit.



Shepherds College volunteering in the SFJ warehouse.

Wisconsin Lutheran College- We are thankful for our partnership with Wisconsin Lutheran College! They chose SFJ as their charity to support at their annual race, Gary's Gallop, where they collected shoes. It was a great event, and we enjoyed sharing the mission of SFJ with participants. Thank you WLC for your ongoing support!



Brittney Ciciora representing SFJ at Gary's Gallop.

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

Meet one of our Partners

Dr. Chitapa is the EHC Director in Zimbabwe and he also oversees East & Southern Africa. If you came to our luncheon in 2015 you'll recognize him! Dr. Chitapa



states that he is motivated to share the message of Jesus each day because he believes in the power of the Gospel to transform lives. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." Romans 1:16

Dr. Chitapa also says that Zimbabwe is a land of much greater peace than the media displays, and he has a great desire to increase their ministry outreach in villages that are hard to reach. Let's pray for Cleopas, Sarita and their children, and agree together for these needs:

- Good health, kids' schooling, their son with special needs, divine favor & protection for all, unity in marriage and traveling mercies.
- Increase in ministry coverage, as they want to reach more homes with the Gospel.
- God's direction and provision in churches and ministries led by Cleopas & Sarita.

Brittney at Bciora@SolesForJesus.org or 414-365-1392.



We enjoyed the students who served from Heritage Christian School this month!

May

Saturday, May 14, 9-11am- FULL
Wednesday, May 18, 9-11am- FULL
Thursday, May 19, 6-8pm
Saturday, May 21, 9-11am- FULL
Tuesday, May 24, 6-8pm- FULL
Thursday, May 26, 9-11am- FULL

June

Saturday, June 4, 9-11am
Saturday, June 11, 9-11am
Thursday, June 16, 6-8pm
Saturday, June 18, 9-11am
Monday, June 20, 10am-12pm
Wednesday, June 29, 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,

Volunteer of the Month

We are thrilled to honor **Monika Weiss** as our Volunteer of the Month! Monika first heard about Soles For Jesus through her neighbor, Jen Hanson, who's a SFJ board member. After hearing about the ministry, Monika signed up to volunteer at a SOS Event and she didn't stop there. Monika shares, "As the Lenten season approached, I felt called to give more of my time and since the warehouse is near my children's school, it seemed almost obvious that I was needed there." Monika is a great blessing to SFJ, lending a helping hand wherever it's needed, and she always volunteers with a cheerful attitude. "My favorite part of volunteering at SFJ is knowing what a difference I'm making in someone's life and how simple it is to get involved." Monika, thank you for all that you do. May God bless you today and always!



Thank you for the Shoes Received this Month!

Allo! Chocolat, WI
Anytime Fitness Germantown, WI
Becky Thomas, WI
Brad Kollath, WI
Brookfield Christian School, WI
Calvary Lutheran, WI
Cargo Services, Inc., IN
Colour Tube, WI
Divine Consign, WI
Divine Redeemer Daycare, WI
Donges Bay Elementary, WI
Dr. Comfort, WI
Good Shepherd Church, WI
Jason Krajenka, WI
Jen Hanson & friends, WI
Kamryn Krieger, OH
Karlheinz Jaehrling, FL
Larry Sohn, WI
Maple Grove Elementary, WI

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 414-365-1392 to set up your volunteer group.



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Tracie Horton, WI
Victory International Fellowship, WI
WAC- North Shore, WI
WAC- Wauwatosa, WI
Wisconsin Lutheran College, WI

Chick-fil-A Night

Take a night off from cooking and join the SFJ Team for dinner at Chick-fil-A in Brookfield on **Thursday, May 26th**. 20% of the sales from purchases from 5 to 8pm will be donated back to SFJ. You can dine-in with us or you can take advantage of the drive-thru, just mention SFJ with your purchase. We look forward to seeing you there!

