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Dear Mark,

We just sent our 10th shipment to Africa this year! To God be the glory for helping us to accomplish this goal! During 2016 alone, 96,000 pairs of shoes have been sent to Africa. This tremendous growth is possible because of your support, combined with the Lord's favor and blessing. Nearly 300,000 pairs of shoes have been sent to Africa since 2010, and one-third of these shoes were just sent this year. I thank the Lord for each person who has helped make this possible!

As you read this newsletter, our SFJ mission team is serving in Kenya. We flew into Nairobi and drove four hours outside of the city to minister in remote villages. Would you please pray for our team of 14? We desire nothing more than for His love to be poured out through each one of us. We will share about Jesus with our words and actions, as we wash feet and share shoes. My family is coming to Africa for the first time, and I'm thrilled to have them on Team Kenya!

I pray that the Lord will bless you abundantly throughout the New Year. I am excited for all that He has planned, and I am deeply humbled to be able to serve Him in this way. If you haven't visited us at SFJ yet, I encourage you to do that in 2017. I'd be happy to show you around and to give you a closer look at what He's called us to do. If your journey involves a road or air trip, we'd love to have you join us for our annual luncheon on November 11th.

Happy New Year from Kenya!

Sincerely in Christ,
Diane Studer
SFJ Founder/Director

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Save the Date!

Mark your calendar and invite your friends and family to our fourth annual Race For Soles on **June 24, 2016!** We look forward to sharing more details with you soon.



The starting line at the 2016 Race For Soles.

Support SFJ with the Milwaukee Wave

We're excited to be partnering with the Milwaukee Wave again this year. You can help support both of us by attending games this season. Use the promo code "COACH" when buying your tickets,



What a warm welcome by such beautiful people!

Year-End Giving: Only 2 Days Left to Give!



During this season of giving, would you prayerfully consider a year-end gift? Every donation 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 learn more about an exciting giving opportunity, you can use this link to read a copy of our recent [LETTER](#).

Donate Online Now

Many employers also have programs designed to match their employees' charitable giving, and this can be a great way to multiply the impact of your donation! If you have any questions, Kris would be happy to help you at kjansen@SolesForJesus.org or 414-365-1392.

To ensure 2016 eligibility for your donation, please remember:

- Donations made by Credit or Debit Card must be completed before midnight on Dec 31st.
- Mailed checks must be dated and postmarked on or before Dec 31st. You can also drop off your donation at our office on weekdays

and you'll save \$5 per ticket— plus Coach Giuliano Oliviero will donate \$2 per ticket to SFJ! We are grateful for our partnership and we wish them a successful season. We look forward to seeing you at a Milwaukee Wave game soon. Purchase tickets [HERE](#).



Shipment to Swaziland

We are excited to share that the shipment of 8,000 pairs of shoes has been received in Swaziland! These shoes will be distributed by our EHC ministry partner, Joseph, and his team in the New Year. Please pray for the hearts of those receiving shoes and that they will be open to receive the love of Jesus.



Joseph Gule (right) and his team unloading the shipment of shoes.

Shipment to Guinea Bissau

A shipment of 8,000 pairs of shoes has arrived in Guinea Bissau! Our partner Julio and his team will soon begin to bring these shoes and the love of Christ to villages. Please pray for a great harvest of souls, and that many will come to know Jesus

between 8am - 5pm.

Volunteer of the Month

We are thrilled to honor Melissa Smith as our Volunteer of the Month for December. Melissa has been collecting shoes for SFJ for several years now. She's extremely committed and creative in how she finds shoes! Melissa visits area rummage sales and resale shops, and she tells them about the SFJ mission. After people hear Melissa share about the need for shoes in Africa, they donate several more pairs! But that's not all that Melissa does. Before she delivers her shoes to our warehouse, she cleans them, writes the size on the bottom of each pair and places a rubber band around them. When we receive Melissa's shoes, they are ready to be sent to Africa! Thank you for being such a great blessing to hundreds of people in Africa, Melissa. We pray God's blessings over you, as you continue to serve in His name.



Melissa Smith and her mom, Kathy Smith

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

as Lord. View pictures of the shipment to Guinea Bissau [HERE](#).



Boxes of shoes being unloaded in Guinea Bissau.

Shipment to Lesotho

A shipment of 8,000 pairs of shoes left the warehouse for Lesotho last month. The ship carrying these shoes is currently sailing through the north coast of Brazil.

These shoes will go to remote, mountainous areas that have not yet heard of God's love. In these particular regions, there is an incredible physical and spiritual need among many who are suffering with HIV/AIDS. Our ministry partner, Josias, is prayerfully preparing to serve thousands of people in these remote areas by giving shoes and communicating the message of life and hope through Jesus.

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

Gina Silgen & Cub Scout Pack 3803 in WI—
Thank you to Gina Silgen and Cedarburg Cub Scout Pack 3803, for collecting 71 pairs of shoes!



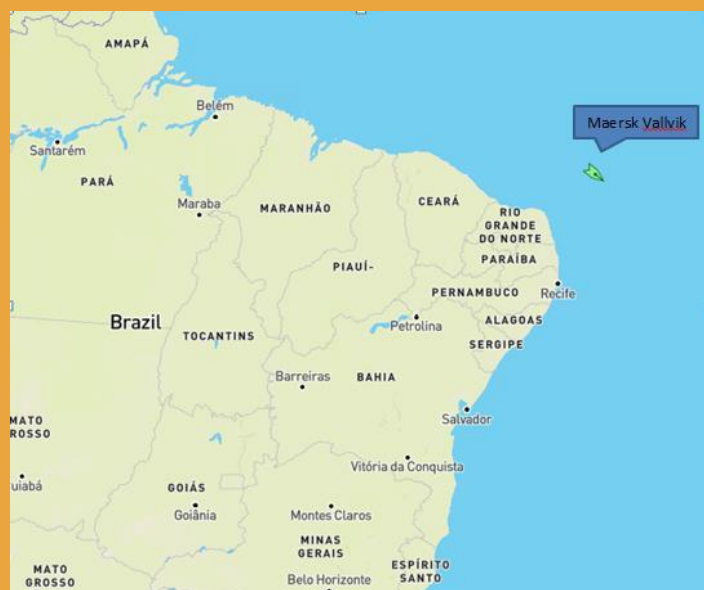
Gina Silgen, dropping off the shoes that Cub Scout Pack 3803 collected

Greater Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in IL — Thank you to Greater Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago IL, for hosting a shoe drive, collecting 118 pairs of shoes and making a donation! And special thanks to Lora and Robert Myers for driving the shoes up to Wisconsin!



Lora and Robert Myers

Kappa Psi Zeta Theta in WI - Thank you to Kappa Psi Zeta Theta Pharmaceutical Fraternity at Concordia University of WI School of Pharmacy for doing a shoe drive! Thank You for your time and donation. So many lives will be touched because of your giving!



A shipment on its way to Lesotho.

Shipment to Uganda

We are thrilled to be sending a shipment of shoes to Uganda for the first time! This shipment is being sent in partnership with the campuses of Grace Church in the Dayton, Ohio region. Grace Church has been working with Jaguza Ministries in Uganda for many years to meet the needs of the vulnerable and to share the Gospel throughout the country. We thank the Lord for connecting us and we are excited to see what He will do through these shoes and partnership!



Our first shipment to Uganda is on its way!



Members of Pappa Psi Zeta Theta

AJ Ellis in WI - We are huge fans of AJ Ellis! He stopped by again to donate lots of New Balance shoes for Africa! Thank you for your ongoing support, and we can't wait to cheer you on next season with the Miami Marlins!



AJ Ellis and Diane Studer

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 Yenh@SolesForJesus.org to set-up a time to come and volunteer.

Meet One of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ (EHC) ministry partner in Guinea-Bissau, Julio da Silva. He is faithfully serving the Lord as a leader and evangelist in his native country. Here is a part of Julio's story, "I come from an animist background where my family practiced idolatry. Our neighbors were Christians and they invited me to church. When I was ten years old, I accepted Jesus, but because of persecution from my parents, I had to quit going to church. When I was 19, God showed me a vision of the end of the world, and not long after that, I totally dedicated my life in service to the Lord. The Lord led me and my family to Togo for Biblical studies, and afterwards we returned to Guinea-Bissau to serve the Lord in our native country." Julio asks us to pray for the following:



- His wife, Maria, and their four children.
- For his health. He has pain in his right ear.
- For an increase in financial support for church plants.
- For more volunteers to help with outreach.

Amazon Smile Program!

You can support Soles For Jesus while you shop year-round! 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 support. Thank you! To learn more, click here: [Amazon Smile FAQs](#)

Shop at AmazonSmile
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January

Saturday, January 7th, 9-11am
 Thursday, January 12th, 6-8pm **FULL**
 Saturday, January 14th, 9-11am
 Tuesday, January 17th, 6-8pm **FULL**
 Saturday, January 21st, 9-11am
 Thursday, January 26th, 6-8pm **FULL**
 Saturday, January 28th, 9-11am

February

Saturday, February 4th, 9-11am
 Saturday, February 11th, 9-11am
 Saturday, February 18th, 9-11am **FULL**
 Thursday, February 23rd, 6-8pm
 Tuesday, February 28th, 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,

Thank you for the Shoes Received this Month!

- Amelia Charge United Methodist Women, VA
- Brookfield Christian School, WI
- Calvary Lutheran, WI
- Cedarburg Cub Scout Pack #3803, WI
- Charlottesville United Methodist Church, IN
- Crossway Church, WI
- Divine Consign, WI
- Euleta Persall, OK
- First United Methodist Church, WI
- Greater Bethlehem MB Church, IL
- Gretebeck Family, WI
- Heidi Kohler and family, WI
- Lake Country Lutheran High School, WI
- Lakeside Fitness, WI
- Melissa Smith, WI
- Memorial Park Pre-School & Church, PA
- Neat Repeats, WI
- New Balance, IL
- Our Lady of Lourdes Parish School, FL
- Point One Recruiting, WI
- Princeton Club, WI
- Ridge Church, WI
- Scotty Family, WI
- Shelly Jackson, WI
- Shepherd of the Hills, WI
- Shorehaven, WI
- Simon family & friends, PA
- St. John's Lutheran Church, WI
- The Colour Tube, WI
- Starbucks 124/Capitol Drive, WI
- Victory International Fellowship, WI
- WAC-Northshore, WI
- WAC-Wauwatosa, WI
- Wynne Loehrke, WI
- Cindy Stone, WI

Be a SFJ State Representative!

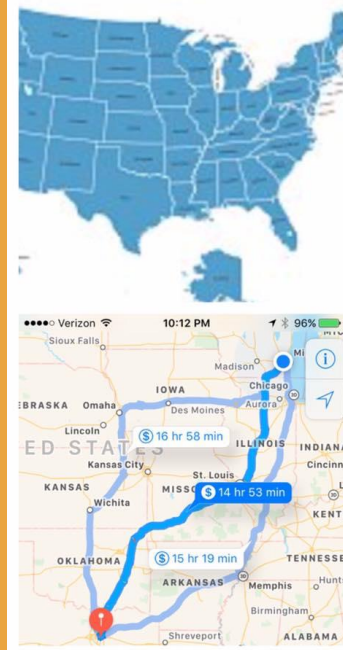
We are extremely grateful for all of our State Representatives! If you're interested in being a voice for SFJ in your state, please let us know at Info@SolesForJesus.org. We'd love to hear from you!

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.

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