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Dear Friend,

I am thrilled to share an exciting opportunity with you! We are preparing our first shipments to Togo and Sierra Leone— and a generous donor has offered to **match all gifts up to \$10,000!** This allows you to double your impact if you give before June 9th. To read more about how you can help us raise \$24,000 to expand God's kingdom in these nations, click <u>HERE</u>.

I am excited about the doors that are opening before us to help bring His love to unreached places. We are experiencing a bountiful harvest, and I just received this testimony from a pastor in Tanzania. "I am writing to report about the amazing fruit we have seen, since Soles For Jesus blessed us. There were very few believers in our village before the shoe distribution, and almost every person received Jesus on this day because His love was so powerful and present! Since then, I've been faithfully meeting with the new believers and I've been using the EHC training program to disciple them. We are experiencing the days of the early church including healings, miracles and being set free from darkness! Praise the Lord for

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Shipment to Ghana

We are excited about our first shipment to Ghana! May God bless each person receiving the gift of shoes and may their hearts be open to His perfect love! Please pray for each life that will be touched by receiving these shoes and the love of God. You can view pictures of the shipment to Ghana HERE.



Diane with the shipment to Ghana.

Shipment to Uganda

the powerful ministry of SFJ!"

To God be the glory for all that He is doing to draw and disciple new believers. I am grateful for you and our SFJ family, and I pray that you have a blessed and wonderful start to your summer. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, June 24th, and register to join us at the annual Race For Soles event. (See more info below to walk or run a 2 mile or 5k course.)

In Christ alone,
Diane Studer
Founder/Executive Director



Click HERE to have your gift matched!

Time is Running Out!





We are thrilled to share that our first shipment to Uganda has arrived! Please pray for our ministry partner, Allan, and his team as they are preparing to minister in villages during the coming weeks.

To view more pictures of the Uganda shipment, click HERE.



Unloading the shipment of shoes in Uganda.

Shipment to Liberia

The team in Liberia is making progress in finalizing plans for the upcoming shoe distributions. As we reported last month, Benjamin Holder, the National Director of Liberia, passed away just as the shoes were arriving. The ministry team has understandably needed time to mourn his passing and reorganize in light of this sudden and tragic development. Please continue to pray for the Holder family and the ministry team. We look forward to sharing the upcoming stories about all that God is doing in this wonderful nation.

You can view more pictures of the shipment to Liberia **HERE**.

Registration is still open! Choose to walk or run a 2 mile or 5k course, and invite your family and friends to join us on Saturday, June 24th! The event will start and end at 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 a special appearance by the Milwaukee Brewers Famous Racing SausagesTM! This event is for families and individuals of all ages.

Register now- before prices increase on June 6th! There's still time to receive a **free** "Race For Soles" t-shirt! Register online or call us at <u>414-365-1392</u>. All proceeds from this event will advance our mission of sharing shoes and the love of Jesus in Africa.

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, by Friday, June 9th. 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 2017: #RFS2017



Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

John & Laurie Neff in MN - Laurie Neff (from Team Kenya) and her husband, John, drove from Minnesota to deliver their shoes! Laurie continues to be a tremendous blessing to SFJ and she has also engaged her home church and community in collecting shoes and funds! Thank you, Laurie and John. Your love for Jesus is contagious and we



A group of people praying in a rural Liberian village.

Shipment to Malawi

The shipment to Malawi will be arriving in the Port of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, any day now. Please continue to pray that the customs clearing process will go smoothly. Once that process is complete, the shoes will travel over 1,000 miles across rough African roads to reach their final destination. Our partners in Malawi are already preparing to distribute the shoes. We are excited to share more news with you soon.

View pictures of the shipment to Malawi HERE.



Thank you from Lesotho

The Lord continues to do miraculous work in people's lives throughout the nation of Lesotho. Our partner Josias Mohanoe, sent us this report from a family that was deeply touched by the Gospel and the gift of shoes.

are inspired by your compassion for others!



John & Laurie Neff with their shoe delivery.

Harley Davidson in WI - Thank you, Harley Davidson in Menomonee Falls, for doing a shoe drive on Earth Day to help improve lives in Africa and to keep shoes out of landfills in the USA!



Harley Davidson in Menomonee Falls, WI.

First United Methodist Church in WI - We are so grateful for the ongoing partnership and support of First United Methodist Church of Green Bay! We also want to express our sincere appreciation for Jen and Pat Heil's family for organizing and delivering these shoes each year. We could not fulfill the mission of sending shoes and God's love without friends like these! God bless you all.

Matsepo Sethuntsa writes, "I thank God and Soles For Jesus for the shoes given to my whole family and the word of God shared with us through gospel tracts. We are a poor family, and we have not been able to buy shoes for ourselves. Today you have made a big change in our lives. Now we are no longer a poor family because we received Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Our God is everything. Thank you for everything."

Volunteers of the Month!

We are thrilled to honor Bill and Carol Becwar as our May Volunteers of the Month! Carol first heard about SFJ through her Bible study group, and her first two SOS's were with that group. Bill recently retired, and they are excited that they are able to volunteer together now. Bill and Carol feel blessed to be able to help people so far away with such a basic need.

When asked about advice they'd give for people considering volunteering at a SOS, Carol said, "This is an easy and a fun way to volunteer. We smile when we think of the people who will be wearing the shoes we're sorting, marking, and banding for shipment."

Thank you, Bill and Carol, for being such great supporters of the SFJ mission! We pray God's abundant blessings over you!



Bill and Carol with their granddaughter,



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Kids from First United Methodist Church with some of the shoes they've collected.

MyYoMy in WI - We are thankful for Dorothy, who collects shoes at MyYoMy Frozen Yogurt in Fox Point. We enjoyed hearing her share stories about customers and the shoes they donate. The girl who donated the pair in her hands was beaming with joy when she heard that her shoes will be given to another girl in Africa. Dorothy shared that it brings them all great joy to be able to give back and we thank you all for your support!





Dorothy; manager at MyYoMy.

We Appreciate or Mailing Volunteers!

We are so thankful for this fabulous crew of volunteers who are willing to help in our office when they are needed. If you would like to be a part of this great team, please contact Yenh at Yenh@SolesForJesus.org, or call the office at 414.365.1392.



Volunteers at the SF1 office.

It's Rummage Sale Season!

We're entering the season of rummage sales and it's a perfect opportunity to support SFJ! Rummage sales are a great place to find inexpensive shoes to donate. Will you be hosting your own rummage sale? If so, we would love to accept any shoes that are leftover after your sale. Happy rummaging!



Meet One of Our Partners

Arrowhead School in WI - We are grateful for student leaders like these from Arrowhead High School. They organized a shoe drive at their school, and their Key Club also came to volunteer in our warehouse. Thank you for helping us make a difference in Africa!



Student leaders from Arrowhead High School.

Jenn Wolfsohn in NE - We want to express a heartfelt thanks to Jenn Wolfsohn and her family for coordinating a shoe drive at their church, boy scout troop and throughout their community. Jenn also drove the shoes they collected all the way from Omaha to our Milwaukee warehouse. We greatly enjoyed meeting her and showing her around SFJ. Your commitment and support is deeply appreciated, Jenn!





Jenn Wolfsohn delivering shoes from Nebraska.

Volunteer Opportunities

Meet our Every Home for Christ ministry partner in Namibia, Douglas Mudimba. This year, he and his ministry team have plans to share the Good News of



Jesus with 15,000 homes every month. Their target population is 200,000 people. Douglas shares, "By the end of this year, we hope that at least 5% of the people that we reached will say "yes" to a relationship with Jesus. This would represent 10,000 souls! With God, we believe this is possible."

Douglas and his wife, Vongai, are blessed with four children: Advent, Praise, Rejoice, and Timothy.

Please join us in prayer for his family and for the following prayer requests:

- Strength and wisdom for Douglas to lead his ministry team.
- Open hearts to the Gospel in Namibia.
- An increase in ministry coverage and leaders.

Thank you for the Shoes Received this Month!

- Angela Harris, WI
- Anytime Fitness, WI
- Arrowhead High School Key Club, WI
- Bargain Center North, WI
- Beautiful Savior Lutheran in Mequon, WI
- Brookfield Christian School, WI
- Crossroads Presbyterian Church, WI
- Denise Terrell, WI
- Donges Bay Flementary WI
- Fuleta Persall, OK
- First Immanuel Lutheran, WI
- First Presbyterian Church, MN
- FISH Homeschool Group, WI
- Grace Lutheran Church in Grafton, WI
- Greater Perspective, WI
- Harley Davidson, WI
- Hamilton High School, WI
- · Jen Hanson and friends, WI
- Joanne Colombo, WI
- Joyce and Cordell Gholson, WI

SOS Events (Sort & Organize Shoes) Join us as we gather at our 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 sign-up for a time to come and volunteer.









Shepherds College students at a recent SOS event.

June

Saturday, June 3rd, 9:00-11:00am
Wednesday, June 7th, 12:00-2:00pm
Thursday, June 8th, 6:00-8:00pm
Saturday, June 10th, 9:00-11:00am FULL
Monday, June 12th, 1:00-3:00pm
Wednesday, June 14th, 1:00-3:00pm FULL
Wednesday, June 28th, 9:00-11:00am FULL

July

Wednesday, July 12th, 9:30-11:30am Saturday, July 15th, 9:00-11:00am Monday, July 17th, 1:00-3:00pm **FULL** Saturday, July 22nd, 9:00-11:00am Monday, July 24th, 1:00-3:00pm Saturday, July 29th, 9:00-11:00am

*You can choose your own date to serve! To learn more about this, read below.

"Business Hours" SOS: Volunteers are welcome

- Karen Siegel, WI
- Kristal Melbye, WI
- Lisa Nemeth, MN
- Lorenz Family, W
- Luther Manor, WI
- Lynn Mahony WI
- Lylli Mallolly, Wi
- Mike Zollicoffer Jr., WI
- MyYoMy, WI
- Neat Repeats, WI
- Oakwood Church, WI
- Oconomowoc Rotary Club, WI
- Poplar Creek, WI
- Princeton Club, WI
- Ray Allman, WI
- Ridge Community Church, WI
- Samantha McCollum, WI
- Spring Creek Church, WI
- St. John's Lutheran, WI
- St. Joseph Parish, PA
- Stoneybrook Church, NE
- Teen Challenge, WI
- Victory International Fellowship, WI
- Village Center for Holistice Therapy, PA
- Vivian Sherman, WI
- Willow Springs Learning Center, WI
- Wisconsin Athletic Club-North Shore,
 WI
- Wisconsin Athletic Club-Wauwatosa, WI
- Wolfsohn Family, NE

Join our Prayer Team!

If you would like to be a part of our prayer team, email us at info@SolesForJesus.org. We will send you our prayer newsletter, so you can join us in united prayer from the comfort of your home!

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24

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 Yenh at Yenh@SolesForJesus.org or 414-365-1392 to set up your volunteer group.



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