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Dear Friend,

I sincerely thank you for your support and prayers, which are helping people find hope and new life in Christ! Jesus is the only answer for a hurting world, and this is why we share His love with footwashing and the gift of shoes throughout Africa. I just received several testimonies and I want to share this one with you from Lesotho.

"I am a fourteen year old girl who watched both of my parents pass away. I was without hope when I was given an opportunity to attend school. The problem was that I did not have shoes, and I cannot attend school without shoes. My place was almost given to another student when two field missionaries came to my village. They visited my home and shared about the love of Jesus, and led me in a prayer to accept Him as my heavenly Father. I was so happy and I was no longer an orphan! What happened next is something that only God could do. After we were done praying, I was given a new pair of SHOES! God rescued me and saw my need, and I will serve Him all the days of my life. Please pray for me as I have a passion



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Shipment to Botswana with World Missionary Press

We are thrilled to partner with World Missionary Press in a joint shipment to

for the students in my school to know Him too." Thoriso in Lesotho.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and may God bless you abundantly!

In Christ alone,
Diane Studer
Founder/Executive Director

Race For Soles

The Race For Soles 2017 was a great success! Thank you to all who came out to Waukesha County Technical College to make this an incredible event. We are extremely grateful for such a beautiful morning where friends and families enjoyed a 5k or 2 mile course, refreshments, games, prizes, great fellowship, and some crazy, fun Milwaukee Brewers Racing Sausages.

We want to thank all of our event sponsors for their support! Gold Sponsors: American Imports, CTaccess, Bryant Products. Silver Sponsors: Novaks, Reinecke/Remax, Zachariah's Acres. Bronze Sponsors: Lakeside Fit Body Boot Camp, Kowal Investment, Chick-fil-A, and Will's RV.

We also could not have done this without the help and support of our amazing volunteers and our event committee. Thank you for all of your hard work that made our #RFS2017 such a great success. We praise the Lord for all that was accomplished as a result of this event, and we hope to see you next year!

Botswana that just left our warehouse! This shipment includes 6,000 pairs of shoes and over one million Gospel booklets. By teaming up, we are able to meet both a physical need and a spiritual need in the life of each person who receives these gifts. An article about our joint effort was recently featured in Mission Network News, and you can click [HERE](#) to read more!



Mark and Diane with the Botswana shipment of shoes and World Missionary Press literature.

Shipment to Ghana

Our first shipment of shoes has been safely received in Ghana, West Africa. Our partner, Sydney, is already preparing to take these shoes across this nation of 27 million people to those who are in greatest need. Please keep his team and the nation of Ghana in your prayers. The roads are very rough and travel is long and difficult. We are asking God for a great breakthrough and for many to find Him as Savior.

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



View our RFS Facebook Photo Album [HERE!](#) *Special thanks to fabulous photographers, Roberta Pratt & Mark Weber!

Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction: November 11th, 2017!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR to get your table or seats on:
August 18th at 9am!**

The 2017 Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction will take place on Saturday, November 11th from 10:30am to 2pm at the Italian Conference Center in Milwaukee. This is going to be a fabulous event with special key-note speaker Dr. Dick Eastman (EHC, Intl President) and you don't want to miss it! Tables and seats are limited, so be sure to act fast and get yours right away. You can make your purchase at www.SolesForJesus.org or by phone at (414)365-1392. We hope to see you there!

Event Sponsorships: Sponsorships are available for this year's event. As a Sponsor, your name or business will be recognized through printed material, social media, company signage and verbally honored at our event. You'll also receive one stage-side table, with seating for ten guests. If you're interested, please contact Diane Studer for more information at Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org.

Auction items: We are extremely grateful for



Our first shipment of shoes arrived in Ghana!

Shipment to Liberia

The ministry team in Liberia is doing well and they are grateful for all of your prayers. After our partner Pastor Benjamin passed away unexpectedly, the team took time to mourn and regroup. They are now ready to carry on the work of sharing the Gospel and distributing shoes. Please pray that many people will receive salvation in Jesus through their efforts over the next few months.

You can view more pictures of the shipment to Liberia [HERE](#).



Many are eager to hear the message of God's love.

Shipment to Malawi

We are excited to share that our first shipment of shoes to Malawi arrived last week!! Our

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 tax purposes. Please contact Kris Monteen at kjansen@SolesForJesus.org if you are able to donate. Thank you in advance for your generous support!



Diane speaking at last year's luncheon.

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Sussex Hamilton High School in WI -

Thank you, Sussex Hamilton High School, for all of the shoes that you donated for Africa! And thank you for delivering them to our warehouse, girls.



Sussex Hamilton students with their shoe delivery.

partner, Pastor Blessings, is busy working with his team to prepare for distributions in rural areas throughout central Malawi. Please pray for people's hearts to be open to God's voice, as they hear the Gospel and receive shoes.

View pictures of the shipment to Malawi [HERE](#).



8,000 pairs of shoes being offloaded in Lilongwe, Malawi!

Testimonies From Lesotho

We just received several wonderful testimonies from our ministry partner in Lesotho, Josias, and we'd like to share some of them with you!

"What joy I have now since I received Jesus in my heart! An EHC volunteer shared the word of God with me. Then I realized that I was not worthy to be called a child of God because of my sins and I surrendered my life to Jesus. He asked us to tell him our prayer requests and we listed them. Immediately he prayed and one of my prayer requests was answered! He blessed my family with new pairs of shoes. Praise God for that." - Celina

"Soles For Jesus showed us that not only Islam provides people with material blessings. They came to our village with so much love and even gave me new shoes for free! Christians give with genuine love and they offer the best gift of all- salvation in Jesus. Many in our village gave our lives to the true God. Thank you to everyone who helped Soles For Jesus reach my village!" - Pulane

"I don't have job, I have six children, and sometimes we sleep without food, clothes and shoes. We were naked, but this winter is going to be different, as my six children and I have received shoes! Thank you EHC and SFJ!" - Rethabile

Roberta Pratt in WI - Special thanks to Roberta for making this happen! She found out about several hundred pairs of new shoes that were available for donation, and she filled every corner of her car and delivered them to SFJ! Roberta traveled to Tanzania with us, so she experienced first-hand how much these shoes change lives. Thank you for your big heart and for being such a blessing!



Roberta in Tanzania and the shoes that she delivered.

FISH home school group in WI - Thank you to the Scharrer family and FISH Home School Group for doing a shoe drive for Africa. You are a blessing and many will be blessed by your gifts of love!



The Scharrer family with their shoe delivery.

Volunteer of the Month

We are thrilled to honor Jenn Wolfsohn as our June Volunteer of the Month! Jenn found SFJ while doing a search online for ways to help people in Africa. Her daughter, Katie, was a missionary in Malawi, Africa, and was deeply affected by seeing the need in person. One of the things that made her most sad was seeing many of the children without shoes. When Jenn found SFJ, she realized she had found a perfect way to do something about it. She organized a shoe drive and then she drove the shoes all of the way from Omaha, Nebraska to SFJ in Milwaukee, Wisconsin!

When asked about advice that she'd give to someone thinking about volunteering, Jenn said, "This is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of the process of sending shoes to people in desperate need in Africa. Not everyone is able to personally go and put the shoes on the feet of people in need, but anyone can be a part of collecting, sorting and cleaning shoes. The volunteering is a vital part of the process and helps Soles for Jesus put more shoes on more people's feet."

Jenn keeps very busy with her eight children, Bible study group and her church. She's also an artist and loves to write and sew. Thank you, Jenn, for being such a blessing to SFJ and for your heart for Africa!



Jenn Wolfsohn delivering her shoes from Nebraska to Wisconsin.

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School in WI

- Thank you Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Cross Country Team and coach Tim for doing a shoe drive! Your shoes will touch many lives in Africa, and we are so grateful for your ongoing support.



Coach Tim delivering shoes from KML's Cross Country Team.

First Presbyterian Church of Albert Lea in MN

- The Children's Ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Albert Lea collected shoes and raised funds during their Vacation Bible School this month. We're so blessed by their ongoing support!



Children from First Presbyterian Church of Albert Lea, MN.

First Immanuel Lutheran School in WI

- Look at these terrific twins! Jeff and John from First Immanuel Lutheran School led a shoe drive at their school. We are so encouraged by their hearts to serve and we thank you boys!

Meet One of Our Partners

Meet Josias Mohanoe, our EHC ministry partner, in Lesotho, Africa. In Josias' report, he shared with us Hebrews 6:10, "God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you



have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them." He wishes to share his sincerest gratitude for all of those who support SFJ. He says that seeing tears of joy from those who have received a pair of shoes is a miracle. Josias strongly believes that those who have heard and accepted Jesus will remember SFJ for the rest of their lives. Josias and his team are now working to reach over 1,000 souls with the Gospel and hope to train forty percent of them through discipleship training. He has asked us to pray for the following:

- God's wisdom for the volunteer distributors
- Protection over the herd boys who live high up in the mountains
- Greater resources for those living in the most remote areas
- Open doors to reach more unbelievers (prisoners, students, youth) with the Gospel message
- Strength and wisdom for the local pastors and overall unity in the church
- Greater humanitarianism in his country in order to alleviate suffering for those in combat



Jeff and John from First Immanuel Lutheran School.

Poplar Creek Church in WI - Thank you for inviting SFJ to be a part of your Vacation Bible School this summer! We appreciate Poplar Creek Church for their ongoing support and for being a shoe collection site year round. Jennifer Miller was honored to share with all of these great kids, and they also made cards and pictures to send along with their shoes. You kids have blessed a lot of people and we thank you!



Jennifer Miller with the kids from Poplar Creek Church.

In Loving Memory

When one of your deeply loved leaders donates her mother's shoes, you pack them through tears. Praying for the women in Africa who will walk in Burdella's shoes, and also for her family as they grieve tremendous loss. Burdella Miller loved Jesus and was a faithful SFJ supporter. We will miss her but we will see her again!



Sherry Manhke donated her mother's shoes.

Thank you for the Shoes Received this Month!

- American Imports, WI
- Anytime Fitness-Germantown, WI
- AT&T, WI
- Bargain Center, WI
- Bill & Kathy Smith, WI
- Brookfield Christian School, WI
- Calvary Lutheran School, WI
- Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church, WI
- Christy Mueller, WI
- Colour Tube, WI
- Consider the Lilies, WI
- David & Juliann Behling, WI
- Emily Philips, WI
- First Immanuel Lutheran Church & School, WI
- Jill Koepke, WI



A group from AT&T at a recent SOS event.

Volunteer Opportunities

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](tel:414-365-1392) or Yenh@SolesForJesus.org to sign-up for a time to come and volunteer.

July

Wednesday, July 12th, 9:30-11:30am
 Saturday, July 15th, 9:00-11:00am **FULL**
 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

August

Thursday, August 3rd 9-11am
 Saturday, August 12th 9-11am
 Tuesday, August 15th, 10am-12pm **FULL**
 Thursday, August 17th 6-8pm
 Saturday, August 26th 9-11am

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

- Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School, WI
- Kim Babcock, WI
- Kim Monacelli, WI
- Lisa Barney, WI
- Luther Manor, WI
- Mary Ellen Simeth, WI
- Michael Much, WI
- Mike Mendola, WI
- Neat Repeats, WI
- New Balance, WI
- Nick Kaun, WI
- Performance Running Outfitters, WI
- Poplar Creek Church, WI
- Princeton Club, WI
- Rhonda Timmerman, WI
- Rita Meinholz, WI
- Roberta Pratt, WI
- Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, WI
- Scott & Sherry Mahnke, WI
- Shepherd of the Hills, WI
- Small Office Solutions, WI
- Sussex Community, WI
- Sussex Dental, WI
- St. Joseph's Parish, WI
- Teen Challenge, WI
- United Protestant Church, WI
- Unity Lutheran Church, WI
- WCTC Campus Christian Ministry Club, WI
- Wisconsin Athletic Club – Wauwatosa, WI
- World Outreach Ministries, WI
- Wylbur Holloway, WI

Soles For Jesus T-shirts

Summertime is a great time to get your new SFJ t-shirt! For a donation of only \$20, we will send you one. Choose your favorite design and color by using this link [HERE](#). Thank you for your support and for helping us share the message of God's love and the gift of shoes in Africa!

"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](tel: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](tel:414-365-1392) to set up your volunteer group.



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