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Dear Friend,

Before a shipment of shoes is sent from our warehouse, much work is prayerfully done by our partners in Africa to prepare distribution strategies and locations. They also work with their government in order to successfully receive each shipment. Recently, our dear partner in Burundi, Evariste, shared this after we told him that a shipment of 8,000 pairs will soon be on its way to him, *"God is so good and I deeply appreciate you for this support! A shipment of shoes will help us run an extra mile deep and a thousand miles wide in sharing Jesus on high speed. People will carefully listen to our Gospel message because our communities are very poor and needy. A shoe preaches louder than a megaphone to a Muslim, and I have already promised that I will visit their community. The local government and church leaders all support this shoe distribution and we are all working together in preparation. You are making a big difference in Burundi!"*

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## Shipment to Burkina Faso with World Missionary Press

We are thrilled to partner with World Missionary Press for another joint shipment. This time we are sending 2,200 boxes of Gospel booklets and 8,000 pairs of shoes to Burkina Faso! By teaming up, we are meeting both the physical and spiritual needs in the life of each person who receives these gifts. Please pray for Pastor Robert and his team as they prepare to reach out to thousands of people in their nation.

To God be the glory for sharing Jesus in "high speed" and for shoes that "preach louder than a megaphone!" Thank you for helping us make it possible for villages, leaders and people of all backgrounds to come together in the name of Jesus. They will never be the same again, once they encounter His love!

Please mark your calendar for **August 17th at 9am** to purchase your event table for our annual luncheon! It's going to be an incredible event with Dr. Dick Eastman of Every Home for Christ as our speaker.

May the Lord bless you and all that concerns you!  
Diane Studer  
Founder/ Executive Director



Please pray for Evariste (left), Goreth (his wife), and their ministry team in Burundi.

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

**Tables & tickets go ON SALE:  
Thursday, August 17 @9am!**



*SFJ Board of Directors with the shipment of shoes and Gospel booklets for Burkina Faso.*

## **Partnership with One Meal**

What a privilege to partner with One Meal and to send over 100,000 meals along with shoes to the precious people of Malawi! We rejoice in how the Lord brings these divine connections together, so that we can bless those with great need. Please continue to keep this project in your prayers, as our partners share the love of Jesus with each person who receives.



Many lives will be touched by these gifts of shoes & food!

## **Shipment to Botswana**

Great news! The shipment of shoes and Gospel books sent in partnership by SFJ and World Missionary Press has just arrived in the Port of Durban in South Africa. Please pray for God's favor and for the customs clearing and transportation processes to go quickly. This is a crucial time in



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR to get your table or seats on Thursday, August 17th at 9am!**

This date has been updated, so please make a note of it and buy early to enjoy great seats!

The 2017 Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction will take place 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, Every Home for Christ, 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](http://www.SolesForJesus.org) or by phone at (414)365-1392. We look forward to seeing 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](mailto:Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org).

**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

the shipping process where government agencies intervene to ensure everything is in order. We are excited to get these materials to Brother Tanga and his team, so that they can use them to build God's Kingdom in Botswana.

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



*The ship carrying shoes & Gospel books arriving in Durban, South Africa.*

## Shipment to Liberia

Mrs. Weeks, our partner in Liberia, writes, "We have been doing shoe distributions in several counties, including Bong, Bomi, Nimba, Bassa and Grand Capemount. These are Muslim or Islamic dominated areas of our nation. The gift of shoes is making a great impact as we extend love in a physical way to people we do not know. This gives them hope as they encounter the love of the Living God. Soles For Jesus is a channel of blessings to Africa and we pray for you all continuously."

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



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](mailto:kjansen@SolesForJesus.org) if you are able to donate. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

## New this Year - Mobile Bidding!

This year we will be using Mobile Bidding for our event. What does this mean? It means that all bids for the silent auction will be entered using a smartphone or tablet. We recommend that your phone is fully charged before the event, so that you don't run out of battery at a crucial time.

**If you don't have a smartphone, don't worry!** If you would like to place a bid for an item, simply locate one of our many Bidder Assistants (in bright shirts) and they will be available to assist you with the bidding process.

## Volunteer of the Month

We are thrilled to honor Keller Russell as our July Volunteer of the Month! Keller learned about SFJ from her friend, Brittney. She loved the mission of SFJ and began volunteering in our warehouse. After spending time packing shoes and thinking about the people who would receive them, Keller felt God calling her to join the 2015 Tanzania missions team. When



*Children rejoicing at hearing God's Word & receiving shoes.*

## Shipment to Malawi

Pastor Blessings has been busy preparing for distributions in rural areas throughout central Malawi. They are planning to begin this important work in early August. Please continue to 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](#).



*Children in rural Malawi awaiting shoes.*

asked about her experience, Keller shared, "It was the most incredible experience to share the love of Jesus through the gift of shoes, to see the joy and wonder on their faces, and to see the work of SFJ from start to finish."

Keller has since become one of our SOS leaders where she leads volunteer groups in our warehouse, and she also volunteers at our Annual Fashion Show Luncheon. One of her favorite parts of our luncheon are the videos that are shown at each event. "Seeing the videos of missions trips and hearing the testimonies of lives changed brings me to tears each time! SFJ has given me a tangible way to share of the love of Jesus around the world, and to be part of the Great Commission. A part of my heart will always be in Africa!"

Keller encourages anyone considering volunteering with SFJ to, "Do it! It's a great way to serve alongside others, while serving the Lord. Your time spent truly makes a difference in the lives of people around the world!"

Keller worked in TV news as an anchor and reporter for six and a half years, and now uses her experience and skills managing marketing and communications for a school district. She's a lover of dogs, coffee, the beach, and pretty much any outdoor activity. Thank you, Keller, for being a great blessing to Soles For Jesus! We pray God's abundant blessings over you!

## Testimonies From Lesotho

Pastor Josias and his team have been busy going door to door from village to village in the rural communities of Lesotho. While it is summer here in the midwest, it is winter in this mountainous region of southern Africa. This is one of the few African nations to regularly receive snow. Shoes are an incredible blessing, and Pastor Josias eagerly shares the Good News and that salvation is an even greater blessing. He routinely sees people surrendering their lives to Jesus. Please continue to keep him and this nation in your prayers.



*Pastor Josias, delivering shoes to a couple in rural Lesotho.*

## Meet One of Our Partners

We are thrilled to introduce Pastor Lompo Kangabaliba, as the Every Home for Christ National Director in Burkina Faso. Pastor Kangabaliba is





Keller Russell in Tanzania with Soles For Jesus.

## Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

**Sussex Hamilton Baseball Team in WI** - We are so thankful for the Sussex Hamilton Varsity Baseball Team and their families for holding a shoe drive. We also want to thank Roberta Pratt for delivering them all to SFJ!



*Roberta Pratt with the Sussex Hamilton Varsity Baseball Team.*

**Southbrook Church in WI** - We are honored that Southbrook Church selected SFJ as one of their locations to come and volunteer on their community day of service. This wonderful group showed up with hands full of shoes and hearts ready to serve. Thank you for your ongoing support, Southbrook Church!

know by many as Robert (for short). He is married to Naomi and they have five children: Georgette (27), Debora (24), Michée (22), Abdiel (21) and Schipra (17). Robert is very excited to begin shoe distributions and he believes this is going to be used by God to help open people's hearts to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ in his nation.

Robert has a goal to work with the EHC team in Burkina Faso to reach over 685,000 homes with the Gospel this year, so he is very busy working to coordinate that effort. In addition to this, he wants to see 2,000 people join the Discipleship Training program and help with the establishment of at least 60 new churches.

He shared with us that during a recent outreach a young man committed his life to Jesus Christ and even though he was severely persecuted by his community and family, his faithfulness to God is evident. When his sister became very ill, this man and his pastor prayed for her and she was miraculously healed. Now six other members of their family have also committed their lives to Christ. Praise the Lord!

Prayer requests:

- An end to political and economic upheavals that plague the nation.
- An end to the terrorist activities that perpetuate the instability of the nation.
- The unity of all the churches in the nation to rise up and testify to God's goodness.
- The shoe distributions to go well and to reach many for Jesus Christ.
- That everyone in his nation would turn their hearts to God and commit their lives to Jesus.





*Southbrook Church serving in our warehouse.*

**Ulster Project Milwaukee** - We enjoyed having students from the Ulster Project MKE join us in sorting and packing shoes! Many of these students are from Ireland and they served with their host families. What a great example of student leaders!



*Ulster Project MKE students from Ireland at a SOS event.*

**Judy and Lewis, WI** - Thank you, Judy and Lewis, for faithfully delivering shoes from Neat Repeats in Plymouth. We appreciate you and the many trips that you make to our warehouse!

## Thank you for the Silent Auction Donations Received This Month!

- Anton's Salon & Spa
- Arma Purdy
- Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurants
- Costco
- Country Springs Hotel
- Disney World
- Glaze
- Lori Carl
- Marie Tandy
- Marriott Milwaukee West
- Milwaukee County Parks
- Milwaukee County Zoo
- Milwaukee Food & City Tours
- Milwaukee Wave
- Plum Paper
- Prayerful Planner
- Stonefire Pizza Company



*Judy and Lewis dropping off shoes from Neat Repeats.*

## 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 or [Yenh@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Yenh@SolesForJesus.org) to sign-up for a time to come and volunteer.

### 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

#### **FULL**

### September

Saturday, September 9th, 9-11am  
 Thursday, September 14th, 9-11am  
 Tuesday, September 19th, 6-8pm  
 Saturday, September 23rd, 9-11am

## Thank You for the Shoes Received this Month!

- April Schultz, WI
- Bethesda Baptist Church, WI
- Bella Monteen, WI
- Cindy Brenard, WI
- David & Juliann Behling, WI
- Heidi Hinck, WI
- Jen Hanson and friends, WI
- Jenny Wagner, WI
- John & Judy Luellwitz, WI
- Kasie Erenyi, WI
- Kent & Wynne Loehrke, WI
- Lakeside Fitness Fit Body Boot Camp, WI
- Liberty Bible Church, IN
- Linda Peschel, WI
- Luther Manor, WI
- Lyle & Jean LaForge, WI
- Marc & Cindy Brenard, WI
- Milwaukee College Prep-North Campus, WI
- Neat Repeats, WI
- Nick Kaun, WI
- Poplar Creek Church, WI
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, WI
- Princeton Club, WI
- Scott & Jackie DeCleene, WI
- Southbrook Church, WI
- St. Joseph's Congregation, WI
- St. Paul's Church, WI
- Sussex Hamilton Varsity Baseball, WI
- Teresa Broullire, WI
- WELS, WI
- Wisconsin Athletic Club – North Shore, WI
- Wisconsin Athletic Club – Wauwatosa, WI



Thursday, September 28th, 6-8pm  
Saturday, September 30th, 9-11am

**\*You can choose your own 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](mailto: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](mailto:Yenh@SolesForJesus.org) or 414-365-1392 to set up your volunteer group.

**"I have a great need for Christ:  
I have a great Christ  
for my need."**

**-Charles H. Spurgeon**



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