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Dear Friend,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I just returned from Seychelles, Africa, where I attended the Every Home for Christ conference with delegates from 30 countries in Africa. My heart is still soaring, as I had a front row seat to see the reports from these National Directors and to hear what the Lord is doing in each of their nations. Our partners in Africa are the best of the best, and I have come back with an important message; "We must not grow weary in well doing!" The Lord is using the gift of shoes and foot washing in powerful ways, and doors are opening like never before.

At this conference, there were also several brand new National Directors who recently joined the EHC family. How exciting to see new nations in Africa asking for a shipment of shoes, so they can share God's love in this way. Much fruit will continue to grow as a result of these strategic meetings, trainings and times of prayer. We won't retreat and we can't slow down, and I sincerely thank you for helping us make Him known.

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Our SFJ Family is Growing!

Congratulations to Jenny & Mark Ellefson, Director of Operations, on the arrival of their daughter, Ava Sophia! We thank the Lord that both mom and baby are doing well, and we pray God's blessings over this precious family as they embark on this new adventure!



Welcome, Ava Sophia Ellefson!

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer
Founder/Executive Director



Every Home for Christ Conference in Seychelles, Africa



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

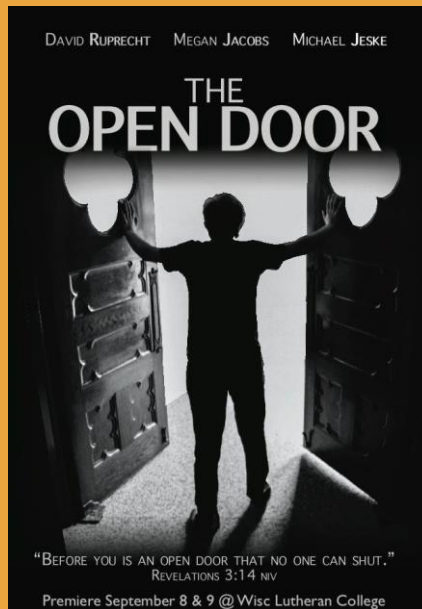
Tables & tickets are ON SALE NOW!

THANK YOU for such an incredible response to our first day of sales! We are so grateful for each of our event sponsors and for the 450 seats that are filled! For those who missed it, there's still a table left for you. 150 seats remain, and we invite you to secure yours today by using the green link above to "Buy Tickets". If you'd like to view a short video from last year's event, click [HERE](#).

The 2017 Fashion Show Luncheon &

"The Open Door" Featuring SFJ

We are thrilled to invite you to "The Open Door" premiere at Wisconsin Lutheran College on Friday, Sept. 8th and Saturday, Sept. 9th at 7pm. This movie highlights SFJ and we'd love for you to join us! Please rsvp ASAP to info@SolesForJesus.org with your name and number of seats by September 3rd. Check out the trailer [here](#)!



Shipment to Burkina Faso with World Missionary Press

We praise the Lord for the joint shipment of shoes and Gospel booklets from SFJ and World Missionary Press that departed from the Port of Norfolk, VA on August 11th. Thousands of shoes and booklets are now on their way to Ougadougou, Burkina Faso! Please pray for the EHC ministry team as they prepare to share the Gospel in a nation that is seeing increased pressure by Islamic groups who intimidate people to follow Islam alone. Please pray that God's power and love will overwhelm each person who receives these gifts. You can view pictures of the shipment to Burkina Faso [HERE](#).

Mark loading the container at the SFJ warehouse.

Auction will take place from 10:30am to 2pm at the Italian Conference Center in Milwaukee, WI. This is going to be a fabulous event with special keynote speaker Dr. Dick Eastman, Every Home for Christ's International 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 look forward to seeing you there!

Event Sponsorships: Four Bronze Table Sponsorships remain 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 full table, with seating for ten guests. If you're interested, please contact Diane Studer for more information at Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org. A big THANK YOU to all of our Gold and Silver sponsors for your support, as we are sold-out of these tables.

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 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 at 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 are excited to add Mobile

Shipment to Botswana

Please join with us in praising God for the safe arrival of our shipment to Botswana. This is another joint shipment between SFJ and World Missionary Press. Our partner in Botswana, Brother Tanga, is very excited to mobilize their ministry teams and start distributions to the rural villages of his nation. Please continue to pray for this team as they travel long distances over difficult roads to reach people for the Kingdom of God. Brother Tanga sends his deepest appreciation for the financial and prayer support that you have provided for these distributions. To view pictures of the shipment to Botswana click [HERE](#).



Opening the shipping container for the first time at the Every Home for Christ Botswana Office.

Shipment to Liberia

Our ministry partner, Sister Weeks, writes "Greetings in the name of the Almighty Jehovah. Shoe distributions continue to go well in the districts of Bong, Bomi, Nimba, Bassa and Grand Capemount. The Gospel and gift of shoes are symbols of hope and love, and the people continually thank us for being servants of God who come from so far to bless them. We ask for continued prayers since we are all soldiers in the Army of the Lord, and the work of the Kingdom must continue."

Please intercede with us for people throughout Liberia to receive Jesus Christ as their true Lord and Savior. You can view more pictures of the shipment to Liberia [HERE](#).

Bidding to our event! What does this mean? Mobile Bidding allows all bids for the silent auction to be entered by 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! When you are ready to place a bid for an item, simply locate one of our many Bidder Assistants (in bright shirts) and they will be happy to assist you with the bidding process.

Volunteer of the Month

We are thrilled to honor Melissa Reams as our August Volunteer of the Month! Melissa heard about Soles For Jesus when Diane was a guest speaker at her church in Minnesota. Melissa knew right away that she would be joining SFJ on a future mission trip, and later joined team Tanzania and team Kenya.

"The absolute peace that I feel when I am on African soil and surrounded by the people is one that relates to the 'peace that passes all understanding,'" Melissa shared.

Melissa has four children and four grandchildren. She works as a one-on-one Para Educator for a special needs boy, who she's been with for six years.

Melissa has great advice for anyone considering a mission trip to Africa with SFJ. "Deeply pray about it. Be sure it has been placed on your heart to really want to go and serve, not that it would only be 'fun.' It is so much more than that when you arrive and when you leave. I have become softer to my surroundings and others."

God bless you, Melissa, and we also thank you for serving as our SFJ State Representative in Iowa. We love your beautiful heart for the Lord and the



Sharing the message of God's love.

Shipment to Malawi

SFJ friends from Nebraska, Jenn and Katie Wolfsohn, just returned from their mission trip to Malawi, where they helped distribute our shipment of shoes!

Jenn shared, "We distributed thousands of shoes to villages outside of Lilongwe. The people inside Lilongwe mostly have shoes and did not have as great of a need. Pastor Blessings does outreach and evangelism outside of the capital, where the people are very poor. We rented a mini-bus and a car to take the shoes out to these villages. We gave shoes to people who had not had shoes in years, and some who have never owned a pair of shoes. Several of the villages were more than a two hour drive outside of Lilongwe, Malawi."

Thank you, Jenn and Katie, for your hearts to serve God and His people around the world!

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

people of Africa!



Melissa with her son, Jared, on our 2017 Kenya mission trip.

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Liberty Bible Church MOPS Group in Indiana - Special thanks to the MOPS group at Liberty Bible Church, IN, for donating 1055 pairs of shoes for Africa! Multitudes will be blessed because of your generous donation!



Members of the MOPS group with the shoes they collected.



We're grateful for this fabulous team serving in Malawi.

Testimonies From Lesotho

Lebo Faso shared these words with us: "As an EHC key leader in my nation, I really thank SFJ for the great work that you help us do for the Basotho people. In most of the areas that we reach, we find people who are needy and children who are orphans. The help from Soles For Jesus allows us to take care of their lives both spiritually and physically. We pray for SFJ always as you help and assist us to fulfill the Great Commission of our God." View pictures of the shipment to Lesotho [HERE](#).

Milwaukee College Prep School in WI - Thanks to Nathalie for coordinating a shoe drive through Milwaukee College Prep School North Campus! We appreciate the partnership from these students and all of their effort in helping us make a difference for so many in Africa!



Nathalie and her sister dropping off their shoes.

First United Methodist Church in Green Bay- Thank you to First United Methodist Church & First Preschool for donating 779 pairs of shoes!! We also want to express our gratitude to Jen & Patrick Heil for driving them from Green Bay to Milwaukee. This is their 7th annual drive and congrats on your record-breaking results! We are also extremely grateful for the Sunday School offerings that will be donated to SFJ for the entire year as well! Wow!! We sincerely thank you for your ongoing support.



Pat and Jen Heil delivering shoes from Green Bay.



Extremely thankful for his new shoes!

5,000 Pairs From Pennsylvania

We want to give a BIG, "Thank you" to Don & Michelle Simon for the many shoe collection sites they manage, and also to Jan Moreth and Memorial Park Pre-School for contributing to this donation of 5,000 pairs! We also thank each person who helped pack all of these shoes, including the entire Simon family, for all of your hard work! Pennsylvania is our second most active state, and this would not be possible without John Cory who donates the transport to Milwaukee each time. Thank you all for representing SFJ so well in the great state of Pennsylvania. We love you all and thank God for our PA family!

Grace Church in Illinois- Thank you, Sally & Olivia Brock, for hosting your annual shoe drive at Grace Church in Illinois, and for delivering more than 700 pairs! We love your family and thank you for touching so many lives in Africa!



Sally and Olivia Brock delivering shoes from Morton, IL.

Yenh at New Song Church in WI - What a blessing to be a part of the Sunday morning service at New Song Church! Yenh enjoyed sharing our mission of God's love through shoes!



Another 5,000 pairs of shoes just arrived from PA!

Meet One of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ ministry partner, Joseph Gule. Joseph serves the Lord as a leader and evangelist in Swaziland, along with his wife, Zama, and their five children. His goal is to mobilize 250 church leaders for house to house evangelism, and he hopes to organize a prayer team of 300 young people. Joseph shares that it's incredible to see churches opening their doors for shoe distributions. Some people are stepping in to a church for their first time. Praise God for this opportunity!



He specifically asked for prayer for these things:

- Please pray for my family. We currently rent an apartment and it is very expensive. My dream is to build a home for my family and meet their needs each month.
- Pray for God's protection over our office staff and board members, that they will have the passion and strength they need for ministry.
- Pray for more church partnerships in our country.
- Pray for every individual who receives Jesus, that they will continue seeking Him, and that they will share their experience with others.



Yen sharing at New Song Church.

SFJ Office Volunteers in WI - We appreciate our fabulous office volunteers for helping us prepare and send invitations for our annual Fashion Show Luncheon! Thank you for bringing such joy to our office and for helping us prepare this mailing. If you did not receive one, please send an email to info@SolesForJesus.org and we'd be happy to mail you a personal invitation!



Volunteers preparing our invitations to be mailed.

Thank you for the Silent Auction Donations Received This Month!

- A Stroke of Genius
- Adventure Rock
- Alioto's
- Art's Cameras Plus
- Clark Richard Salon
- Elite Sports Clubs
- Elite Island Resorts Caribbean
- Lake Geneva Cruise Line/Gage Marine Corp.
- Marcus Center for the Performing Arts
- Patty Scott, MN
- PRP Wine International
- Texas Roadhouse
- The Mineshaft
- Tracy Smolnik

Thank You for the Shoes Received this Month!

- Aaron & Keri Gretebeck, WI
- Brad Kollath, WI
- Brenda Etzel, WI
- Brookfield Christian School, WI
- Christ the King Church, WI
- Community Baptist Church, WI
- David & Kathryn Gravel, MA
- Dr. Comfort, WI
- First United Methodist Church, WI
- Gail Stumpf, WI
- Grace Church, IL
- Kat Fronek, WI
- Lake Country Lutheran HS, WI
- Luther Manor, WI
- Morman Church, WI
- Nate & Paulina Beck, WI
- Neat Repeats, WI
- Pat & Jen Heil, WI
- Princeton Club, WI
- S.M. Williams, WI
- Sally Brock, IL
- Sarah Dibb, WI
- Southbrook Church, WI
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church, WI
- Sussex Community, WI
- The Colour Tube, WI
- Tom Clark, WI

Loveland High School in Ohio - We are grateful for the love and support sent all of the way from Loveland, Ohio! Their High School Cross Country team did a shoe drive and they were pleasantly surprised with their results. Many people in Africa will be blessed by your shoes and donations, and we thank you!



Thank you Loveland Cross Country Team in Ohio!

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 to sign-up for a time to come and volunteer.

September

Saturday, September 9th, 9-11am
Thursday, September 14th, 9-11am
Saturday, September 23rd, 9-11am
Thursday, September 28th, 6-8pm
Saturday, September 30th, 9-11am

October

Saturday, October 14th, 9-11am
Tuesday, October 17th, 6:30-8:00pm
Thursday, October 19th, 9-11am **FULL**
Saturday, October 21st, 9-11am **FULL**
Saturday, October 28th, 9-11am

- Victory International Fellowship, WI
- Willowbrook Place, WI
- Wisconsin Athletic Club- Wauwatosa, WI

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***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 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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