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Dear Friend,

I love this season of giving! It is such a joy to experience the truth of Jesus' words when He said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive,"* Acts 20:35. As a child, I thought the best part of the Christmas season was receiving gifts under the tree. But as I've grown older, I've learned that true joy is found in things that are eternal.

I'll never forget how thrilled Hamida was to receive her first gift of shoes. However, that was not the main source of her joy because she had a powerful encounter with Jesus! Hamida accepted Him as her Savior, while her feet were being washed and she heard the Gospel message. Hamida couldn't stop smiling and waving; her countenance and soul had been transformed!! No one could've given me a more precious gift in Tanzania that day, than the privilege of giving and sharing Hope in Jesus!



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Please Mark Your Calendar: **November 10, 2018!**



Our 9th Annual Soles For Jesus Luncheon will be on Saturday, November 10, 2018! Richard Kakuwa, Every Home for Christ National Director in Zambia, will be our guest speaker, and we can't wait to pack out the Italian Conference Center in Milwaukee once again!

Building a Joint Shipment with WMP!

We are excited that our last shipment of the year will be a combined shipment with World Missionary Press! This shipment will

My heart is overwhelmed with thanks for each of you who have partnered with SFJ this year. Thank you for accepting His call to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth. I pray for God's perfect love, joy and peace to abound in your heart and home as you celebrate His birth.

With joy,

Diane Studer
Founder, Executive Director

Year-End Opportunity



As we enter the season of giving, would you prayerfully consider a year-end gift? There is an exciting opportunity to invest in what the Lord is doing in Burundi and Zambia. To read more about this and how ***your gift will be matched*** by a generous donor, click [HERE](#). Each 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 handwritten thank you card from SFJ.

Many employers also have programs designed to match their employees' charitable giving, and this is an easy way to double your impact! You can ask your employer if they have an Employee Matching Gift program and you may be surprised to find out there are many companies who offer this. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mark and he will be happy to help you at Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org or 414-365-1392.

To ensure 2017 eligibility for your donation, please remember:

be filled with shoes and Gospel literature, and it is being sent to meet a specific need and to share the love of Christ in Swaziland. We have the shoes but we need volunteers to pack them, so that we can make our deadline of sending it out next month.

Local friends, we invite you to bring family and friends to join you for 2 hours at one of our December SOS events, where we Sort & Organize Shoes in our warehouse. We could really use your help to prepare this exciting shipment, and you can find a list of dates and how to sign up at the end of this newsletter. Thank you!



Shoes ready to be packed for Swaziland.

Shipment to Burkina Faso

The ministry team in Burkina Faso is off to a great start with their shoe distributions. They are in rural villages right now, sharing the Gospel and distributing shoes. Our partner sent a brief email asking us to pray that many people to come to Christ and for safe travels for the team. Please join us in prayer for the work of God in this great nation.

To view pictures of the shipment to Burkina Faso click [HERE](#)

- Donations made by Credit or Debit Card must be completed before midnight on Dec 31st.
- Mailed checks must be postmarked by Dec 31st. You can also drop off your donation at our office on weekdays between 8am – 5pm.
- **Give online** at SolesForJesus.org

8th Annual Luncheon & Auction!

The 8th Annual Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction was a great success! We enjoyed celebrating another year of the Lord's faithfulness with all of our guests. It was an honor to have Dr. Dick Eastman, Every Home for Christ's International President, share with us the tremendous impact that SFJ is making in Africa. We thank each person who helped make this such an amazing day.

We also want to share our sincere gratitude for our Gold Sponsors: Jim & Jill Geracie of Realty Executives, Scott & Vicki Hirschfeld of CTaccess, and Jeff & Michelle Novak! Also to each event sponsor, guest, and volunteer, we thank you for making this day so special, including M.E. Lou Boutique and Squire for putting on a great show. View more photos from the event [HERE](#).



A group of women and children waiting to receive shoes.

Testimony From Lesotho

Mrs. Khasu from Lesotho asked our ministry partner, Josias, to pass on the following testimony to Soles For Jesus.

"We were blessed recently with a pair of shoes for our entire family when two field workers reached our village. They shared the message of God's love with us by going house to house. At the end of their visit to our home they presented all of us with the gift of shoes. It was amazing to see God demonstrate His love through His people! This blessing arrived at the perfect time for our family. We praise God for sending his servants to encourage us and to share His love."

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



Children in Lesotho after receiving their new shoes.

Shipment to Uganda



Thank you to our amazing event team for your hard work!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Celebrating with Pennsylvania! - We are so grateful for our fabulous Pennsylvania State Representative, Jan Moreth, and the incredible support from Memorial Park Christian Preschool over the past 8 years! We admire her boldness to ask for this sign to be displayed during the busiest shopping month of the year in their local shopping center to promote our partnership. To God be the glory for the tens of thousands of lives that have been touched by the love of Jesus from PA. We thank the Lord for you.

Our partners in Uganda have been busy preparing for a Christmas outreach using the shoes they received from our shipment earlier this year. The Lord gave them this strategy and ministry idea, and they have been praying earnestly for this large outreach. Please pray along with us as they prepare to work and evangelize many communities throughout northern Uganda in a short period of time.

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



Uganda is home to more than 41 million people.

Testimony From Ghana

While visiting a rural village recently, our partners were overwhelmed with gratitude by the residents. They shared how everyone in the village was so appreciative to receive the gift of a pair of shoes and the word of God. This team was distributing Gospel literature, sharing shoes and telling people about the love of God. The village elders asked our partners to express their thanks to Soles For Jesus for the gift of shoes, calling them a blessing they could have never expected.

Please pray for more open doors in Ghana,



SFJ signage at McCandles Crossings Shopping Center, PA.

Mailing Volunteers, WI - Special thanks to these volunteers (and more) for coming in to help with our bulk mailing! We truly have the best volunteers, and we greatly appreciate your help in the office. God bless you for sharing your time with us!



We love and appreciate our mailing volunteers!

Jim & Paula from Indiana- We were delighted to meet Jim & Paula and to give them a tour of our warehouse. Jim is on the board of directors for World Missionary Press, one of our dear ministry partners. We are so grateful for their willingness to deliver more than 500 pairs of shoes donated by their church in Indiana.

so that everyone can have the opportunity to respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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



Crowds waiting for shoes after hearing the Gospel.

Volunteers of the Month

We are thrilled to honor the Thomas family as our November volunteers of the month! Becky first learned about SFJ when she heard Diane speak at a women's retreat. Becky had traveled to Africa years earlier and was intrigued by the mission of sharing the love of Jesus in Africa through a simple pair of shoes. Becky and Steve became monthly financial supporters, and over the years the entire family has gotten involved. Becky was on the first Race For Soles committee, and both Steve and Becky have walked the runway for five of our Fashion Show Lucheons. Most recently, they have joined the leadership team in helping lead SOS volunteer events in our warehouse, where we pack shoes for Africa. Their son, Joey, has been involved at SFJ through video productions and their daughter, Emily, has volunteered in our warehouse.

Becky was also a member of Team Tanzania in 2016, where she shares that she had the most unique experience of showing God's infinite love to the people of Africa. "It is truly amazing to see the excitement and joy on people's faces when they receive their shoes, have their feet washed, and hear about God's love, grace, and His Son, Jesus. This ministry is making a huge impact on the people of Africa and hearts are turning to Jesus through the simple act of donating shoes and meeting a



Jim & Paula delivering shoes from Indiana.

Shepherd of the Hills in Pewaukee-

We are extremely grateful for our long time partnership with Shepherd of the Hills, Pewaukee. This month they donated over 1,000 pairs of shoes and they also served in our warehouse. Thank you Pastor Tom, Pastor Aaron and our SOTH family for being such a blessing to us! We pray God's blessings over you all.



Thank you for your partnership, Shepherd of the Hills!

St. John's Lutheran church, WI-

How sweet are these beautiful handmade hearts from the children of St. John's Lutheran in Wauwatosa! The students added these colorful notes to the shoes that were collected during their shoe drive. Thank you all for these precious notes and shoes that

physical need in their lives," Becky shared.

The Thomas family encourages everyone to get involved with SFJ! "It is really easy to volunteer and you can make it a fun event for either your family, a group of friends, or neighbors. There are many ways to get involved and you don't need to commit much time. It only takes a few hours per month and it is so worth it!"

Steve and Becky both enjoy working out, paddle board racing, and hanging out with their kids. Joey is on the Varsity cross country team, a pole-vaulter during track and a videographer. Emily is very involved in the church youth group, loves to sing and plays the Euphonium at school and for YWOW. Thank you, Thomas family, for being such faithful supporters of SFJ! We appreciate you and your family and pray God's blessings over you.



Thank you for being such a blessing, Thomas family!

Meet One of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ ministry partner in Malawi, Gilford Matonga. Years ago, when Gilford decided to follow Christ, he no longer felt rejected, but fully accepted by God and his new church family. Now, Gilford is sharing the Gospel message with thousands of families



will bless many kids in Africa!



Handmade notes from students at St. John's.

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.

in Malawi and desires to see the spiritual life of his nation transform. As he leads others to Christ, he reflects on Matthew 25:31-45 as a reminder of how practical Christian living is. Part of this passage says, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me (Jesus)." Gilford recognizes that the way of Christ can be as simple as helping others in need. Let's support Gilford by praying for his requests:

- Good health and provision for Gilford and his wife, Maggie and their three children
- The improvement of Malawi's economy
- Political stability in the country
- Favor from the government for Gilford and his ministry

Thank You for the Shoes Received this Month!

- Aaron & Keri Gretebeck, WI
- Affiliated Clinical Services, WI
- Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, WI
- Brookfield Christian School, WI
- Christ Alone Lutheran Church, WI
- Cindy Jacobs, ID
- Consider The Lilies, WI
- Craig Thacker, WI
- Dave & Margaret Kobelinski, WI
- Divine Consign, WI
- Grand Marais Mennonite Church, WI
- Health in Balance PT, WI
- Heritage Christian School, WI
- Jen Hanson & friends, WI
- Jim & Paula Sonntag, IN
- June Adams, WI
- Kent & Wynne Loehrke, WI
- Leonhardt family, WI
- Linda Hoefler, WI
- Lifeline Church, WI
- Liz Dobberstein, WI
- Lori Robel, WI
- MyYoMy Frozen Yogurt, WI
- New Apostolic Church, WI
- Neat Repeats, WI
- Nick Kaun, WI
- Pamela Saffold, WI
- Performance Running Outfitters, WI
- Princeton Club, WI



Volunteers from Trinity Lutheran in South Milwaukee.

December

Saturday, December 2nd, 9-11am
Wednesday, December 6th, 6-8pm

FULL

Thursday, December 7th 10:30am-
Noon

Saturday, December 9th, 9-11am

FULL

Saturday, December 16th, 9-11am

Tuesday, December 19th, 6-8pm **FULL**

January

Saturday, January 6th, 9-11am

Saturday, January 13th, 9-11am

Thursday, January 18th, 6-8pm

Saturday, January 20th, 9-11am

Saturday, January 23rd, 6-8pm

Saturday, January 27th, 9-11am

***If these dates don't work for your group, 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

- Ryan Kops, WI
- Scott & Jackie DeCleene, WI
- Sheperd of the Hills Lutheran Church-Hubertus
- Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church-Pewaukee
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church, WI
- Steve & Julie Leonhardt, WI
- Steve Herrenbruck, WI
- Supply One, WI
- Sussex Hamilton, WI
- Teen Challenge, WI
- Wisconsin Athletic Club – Wauwatosa

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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.

