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Dear Friend,

Many of us were deeply impacted by the recent homegoing of a hero of our faith, Rev. Billy Graham. I am so grateful that he followed God's call to all nations. Because of his willingness to GO to Amsterdam, my mom was able to fill one seat in that packed stadium. On that night, she went forward to surrender her life to Jesus and the path for our entire family changed direction. A few years later, our family immigrated to the United States and we are all still serving Jesus today.

The reason that I share this is because the need for us to GO has never been greater! Soles For Jesus is a response to Mark 16:15 when Jesus said, "Go into all of the world and preach the Gospel to all creation." Our world needs Jesus more than ever before, and we are determined to share His message of hope wherever He leads us. But it does not stop there. We also strongly believe in making disciples, which is why we partner with Every Home for Christ missionaries who have the tools and commitment to do so.

I am thrilled to share this update about the people of Zohn Village, Liberia (below). They received Jesus as their Savior four years ago at our shoe distribution; and they are still

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Save The Date: June 23, 2018
Registration opens March 15th



Please mark your calendar and invite your family and friends to join us for a 5k or 2 mile run or walk on **Saturday, June 23, 2018**. This year we are excited to offer a discounted rate for teams of 8 or more! You can choose to walk or run either course, or you can be a part of the cheering section and enjoy the other festivities.

Online registration will go LIVE on March 15th! "Early Bird Rates" are available for all participants, so be sure to register soon online or by calling our office.

The event will start and end at the beautiful campus of Waukesha County Technical College and we'll

being disciplined in Christ Groups and they're fervently serving Jesus today! To God be the glory and may He bless you for your partnership.

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer
Founder, Executive Director



The people of Zohn Village received Jesus and shoes in 2014, and they're still fervently serving Jesus today!

Volunteer Of The Month

We are thrilled to honor Jen Hanson as our February volunteer of the month! Jen has been a vital part of Soles For Jesus from the very beginning. Shortly after Diane returned from her initial trip to Africa that launched the vision of SFJ, Diane shared the vision with Jen. *"I immediately knew in my spirit that the Lord wanted me to help with the formal launch of this special mission to meet spiritual and physical needs in Africa. I have been involved since the very beginning and I could not be more honored and humbled that the Lord has used me to help this organization and to serve it in a lot of different roles over the years. At first, alongside Diane, we did anything and everything that needed to be done! At the present time, I am the treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors. This position aligns well with my passion for meeting the needs of those in the 'margins' of society and allows me to utilize the gifts of wisdom, discernment, and administration that the Lord has chosen to give me. Being a part of SFJ blesses*

enjoy a scenic route through the streets of Pewaukee. You can choose to walk, run or cheer on those who do! The morning will also include medals, prizes, refreshments and exciting games. There will be a special visit from Roscoe, the Milwaukee Admirals mascot, so you can have your picture taken as well.

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. Thank you for your support of Soles For Jesus!

Team Zambia 2018

We are thrilled to introduce the team who will be distributing shoes and sharing the love of Jesus in Zambia this May. It was exciting to meet together for the first time this month, and we are looking forward to being the hands and feet of Jesus in this nation. Please pray for the people of Zambia, and for our shipment of shoes to safely reach our ministry partner. View pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



*The SFJ Mission Team Zambia 2018!
(Not pictured: Sandra and Vicki)*

Thank You Zambia Meal Sponsors

We have the most amazing supporters and friends, and we are so grateful! Each time that we present an opportunity, you meet it. In just a few days, each meal that will be served by our Zambia mission team

me in far greater ways than I could ever give to the organization. Hearing what THE LORD is doing through our shoes and partners in Africa moves me like almost nothing else does. Shoes are ushering so many into the kingdom of God and to be a part of it is really a miracle to me."

We love Jen's passion for the Lord and her desire to serve His kingdom! Thank you for being such an important part of our SFJ family and for all that you do, Jen! You are truly a blessing and we pray God's blessings over you always!



Jen and Diane at a shoe drive at Spring Creek Church.

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Gloria Dei Church / Northbrook, Illinois- We want to thank the congregation at Gloria Dei Church for donating hundreds of shoes to send to Africa! Special thanks to Children's Ministry Coordinator, Nancy Rock, who drove up several times with shoe deliveries. Nancy also organized a "Prayer Walk Sunday," where people learned more about the SFJ mission, and the children made creative shoe laced cards. Nancy and her Sunday School class are now a part of our prayer team, as they want to continue

in May was fully sponsored and we thank you!!

Serving a village meal at the end of each day is such a blessing! After a full day of washing feet and sharing shoes it is an absolute joy to serve them a meal, including meat and their favorite things. We can't wait to show you pictures once we return, and you can follow SFJ on social media if you'd like to see them sooner!



Team Kenya serving a special meal to children who are wearing their new shoes!

Shipment To Burundi

Our first shipment of the year is on its way to Burundi. You will notice that this shipment looks a little different. Due to recent changes with import rules, we had to pack our shoes in clear bags. That made for a fun and unexpected challenge to start the year. However, the most exciting part is still to come. Evariste, our partner in Burundi, plans to target the province of Rumonge. This is a Muslim area where their team is reaching homes and training church leaders from different denominations. Please pray for the light of the Gospel to penetrate this area of their nation.

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

to pray for the people in Africa and SFJ. Thank you Gloria Dei for being such a huge blessing!



"Prayer Walk Sunday," at Gloria Dei Church, where people learned more about the SFJ mission.

CrossWay Church, WI- Thank you CrossWay Church in Germantown, for inviting Diane to speak at your women's retreat. Thank you also to the group of ladies who came to volunteer in our warehouse immediately following the event. The retreat theme, "Living A Life on Mission," is something that we are passionate about too, and it's an honor to partner together in His name!



Diane and Julie at CrossWay church.

Salty Earth Productions, WI- A big thank you to Steve & Beth Zambo and Salty Earth Pictures for donating



Kris and Diane with the Burundi shipment of shoes.

Testimony From Botswana

Recently there was a very large shoe distribution in Selepa, Botswana. The gathering was mainly composed of vulnerable people and many HIV/AIDS victims from the local area. On this day, the EHC ministry team was not only able to distribute shoes and share the Gospel, but they were also able to serve food to those who were gathered. Our partner Tanga writes, *"This was a day that left the residents of Selepa in awe. Both their physical and spiritual needs we ministered to and we thank God for being able to serve this community in this way. As for the people, their praise to God and appreciation of SFJ for such a gesture was something that you could see written all over their faces. Thank you for providing shoes to us so we can continue to minister to the people of Botswana."*

To view more pictures of the shipment to Botswana, click [HERE](#).



The crowd gathered to listen to the Gospel presentation.

even more shoes from "The Open Door" movie! We are so excited for the official movie release on March 5th, and we encourage you to see this powerful film in which one of the main characters hosts a Soles For Jesus shoe drive. We believe that the Lord has great plans for our partnership and we are so grateful!



Steve with donated shoes from, "The Open Door" movie.

Hamilton High School, WI- Special thanks to Roberta Pratt for organizing the 3rd annual shoe drive and bake sale at Hamilton High School. A total of 374 pairs of shoes were donated, along with the funds to help ship them to Africa. Thank you Sussex and Menomonee Falls communities for your partnership!



Testimony From Guinea Bissau

The distribution pictured below took place in the village of Mancala, which is in the western part of Guinea Bissau. Since it is expensive to travel by car, the EHC ministry team took the local bus. This meant they had to arrive at the bus station at 5:00am with all of the shoes, so they could be guaranteed a ride. This was a long journey for the team, but they reported a great openness to hearing the Gospel. The majority of people in this area live on less than \$1 per day, so very few people can afford shoes. When the people heard that the team had arrived, they stopped their activities and came to where the distribution was taking place. Our partner, Julio, was very encouraged by the response of the people toward Jesus Christ, and wishes to express his gratitude to everyone who gave shoes and money to help make this outreach possible.



Our EHC partners sharing the Gospel in Mancala.

Shipment To Lesotho

Pastor Morai Maraisane from Lesotho reported the following story to our partner, Josias: "I am completely amazed at how the Lord answered our ministry's need. We have always been praying for shoes for the many needy children in our community, so they can go to school and church on Sundays. We petitioned many local and international charities that work in our area, but they all failed to help us. Then Pastor Josias came to our community with shoes from Soles for Jesus, who was unknown to us, but God used them to answer

Thank you Roberta, parents and students of Hamilton High School and Menomonee Falls High School!

Annie, WI - Thank you, Annie, for hosting a birthday shoe drive on your special day, and for donating funds to help send them to Africa! We are touched by your selfless desire to GIVE on a day when most people RECEIVE! Thank you for blessing so many people in Africa and we pray God's blessings over you.



Annie and her mom, Cari, delivering shoes to our warehouse.

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 date and time to come and volunteer.

our prayers. This is a miracle and answer to our prayers! Thank you for helping the poor among us by offering nice, quality pairs of shoes. Your act of love shows the true love and grace of God to us."

To view pictures of the shipment to Lesotho, click [HERE](#)



Children in the mountain region of Lesotho where it is cold.

Meet One Of Our Partners

Michael French is committed to sharing the Gospel and starting discipleship groups throughout Sierra Leone, with a special focus on the southern part of the country, where there is a large population of unreached people. His favorite scripture to meditate on is John 3:16, as he sees it summarizing the whole Gospel in one simple and explainable verse. Every day, Michael is striving to live out God's love for the people of Sierra Leone. Please join us in prayer for these specific requests Michael has shared:



- Pray for good health, guidance, and protection for Michael, Doreen, and their four children.
- Pray for deliverance from demonic manipulation for those near to Michael.
- Pray for the salvation of Sierra Leone, and that occultism and witchcraft practices will be eradicated.



Volunteers from Christ the King Baptist Church at a SOS event.

March

Saturday, March 3rd, 9-11am **FULL**
 Thursday, March 8th, 6-8pm
 Friday, March 9th, 1-2:15pm **FULL**
 Saturday, March 10th, 9-11am **FULL**
 Wednesday, March 14th 6-8pm
 Saturday, March 17th, 9-11am **FULL**
 Saturday, March 24th, 9-11am **FULL**
 Tuesday, March 27th 6-8pm

April

Thursday, April 5th, 6-8pm
 Saturday, April 7th, 9-12 **FULL**
 Saturday, April 14th, 9-11am **FULL**
 Tuesday, April 17th, 6-8pm
 Saturday, April 21st, 9-11am **FULL**
 Saturday, April 28th, 9-11am
 Monday, April 30th, 6-8pm **FULL**

***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

Thank You For The Shoes Received This Month!

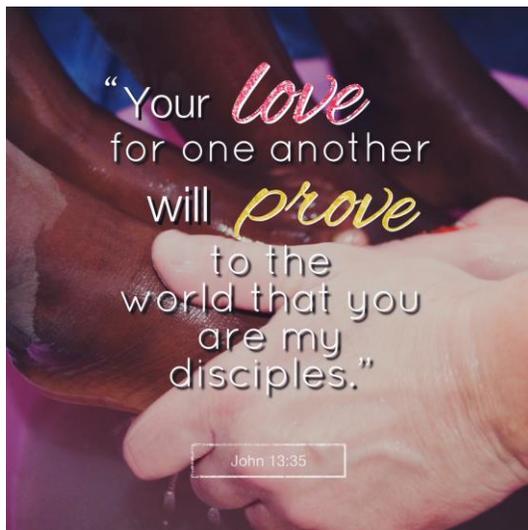
- Annie Terry, WI
- Appleton Alliance Church, WI
- CrossWay Church, WI
- Dan & Aimee Vechart, WI
- Euletta Persall, OK
- Faith United Methodist Church, WI
- James & Sherry Hansen, WI
- Jennifer Zyzo, WI
- Jessica Maxwell, WI
- Karen Vasatko, WI
- KM Sports, WI
- Lake Country Lutheran High School, WI
- Lifeline Church, WI
- Lisa Hunshger, WI
- Lydia Montanez, WI
- Matt & Melissa Howe, WI
- Milwaukee Parkside School of the Arts, WI
- Neat Repeats, WI
- Patti Simmons, WI
- Performance Running Outfitters, WI
- Pine Ridge Bible Church, IN
- Princeton Club-New Berlin
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church, WI
- Sarah Aulenbacher, WI
- Stuart Thomas, WI
- Teen Challenge, WI
- Toby & Jennifer Shaw, WI
- Victor & Kat Fronck, WI
- Wisconsin Athletic Club – North Shore
- Wisconsin Athletic Club – Wauwatosa

Where In The World Is Tanzania?

Tanzania is in eastern Africa and it has a population of almost 56 million people. The country was created in 1964, when the states of Tanganyika (TAN) and Zanzibar (ZAN) unified to form Tanzania. The capitol city is Dodoma, the currency is the Tanzanian shilling and the biggest export is coffee. Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain, is in north-eastern Tanzania. Over 100 different languages are spoken in Tanzania and while it doesn't have an official language, the national language is Swahili. Tanzania is one of the most ethnically diverse countries in Africa, yet ethnic divisions are rare and Tanzania has shown more political stability than most African countries. However, due to its level of poverty, Tanzania has the second severest

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.



hunger rate and also malnourishment rate, following only Burundi. Approximately 68% of Tanzanians live below the poverty line.

Since 2013, SFJ has sent six shipments of shoes to Tanzania, and mission teams have traveled there in both 2015 and 2016, to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus. We love the precious people of Tanzania and pray God's blessings over them. Please join us in prayer for these precious people.



Tanzania, Africa

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