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Dear Friend,

I just returned from Africa with an ignited passion for what He's called us to do. Our Zambia mission team was able to pray and share Christ with so many people who will never be the same again! I chose this photo to show you our view while we are on our knees washing feet inside the village church. A huge crowd of people are waiting and many have walked for hours just for the chance to receive a free pair of shoes. Often times they leave with the greatest gift of all, eternal life in Jesus!



I just received a great testimony from our host pastor in Zambia, Richard Kakuwa. A few days after our shoe distribution in Kampekete, this village church had a huge turnout for church on Sunday morning. The village Pastor shared that many new people came because they heard about Jesus and they also wanted to know Him. Praise the Lord that many more people gave their lives to Christ during this church service, and the Lord continues to do a great work in the villages of Zambia!

I am deeply humbled to see the Lord's favor and blessing poured out so generously over every part of this ministry. Only God can do what we are experiencing and we are deeply

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Exciting Giving Opportunity

**DOUBLE YOUR
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GOOD!**

A generous donor has offered to match all gifts up to \$10,000 to help send shipments to the nations of Liberia and Lesotho!

This is your chance to play a key role in fulfilling the Great Commission. Both of these nations have a great need for the Gospel and shoes. Please consider making a gift **to help raise \$22,000 by June 14th!** To read more about how you can help expand His Kingdom in these nations, click [HERE](#).

To those who have already made a donation, we thank you for your generosity in bringing His love to unreached places!

Donate
online at SolesForJesus.org

Checks can be mailed to:

committed to following His lead with each step. Thank you for your support and prayers as we can feel them!

Sincerely in Christ,

Diane Studer
Founder/Executive Director

Join us on Saturday, June 23rd!



Register Now

One More Week at a Discounted Rate!

Sign-up today and take advantage of a **Discounted Rate** while it lasts! You can register online or call us at 414-365-1392, and you will also receive a **free** "Race For Soles" T-shirt! All proceeds from this event will advance our mission of sharing shoes and the love of Jesus in Africa.

REGISTER at SolesForJesus.org			
	Mar 15-Apr 30	May 1-June 8	June 9-23
INDIVIDUALS	\$25	\$35	\$40
CHILDREN (UP TO AGE 14)	\$10	\$10	\$15
FAMILY RATE	\$70	\$85	\$95
TEAM (8 or more)	\$150	\$200	\$240
EVERY \$1 RAISED SENDS A SHOE TO AFRICA!			

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Team Zambia

We praise the Lord for all that He did during our time in Zambia! We are so grateful for the team that He assembled and for how He allowed us to serve with such unity and love. What an honor it was to wash the feet of these beautiful people and to share the Good News. We ministered in the Shiphanuka, Kapete and Manuka villages, as well as Every Orphan's Hope and Fountain Gate Home orphanages. Thank you for your prayers during our trip! We ask that you please continue to pray for the people of Zambia and for our EHC partners, as they continue to distribute shoes and share the love of Jesus.

You can see more pictures from the Zambia mission trip [HERE](#).



Team Zambia 2018

Thank You, Zambia Meal Sponsors!

We'd like to say a very special thank you to all of our Zambia meal sponsors! It was a privilege to provide and serve a special meal at each village and orphanage we visited. Thank you, David & Julie Behling, Blessed Savior Lutheran Church, Roberta Pratt, Orville Treptow, Evangel Assembly of God and Carey & Cynthia Krueger. Each

EXCITING UPDATE! Chipped timing is now available for 5K runners! We are excited to be working with a local race company to use the latest chipped technology to capture all 5K runners exact time and place. This provides an opportunity for those who wish to compete, and we are thrilled to offer this new feature.

Each participant can choose to walk or run a 2 mile or 5K course, and you can also invite family and friends to join you! The event will start and end at the campus of Waukesha County Technical College, and you'll enjoy a scenic route through the streets of Pewaukee. The morning will also include medals, prizes, refreshments, exciting games, a kids race, and a special appearance by Roscoe, the Milwaukee Admirals mascot! This event is for families and individuals of all ages.

This year we are excited to offer a discounted rate for TEAMS of 8 or more! Click the purple button for more info.

Are you following Soles For Jesus on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram? Connect with us and join the conversation about the Race For Soles 2018 at #RFS2018.

Click to view highlights from last year!



Thank You 2018 Gold Sponsors!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Journey Church, WI - Thank you Journey Church for helping us send this shipment to Guinea Bissau! We pray God's blessings over your church family as you share His love with those in great need.

meal is such a special gift and we were blessed to serve it in your honor!



Serving a meal in Manuka Village.

Volunteer Of The Month

We are thrilled to honor Tony Nunez as our May Volunteer of the Month! Tony is a professional videographer/photographer who joined Team Zambia to document our trip. You can check out his incredible work at www.altvra.co and www.bella-hill.com. This is a very busy time for his business, yet he traveled with us and donated his time and talent. Though he had a different role on the trip, he quickly became part of the team and we are so grateful for him!

This trip had a big impact on Tony. He shares, "Going into this trip, I wasn't sure what to expect. I had an idea, but nothing came close to what I experienced. I initially thought I would be a fly on the wall and capture the moment as things were happening and not participate in the group activities much. But God had other plans. By the end of the trip, I had an opportunity to wash feet alongside everyone, and it was the most humbling experience ever. I stepped out my shell of self and served the people as Jesus did and it's a memory I'll have for the rest of my life."

Tony has great advice for anyone considering a mission trip.

"Be prepared for a long journey.

Be ready to step out of your comfort zone.

Be prepared to have a whole new



The Board of Directors with the shipment to Guinea Bissau.

Evangel Church, WI - Thank you Pastor Gus and the youth ministry at Evangel Assembly of God for doing a shoe drive. Your shoes will impact many lives in Africa!



Pastor Gus delivering shoes at our warehouse.

Elite Sports Clubs, WI - We are amazed at the mountain of shoes these 3 truckloads brought in, and all we can say is a BIG Thank You! We appreciate all of the Elite clubs for collecting shoes and the huge turnout. Your donations are changing lives!

perspective on love.

Be ready to bond with a group of strangers and then have to say goodbye."

Tony and his wife, Kimberlee, have three sons; and Tony considers himself a free spirit, who loves people, culture, good conversation, a well-directed film, and music. Thank you, Tony, for your servant heart and for being such a special part of Team Zambia. We pray God's abundant blessings over your family and business!



Tony Nunez, our volunteer of the month!

Testimony From Guinea

We are excited to share that the shipment to Guinea has finally arrived. David, our ministry partner, writes, "We hereby confirm that the container arrived under our roof today, May 18th, at 3:25 pm. We are planning to start distribution of the shoes next week. We will give you testimonies and photos as soon as we can. We are very grateful to everyone who helped us receive these shoes. God bless you for your generosity to the people of Guinea."

You can view more pictures of this shipment [HERE](#).



Trucks getting loaded with shoes to deliver to the SFJ warehouse.

St. Eugene's Church and School, WI - We thank St. Eugene's Church and School in Fox Point for doing a shoe drive. We appreciate you collecting over 350 pairs of shoes that will be a big blessing to many kids and adults in Africa! We also enjoyed having you come tour our warehouse.



Families from St. Eugene's dropping off shoes.

Christian Youth Theater, WI - We applaud all the parents and kids at CYT for doing a shoe drive, collecting funds and coming in to serve in our warehouse. Your support is making an impact and we thank you for your support. Bravo and job well done!



The EHC Guinea Team unloading the shoes.

Shipping Update From Burundi

The shipment that left the Soles For Jesus warehouse in January destined for Burundi, has finally arrived in the Port of Dar Es Salaam. The next step is for the port officials to transfer the container to the truck that will carry it the final 950 miles to Bujumbura, Burundi. This step is very important and our partners are prepared to show all the necessary paperwork, but sometimes officials try to complicate this part of the process. Pray for God's favor and a quick turn-around time so these shoes can reach one of the poorest nations in the world.

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



Shipping containers being unloaded from the cargo ship.



Duane from Christian Youth Theater dropping off shoes.

Jessica Jere, WI - In honor of her birthday, Jessica wanted to find a meaningful way to give to a cause she believes in. Jessica, we are honored that you chose to share your birthday with us, and we pray God's blessings upon your year. Thank you for inspiring many with your gifts and generosity!



Jessica with the shoes she collected for her birthday!

Brownie Troop in Menomonee Falls, WI - Thank you Brownie Troop #10010 from Menomonee Falls for doing a shoe drive and collecting over 1356 pairs of shoes! Your contribution is helping us change lives. Thank you for partnering with us.

Testimony From Lesotho

Our partner in Lesotho, Josias, sent us the following testimony from Mrs. Lamane, who lives in a rural region of the country. She writes, "May God bless Soles For Jesus and the EHC volunteers in Lesotho who told me about the great news of the Gospel and offered a pair of shoes to me. It is so rare in this world for people to care so much about others. I have been blessed in so many ways today. This day has been like a miracle to me and I thank Almighty God, whom I now serve for His great love for me."

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



Shoes are opening doors to sharing the Gospel in Lesotho.

Meet One Of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ ministry partner in Namibia, Douglas Mudimba. This year, he and his ministry team





Brownie Troop #10010 serving and dropping off shoes.

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.



Shepherd's College students volunteering in the warehouse.

June

Friday, June 1st 9-11am

Thursday, June 14th, 9-11am

Saturday, June 16th, 9-11am

Wednesday, June 20th, 10-noon **FULL**

Wednesday, June 27th, 10-noon **FULL**

Thursday, June 28th, 6-8pm

Saturday, June 30th, 9-noon **FULL**

have plans to share the Good News of Jesus with 15,000 homes every month. Their target population is 200,000 people. Douglas shares, "By the end of this year, we hope that at least 5% of the people that we reached will say "yes" to a relationship with Jesus. This would represent 10,000 souls! With God, we believe this is possible."

Douglas and his wife, Vongai, are blessed with four children: Advent, Praise, Rejoice, and Timothy. Please join us in prayer for his family and for the following prayer requests:

- Strength and wisdom for Douglas to lead his ministry team.
- Open hearts to the Gospel in Namibia.
- An increase in ministry coverage and leaders.

Thank You For The Shoes Received This Month!

- Al & Tamari Clementi, WI
- Anytime Fitness-Germantown
- April Schultz, WI
- Arma Purdy, WI
- Bethesda Baptist Church, WI
- Brookfield Christian School, WI
- Brownie Troop #10010, WI
- Christ Alone Lutheran Church, WI
- Christian Life Church, MN
- Diane Zore, WI
- Divine Consign, WI
- Elite Repeats, WI
- Elite Sports Clubs, WI
- Elle Miller, WI
- Girl Scout Troop #8270, WI
- Heidi Boyles, WI
- Jessica Jere, WI
- Jodi Schmidt, WI
- Lake County Lutheran High School, WI
- Lakeside Lutheran High School, WI
- Lina Willer, WI
- Neat Repeats, WI
- Nick Kaun, WI
- Princeton Club, WI
- St. Eugene's Church & School, WI
- Schlitz Audubon Nature Center, WI
- Shepherd of the Hills-Pewaukee
- Shepherd of the Hills-Hubertus

July

Friday, July 13th, 1-3pm

Saturday, July 14th, 9-11am

Thursday, July 19th, 6-8pm

Saturday, July 21st, 9-11am

Saturday, July 28th, 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, 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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- Stacey Seim, WI
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- Victor & Kat Fronek, WI
- Wels Bargain Center, WI
- Weissman Family, WI
- Wisconsin Athletic Club - North Shore
- Wisconsin Athletic Club - Wauwatosa

Where In The World Is Liberia?

Liberia is a small country on the Western African coast, with a population of 4.7 million. English is the official language, but over 20 indigenous languages are spoken as well. Liberia began as a settlement of the American Colonization Society, who believed African Americans would face better chances for freedom and prosperity in Africa than in the United States. Between January 7, 1822 and the American Civil War, more than 15,000 freed and free-born African Americans who faced legislated limits in the U.S., as well as 3,198 Afro-Caribbeans, relocated to the settlement. The settlers carried their culture and tradition with them to Liberia.

Liberia is one of the world's poorest countries, and their economy depends heavily on foreign aid, foreign direct investments and exports of natural resources; such as, iron ore, rubber, and timber. In the Ebola outbreak of 2014, Liberia suffered the most fatalities at 4,809. SFJ has sent shipments of shoes in 2013, 2014, and 2017. Please join us in prayer for the precious people of Liberia.



Liberia, Africa.

Join Our Prayer Team!

If you would like to be a part of our prayer team, email us at info@SolesForJesus.org. We will send you our prayer newsletter, so you can join us in united prayer from the comfort of your home!

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24



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