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Dear Friend,

Have you ever been in awe of God's love? Psalms 33:8b says, "Let all the inhabitants of the world **stand in awe of Him!**" Well, it's been over a month since we returned from Zambia and faces like this are still on my mind. When Daniel and his father sat in the chairs before



me, we shared an emotional time of prayer and foot washing. The Lord's presence was thick and they were overwhelmed with God's love and completely in **awe**. When they received the promises from God's Word, including salvation in Jesus, it was life-changing for both of them! And when I presented Daniel with a new pair of shoes his father's eyes filled with tears, since school was starting soon and his son did not have the required shoes. Daniel clung so tightly to his shoes and I encouraged him to thank Jesus each time that he puts them on because this gift is from Him.

When you experience God's love, you'll never be the same again! Thank you for your faithful support of Soles For Jesus, and I'm so grateful for each person who prays, volunteers, supports and helps hold up the arms of the ministry. I am in awe

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Join SFJ in Burundi in 2019!

We are now accepting applications for our mission trip to Burundi, which will take place in May of 2019. This team will wash and put shoes on feet, provide feedings and share the love of Jesus in the remote villages of Burundi. Contact Yenh to request an application at Yenh@SolesForJesus.org. We are excited for what God has in store! To view a photo album from our last mission trip to Zambia, click [HERE](#).

Q&A

What are the dates of this trip?

We are aiming for May 2nd through May 11th, 2019. Dates may slightly flex but you can plan for a 10 day trip.

Who is this trip available to?

We will consider all men and women over the age of 17 who submit an application. (Phone interview and references will follow.) This trip will impact your life and walk with Christ, and you may be stretched physically, emotionally and spiritually. There is something special and life-changing about ministering together in Jesus' name, and humbly washing and putting shoes on the feet of those we are serving.

What will the schedule include?

of the Lord and what He is doing, and I'm humbled to serve Him together.

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer
Founder/Executive Director

Race For Soles!



The 2018 Race For Soles was a great success! Thank you to all who came out to Waukesha County Technical College to make this an incredible event. We are extremely grateful for such a beautiful morning where friends and families enjoyed a 5k or 2 mile course, refreshments, games, prizes and great fellowship. We were also visited by Roscoe, the Milwaukee Admirals mascot, and the Chick-fil-A Cow, who handed out free chicken sandwiches!

We want to THANK all of our event sponsors for their support!

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We also could not have done this without the help and support of our amazing volunteers and our event committee. Thank you for all of your hard work that made our #RFS2018 such a great

This trip will include traveling to villages and serving communities who are in need of shoes and the love of Christ. We will also serve a meal in each village and also at an orphanage where we'll play with the children. On Sunday we will attend church, and we'll also have a fun day together enjoying Burundi as tourists.

What should I expect for accommodation?

We will be staying at a hotel where we'll eat most of our meals, and you will have a roommate that you'll meet at our team meetings. (Out of town team members will join our two meetings via Skype or phone.)

What is the cost?

The cost of this trip is \$3,500 and many team members fundraise for it. Airfare and in-country expenses are included. (Hotel, transportation, most meals, team t-shirts, and plenty of bottled water are all included.)

What should I do if I'm interested in going?

Contact YenH at Yenh@SolesForJesus.org to request an application. Applications for this trip are due by Monday, July 16th, however, the trip may fill up prior to this date.



Team Zambia washing feet and distributing shoes.

Mission Trip Testimony

We praise the Lord for the impact that mission trips have on those who go. Many times, we go to serve and bless the people of Africa, yet we are blessed so much in return. Chloe Harbach was a part of Team Zambia 2018, and she shared her experience with us.

"I definitely felt that the work we did was meaningful. I could see the Lord working through me to connect with the Zambian people. I have never felt so in touch with the sensitivity it takes to hear the Lord's voice. This was truly a faith-growing experience for me.

success. We praise the Lord for all that was accomplished as a result of this event, and we hope to see you next year!



View our RFS Facebook photo album [HERE](#). Special thanks to our great photographer, Mark Weber!

Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction: November 10th, 2018!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR to get your table or seats on:
August 16th at 9am!

The 2018 Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction will take place on Saturday, November 10th 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. Richard Kakuwa (EHC National Director in Zambia) and you don't want to miss it! Tables and seats are limited, so be sure to act fast and get yours right away. On August 16th, you can make your purchase at www.SolesForJesus.org or by phone at (414) 365-1392. We hope to see you there!

Event Sponsorships: Sponsorships are available **now** for this year's event. Invitations will be printed soon and we'd love to add your name to the cover as our Gold Sponsor. As an event sponsor, your name or business will be recognized through printed material, social media, company signage and verbally honored at our event. You'll

This was the most enlightening spiritual experience I have ever had in my life. I think being in an unfamiliar place, so far from anyone I know, really forced me to rely so heavily on the Lord. It was a little intimidating for me in the beginning to share my faith with people, to pray over them, and to just talk about Jesus. I felt like I wasn't ready or qualified to say those things. The Lord worked through me, though, and seeing the team dive in really encouraged me to stop thinking about myself and how I looked on the outside and to just reach out with my heart to help the people around me."

Some highlights for Chloe were sharing her testimony at church, playing with a beautiful little boy named Gift and learning how much she could love a child, the night the team prayed over her, and the opportunities to pray over members of the team. Thank you, Chloe, for sharing your heart. It was a joy to have you on the team, and we pray for you and your next adventure!



Chloe washing feet and distributing shoes in Zambia.

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.

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 Monteen at kmonteen@SolesForJesus.org if you are able to donate. Thank you in advance for your generous support!



Diane speaking at last year's luncheon.

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Hamilton Sussex Softball, WI - Thank you to the parents and families from this great team and community! Your support and partnership to donate shoes will impact many lives in Africa!

Volunteer Of The Month

We are thrilled to honor Pat Pfankuch as our June Volunteer of the Month! Pat and his family started out hosting shoe drives for SFJ several years ago. Then they learned that Performance Running Outfitters was accepting used running shoes at their stores for recycling. Pat approached the store about picking up the shoes for Soles For Jesus, and the store owner was happy to see the shoes sent to Africa. Pat picks the shoes up from the store on a regular basis, and his whole family is involved in sorting them, by making sure they have a match and in good condition. Once the shoes are sorted, Pat delivers them to SFJ.



"We laugh about our white van that currently is rusting and has 200,000+ miles on it. I'm not sure that we can ever get rid of it because it is our main shoe transporter. This has been an easy way to make a big difference, as the shoes from Performance Running Outfitters are terrific and are usually in great shape," Pat shared.

Thank you, Pat, for all that you do for SFJ! These athletic shoes are incredible, and we would not have them without your special delivery service. We pray God's abundant blessings over you and your family!

Shipping Update From Burundi

We are very excited to announce that the shoes have now arrived in Bujumbura, Burundi. Our partner, Evariste, is very excited to have the shoes and he has big plans for them. Starting next week he is launching a shoe distribution plan that will reach four communities with shoes and Gospel literature. After that, he plans to reach 3,000 students in a very poor part of his nation that has seen flooding and landslides recently. Please continue to pray for the success and safety of the EHC Burundi Ministry team.

To view more pictures of this shipment, click [HERE](#).



Shoes collected by the Sussex Hamilton Softball Team.

Aurora Health Centers, WI - Big thanks to Emily who coordinated a shoe drive with 5 local Aurora Health Clinics. Thank you for the many shoes that will be a tremendous blessing to children and adults in Africa!



Thank you to 5 Aurora Clinics for collecting shoes!

University School, WI - Thank you University School for your recent shoe drive to end your school year! We appreciate all of the students, families and staff that worked hard to donate



Evariste and Goreth with the shoes from SFJ.

Testimony From Liberia

We are thrilled to report that the shipment to Liberia is now on its way, and these shoes are currently on a ship heading to Monrovia. Our partner, Jonel Weeks, and her team are ready to evangelize to many rural areas. Liberia has a strong Islamic influence and your prayers are needed to help people hear the truth of the Gospel and receive Jesus as their loving Savior.

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



8,000 pairs of shoes on their way to Monrovia, Liberia.

Testimony From Lesotho

Josias, our partner in Lesotho who is also the featured partner of the month, shared the following testimony with us. "As pastors, we are the servants of God, so it is our responsibility to see to it that the Gospel of

shoes. Also, thanks to Pat and her daughter for organizing the efforts and bringing them to our warehouse. Your support is touching lives in Africa!



Thank you families of University School!

Lamb of God Evangelical Church and School, WI - We want to thank Jamie for coordinating a shoe drive at Lamb of God School. She shares how excited they were to see all the shoes come in since they're a small school. We're so thankful to everyone who donated shoes, and these will be a big blessing to many kids and adults in Africa!



Big shoe pile at Lamb of God Church and School.

Cathy's Community Shoe Drive, WI - What a great shoe drive by Cathy and her daughters! Cathy came to serve at one of our SOS

Jesus Christ is shared with everyone. With this in mind, we traveled to the Matlameng area in the north of our nation. The people there were eager to hear the Gospel and many accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior. It was only after preaching that we offered shoes to those who had gathered. We are rejoicing for all that we saw God do that day. Thank you for your support." -Pastor P. Ralenkoane

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



The first villagers who gathered to hear the Gospel.

Meet One Of Our Partners

Meet Josias Mohanoe, our EHC ministry partner in Lesotho, Africa. In Josias' report, he shared with us Hebrews 6:10, "God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them." He wishes to share his sincerest gratitude for all of those who support SFJ. He says that seeing tears of joy from those who have received a pair of shoes is a miracle. Josias strongly believes that those who have heard and accepted Jesus will remember SFJ for the rest of their lives. Josias and his team are now working to reach over 1,000 souls with the Gospel and hope to train forty percent of them through discipleship training. He has asked us to pray for the following:



- God's wisdom for the volunteer distributors
- Protection over the herd boys who live high up in the mountains

volunteer events and she wanted to take action to help bring in more shoes. Thank you Cathy for reaching out to friends and family and for helping to spread our mission while making a difference in the lives of many!



Cathy with her two daughters during their shoe drive.

Abby from Brookfield Central, WI - We appreciate Abby who desires to make a difference in her community and worldwide. Abby reached out to her school, friends and family in the Brookfield community to share about our mission. Thank you, Abby, for not only collecting over 350 pairs of shoes but also the funds to help ship them to Africa!



Abby delivering shoes from Brookfield Central High

- Greater resources for those living in remote areas
- Open doors to reach more unbelievers (prisoners, students, youth) with the Gospel message
- Strength and wisdom for the local pastors and overall unity in the church
- Greater humanitarianism in his country in order to alleviate suffering for those in combat

Thank You For The Shoes Received This Month!

- Abby Mauerman, WI
- American Imports, WI
- Bella Monteen, WI
- Bridget Schmitt, WI
- Brookfield Central High School, WI
- Cathy Rodriguez-Malave, WI
- Christ Alone Lutheran Church, WI
- Deborah Scharrer, WI
- F.I.S.H. Home School Group, WI
- Grace Lutheran Church & School, WI
- Hamilton Sussex Softball, WI
- Interfaith Older Adult Programs, WI
- Jeannette Richardson, WI
- Josh Flanders, IA
- Kathy Smith, WI
- Kevin & Kristin Schneider, WI
- Lake Country Lutheran High School, WI
- Lakeside Fit Body Bootcamp, WI
- Lamb of God Evangelical Church, WI
- Lifeline Church, WI
- Mary Ellen Simeth, WI
- Mr. & Mrs. Bitney, WI
- Neat Repeats, WI
- Nick Kaun, WI
- Pat Wood, WI
- Poplar Creek Church, WI
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, WI
- Princeton Club, WI
- Ryan Kops, WI
- Samantha McCollum, WI
- Shannon MacKenzie, WI
- St. Paul's Lutheran School, WI
- Teen Challenge, WI
- The Colour Tube, WI
- Toby and Jennifer Shaw, WI
- University School, WI
- Victor & Kat Fronek, WI
- Wisconsin Athletic Club – Wauwatosa, WI

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.



"Serving Boldly" group serving from Minnesota and Georgia!

July

Monday, July 9th, 9-11am
Friday, July 13th, 1-3pm
Saturday, July 14th, 9-11am **FULL**
Tuesday, July 17th, 9-11am
Thursday, July 19th, 6-8pm
Saturday, July 21st, 9-11am
Saturday, July 28th, 9-11am

August

Saturday, August 4th, 9-11am
Thursday, August 9th, 6-8pm
Saturday, August 11th, 9-11am
Saturday, August 18th, 9-11am
Saturday, August 25th, 9-11am
Tuesday, August 28th, 4-6pm **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

Where In The World Is Guinea?

Guinea is a small country on the western coast of Africa, with a population of 12.4 million. Guinea declared its independence from France in 1958. French is the official language of Guinea and it's a predominantly Islamic country, with Muslims representing 85% of the population. Their biggest export is bauxite, which is used to make aluminum. The country was at the core of the 2014 Ebola outbreak, resulting in the death of over 2,500 Guineans. The literacy rate of Guinea is one of the lowest in the world. It is estimated that only 41% of adults are literate. Children, particularly girls, are kept out of school in order to assist their parents with domestic work or agriculture, or to be married. Malnutrition is a serious problem for Guinea, and HIV/AIDS and Malaria are also prevalent.

SFJ has sent shipments of shoes to Guinea in 2015 and 2017 and we are thrilled to partner with all that the Lord is doing in this nation. Please join us in prayer for the precious people of Guinea.



Guinea, 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

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.

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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