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Dear Friend,

As kids are gearing up for a new school year in America, many students can't wait to buy a new pair of shoes. It's a serious decision in our home to find just the right pair! Recently, some girls in Illinois made this video (below) after they went shopping for new shoes. They decided to invite their friends and neighbors to participate in a back-to-school shoe drive and their goal was to collect 150 pairs. They were blown away when they received over 600 pairs, but they didn't stop there! These girls also organized a lemonade stand to help raise funds to ship their shoes to Africa. What a blessing they are to the Kingdom and I'm grateful that our mission involves all ages. I know that these girls have touched the heart of Jesus, as He said in Matthew 19:14, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

I want to share some exciting news with you! On the opening day of sales for our annual luncheon, you helped us fill 337 seats! I sincerely thank each sponsor and person who purchased a table or seat(s) to make this happen. The good news is that we still have seats left for you, and you can find more info below. I encourage you to get your table today so that you can join us for this special event, where Dr. Richard Kakuwa will be our keynote speaker. He just hosted our mission team in Zambia and you don't want to miss this one. I pray that you can join us!

Sincerely in Christ,

Diane Studer Founder/Executive Director

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Supplies Needed For Our Next Trip!

We are so grateful for those who donate supplies that are needed for our mission trips. Would you please consider donating any of

the items listed below to be used on our next mission trip to Burundi?

*Items can be dropped off by <u>September 24th</u>, so they can be added to our shipment:

- Bath or beach towels
- Washcloths
- Full-size bars of soap
- 4 new large tarps- 20'x30'
- Large tote bags
- New small Bibles (full OT & NT)

If you would like to supply any of these items, please email <u>yenh@SolesForJesus.org</u> or call (414) 365-1392.



Click on this image to view their special video!



9th Annual Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction: Saturday, November 10th!



Tables and Seats Are On Sale!

Buy Now

Tickets are on sale now, and you can purchase your table or seats by clicking the link above or by calling us at (414) 365-1392.

The 9th Annual Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction will take place on Saturday, November 10, 2018, from 10:30am to 2pm, at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee. This is going to be an incredible event with special key-note speaker Dr. Richard Kakuwa (Zambia EHC National Director), and you don't want to miss it! Tables and seats are limited, so be sure to act fast and get yours right away. We look forward to seeing you there!

Early Access Bidding: On Wednesday, November 7th,

Join SFJ In Burundi In 2019!

We are very excited about the team that the Lord is building for our next mission trip to Burundi! We are currently accepting applications and invite you to pray about this exciting opportunity. From May 2-12, 2019 we will be sharing the love of Jesus in the remote villages of Burundi as we wash feet, share shoes and serve a special meal. We will also minster in at least one orphanage, and we'll enjoy the country as a tourist for one day as well.

If you are interested in joining Team Burundi 2019, contact Yenh for more information or to request an application at Yenh@SolesForJesus.org. We are so excited about all that the Lord has in store for this team and trip!

To view a photo album from our last mission trip to Zambia, click <u>HERE</u>.



Melissa, from Team Zambia, washing feet as Jesus did.

all registered guests (who submit their name & email address to SFJ) will receive a personal email to gain access to online bidding **three** days early! There will be a photo of each item online, so you'll be able to see what it looks like prior to bidding. Please note that **each guest will need to provide an email address they can access from their phone on the day of the event.** If you don't have a smartphone, don't worry! We will have plenty of bidding assistants available again with tablets, and they will be happy to help you place as many bids as you'd like.

When you purchase your event table or seats, please be sure to **provide all of your guests' names and email addresses**, so they can participate in our special early access, too!

Event Sponsorships: We are extremely grateful for each sponsor who is partnering with us for this event! Sponsorship opportunities are now available and you can find more details about this at the link above. 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 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 also grateful for those who donate items for 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' (i.e: 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 Please event for tax purposes. contact Kris at kmonteen@SolesForJesus.org if you are able to donate. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Aurora Healthcare Shoe Drive - We are so thankful for the many shoes that arrived from 3 Aurora Healthcare clinics that held shoe drives! We also extend our gratitude to Tyler and Annie for delivering them and for staying to help pack their shoes for Africa!

Volunteers Of The Month

We are thrilled to honor Amy and Brian Huber as our August Volunteers of the Month! Amy and Brian first learned about Soles For Jesus a few years ago, when volunteering in our warehouse at a SOS event with their church. Since then, they've been back many times to help with



church groups and with Amy's Bible study group. Both Amy and Brian have recently become SOS leaders and we're so grateful to have them on our leadership team!

If you're considering volunteering at a SOS event, Amy has great advice. "Just do it! It is so rewarding to work with friends close to home and have an impact across the world. It is so much fun to volunteer. The work is simple, but has so much impact."

Amy and Brian enjoy cooking, especially homemade pizza on the grill. They enjoy it so much that Brian sometimes grills pizza on the patio in the middle of winter. They have four kids, all in their early 20's, and their daughters, Jess and Laura, are pictured above.

Thank you, Amy and Brian, for being wonderful advocates for SFJ and for donating your time to lead SOS groups. We are so grateful for you and pray abundant blessings over your family!



Tyler and Annie delivering shoes from Aurora's shoe drive.

Simon Family, PA - We want to give a very big round of applause to the friends and family of Don and Michelle Simon for their faithful support over the years and for sending another 257 boxes of shoes from Pennsylvania to Wisconsin! We also sincerely thank John Cory for making the transport to our warehouse possible, and Jan Moreth for all that you do to serve SFJ as our Pennsylvania State Representative. Thank you all for being such an ongoing blessing to our SFJ family!



Getting ready to send the shipment from PA to WI.

Heritage Christian Preschool, WI - Look at these adorable pre-schoolers from Heritage Christian! They collected shoes and prayed over each pair asking the Lord to forever change each life. Thank you, students, teachers and families, for blessing others

Congratulations, Scott and Karen!

We are truly touched by this very special couple and their generous act of kindess.

In honor of their recent wedding celebration and in lieu of wedding favors for their guests, they made a contribution to Soles For Jesus!



Thank you, Scott and

Karen Lorenz, for giving such a selfless gift of love in honor of your special day. On behalf of those in Africa who will be blessed by your gift, we thank you!

May God bless your beautiful union and new life together!

Burundi Distribution Update

Our ministry partner, Evariste, and his team are working hard to reach out to 10 different schools in three months. We just received a report from him that at their first distribution in Gitaza, they were met by a crowd of about 2,000 people. This is not surprising in Burundi, which is ranked as the 3rd poorest nation in the world. There are deep levels of poverty here, and shoes are an incredible blessing.

The SFJ mission trip to Burundi in May of 2019 will be a tremendous blessing to thousands of people, and our team will be impacted in an incredible way as well. If you are interested in joining us, please contact us right away. You can view more pictures of this shipment <u>HERE</u>. during your summer and for also donating funds to help ship your shoes. Special thanks to Vicki Lees for over-seeing the project and for delivering the shoes. The Lord surely has big things in store for each of these kids and we thank you!



Thank you, Heritage Christian Preschool, for these great shoes!

Ellenbecker Investment Group, WI - We are so grateful to EIG for all of their support! First, they shoe drive started with а and their employees responded in a big way by donating over 400 pairs! Their collection box was overflowing with shoes during their entire drive and they also donated funds to help ship them to Africa. Then they came and served in our warehouse and packed over 628 pairs of shoes for shipment! When they arrived to volunteer at our warehouse, it was announced that EIG would be purchasing SFJ t-shirts for each of the 24 employees who came that night. Wow! That was a great surprise and so much fun! We want to thank everyone at EIG for your generosity and compassion to help others in Africa, and for making this partnership such a great success!



Shoes ready for distribution in Gitaza

Liberia Shipping Update

We are thrilled to share that this shipment of shoes has been safely received in Liberia. Our partner, Jonel, wrote to us saying, "It's with joy and gratitude that I'm writing you this thank you note on behalf of the EHC Liberia Ministry. We praise God for blessing us with spiritual partners, working to advance the work of the Kingdom of God in Liberia."

So many of you have helped play a crucial role in this process and we want to thank you for your prayers, shoes and financial support for this shipment. God bless you for your sacrifice to help spread the Gospel in Liberia. View more pictures of this shipment <u>HERE</u>.



Ellenbecker Investment Group serving in our warehouse.

Christ Lutheran Church Marshfield, WI- Special thanks to the Vacation Bible School program at Christ Lutheran Church for their many shoes and donations to help ship them to Africa! Tammy shared how enthusiastic the kids were to get involved and to help pack the shoes with love. Thank you all and may God bless you!



Tammy with her nieces delivering the shoes to our warehouse.



stored in the warehouse in Liberia.

Guinea Bissau Shipping Update

Thank you for your prayers for this shipment to Guinea Bissau. The Port Workers Strike ended on August 6th and our partner, Julio, received the container of shoes a few days later. He is very grateful to everyone who was praying for this difficult situation. He is very excited to now be able to distribute shoes and share the Gospel through the rural areas of his nation.

Julio asks for your continued prayers and for the message of the Gospel to break through to people so they can begin to live a life of grace and freedom in Christ. You can view more pictures of this shipment <u>HERE.</u>

Mumert Family, MO - We sincerely thank the Mumert family for their strong support of SFJ from the great state of Missouri! Holli has served as our State Representative for several years and we are so grateful for how her community has responded once again. Over 1,857 pairs of shoes were collected by this amazing family and they also made it possible for these shoes to be delivered to SFJ in a shipping cube! Thank you, Holli and family, for your faithfulness in serving. 1,857 lives in Africa will be blessed because of YOU!



Shoes getting packed and ready to be sent to Wisconsin!

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 <u>Yenh@SolesForJesus.org</u> to sign-up for a date and time to come and volunteer.



Unloading the shoes at the Every Home for Christ office.

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, "It's incredible to see churches opening their doors for shoe distributions. Many people are stepping in to a church for the first time and finding Jesus as their Savior. I praise God for this opportunity and partnership with SFJ!"

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 to 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



Thank you, Christ the King Baptist Church, for bringing several groups to volunteer in August!

September

Saturday, September 8th, 9-11am **FULL** Thursday, September 13th, 6-8pm Saturday, September 15th, 9-11am Saturday, September 22nd, 9-11am Tuesday, September 25th, 6-8pm Saturday, September 29th, 9-11am **FULL**

October

Saturday, October 6th, 9-11am Thursday, October 11th, 6-8pm Saturday, October 13th, 9-11am Saturday, October 20th, 1-3pm **FULL** Tuesday, October 23rd, 6-8pm Saturday, October 27th, 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

and sharing their experience with others.

Thank You For The Silent Auction Donations Received this Month!

- Chick-fil-A
- ComedySportz
- Cooper's Hawk
- Costco
- Disney World
- Florentine Opera Company
- Glaze
- Green Bay Packers
- The Ingleside Hotel
- Lake Geneva Cruise Line
- Lake Shore Chinooks
- Milwaukee Art Museum
- Milwaukee County Parks
- MorningStar Golf Club
- Picaboo
- Pizza Hut
- Plum Hair Salon
- Road America
- Wicked Archery

Thank You For The Shoes Received This Month!

- Action Organizing, WI
- Brookfield Christian School, <u>WI</u>
- Cargo Services, IN
- Charlottesville United Methodist Church, IN
- Christ Alone Church, WI
- Christ Lutheran Church Marshfield, WI
- Danny & Jo Rodgers, WI
- Diane Leibiger, WI
- Dwayne <u>& Barb Butler, WI</u>
- Ellenbecker Investment Group, WI
- Evangel Assembly of God, WI
- First United Methodist Church, IN
- Grace Church, IL
- Grace Fellowship Church, IN
- Greg Forbes, WI
- Heritage <u>Christian School</u>, WI
- Holli Mumert and family, M
- Jeanne Ziegler, W
- Jennifer Luna, WI
- Jeremy & Cindi LaSage, WI
- John Bonner, W.

pack shoes for Africa is a rewarding, 2 hour, team building opportunity for youth and adults (12+ years). Please contact Yenh at <u>Yenh@SolesForJesus.org</u> or 414-365-1392 to set up your volunteer group.

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- New Life United Methodist Church, IN
- Performance Running Outfitters, WI
- Princeton Club, WI
- Ruth Schulz, W
- Sheri Bohl, WI
- Simply Shears, IN
- St. Marcus Lutheran Church, WI
- Steve & Sally Brock, IL
- Ted & Susan Jansen, WI
- Teen Challenge, W
- The Colour Tube, WI
- Wisconsin Athletic Club-North Shore
- Wisconsin Athletic Club-Wauwatosa
- Yarger Machinery, Il

Where In The World Is Botswana?

Botswana is located in Southern Africa, with a population of just over two million. The country gained its independence from the Commonwealth in 1966, and has maintained a stable democracy ever since. Their currency is the Botswana pula, and their official languages are English and Setswana. The country has been hit hard by the AIDS/HIV epidemic and has the third highest AIDS rate in the world. The current life expectancy is 54 years. Botswana relies on mining, cattle and tourism for income, but also battles severe drought.

Soles For Jesus has sent two shipments of shoes to Botswana; one in 2015 and also in 2017. Please join us in prayer for the financial, educational, physical and spiritual needs of the people of Botswana.



Botswana, Africa.



"Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all people." I Chronicles 16:24

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