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Dear Friend,

"A picture is worth a thousand words!" This is what I thought when I saw the photos below, as they convey more than my words ever could. It can be difficult for us to understand just how valuable a quality pair of shoes can be. Often times we are able to give people in Africa their first pair of shoes, and other times we are able to replace worn out shoes with a brand new pair. What a privilege it is to wash the feet of someone who has been walking in tattered shoes like these, and to do so in the name of Jesus. There is no greater joy than helping someone find eternal hope in Jesus, and that's what happens over and over again as we wash feet and share His love.

I am continually grateful for the eternal fruit that we are seeing and I know that only Jesus can do this beautiful work! Soles For Jesus is His plan and that's why it works; because it's His kindness that leads us to repentance and helps us realize our great need for a Savior.

Thank you for your support in bringing Hope to places that desperately need Him. It's an honor to partner together in His name as we demonstrate His love and make Him known! I pray that you can join me at our annual luncheon on November 10th. It'll be a celebration that you don't want to miss and I would love for you to be there!

In Christ Alone,

Diane Studer Founder/Executive Director Soles For Jesus, Inc.

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NEW this year! Auction Opens 3 Days EARLY!

Out of State or unable to attend? You can also bid online!

Wedn esday , Nove mber 7th we'll send an email

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registered guests to gain access to online bidding **3 days early!**

We have great news for those who can't make it to our event this year too! You can also bid online from wherever you are! To register for online access, click <u>HERE</u>, choose 'Offsite Bidder' under the ticket options, and



Fashion Show Luncheon & Auction! *Only 10 Days Away!



It's Not Too Late To Join Us!



We are so grateful for each event sponsor and for the seats that are already filled! For those who don't have seats yet, we still have some left for you! We invite you to secure yours today by using the link above, or by phone at 414-365-1392. go through the registration process. You'll also have access to the auction site three days early, as well as during the event!

We appreciate our supporters who live all over the country and we're so excited that we are now able to include you in our event! If you have any questions, please contact Kris at <u>Kmonteen@SolesForJesus.org</u>. Happy Bidding!

IMPORTANT RESTRICTION: SFJ will <u>only</u> mail out **gift cards** or **gift certificates** that are won by Offsite Bidders. SFJ will not ship any other baskets or auction items. Auction winners must pick up their items at the SFJ office, or make arrangements for someone else to pick them up by 11/23/18. By registering to be an Offsite Bidder, you agree to these restrictions and we thank you for your support of SFJ!

Join Our Mission Trip To Swaziland!

We are excited for how the Lord is leading us to bring our next mission team to Swaziland - and we only have a couple of spots left!

On May 2-12, 2019, we will be sharing the love of Jesus in the remote villages of Swaziland as we wash feet, share shoes and serve a special meal. We will also minister in at least one orphanage, and at the end of our trip we'll enjoy the country as a tourist for one day.

If you are interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity, please contact Yenh at 414-365-1392 or at <u>Yenh@SolesForJesus.org</u>. To view a photo album from our last mission trip to Zambia, click HERE. 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 keynote speaker Dr. Richard Kakuwa, EHC National Director in Zambia. You don't want to miss this one, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Event Sponsorships: We want to extend a big, "THANK YOU!" to each of our Event Sponsors for your support! We especially want to honor and thank our Gold Sponsors: CTaccess, Jung Express, NatureScape, Lannon Stone & The Novak Family.

Silent Auction: We are also grateful for each of you who have generously donated to our auction! We have an incredible line up of items and you will not be disappointed!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Concordia University Volunteer Club - Mark enjoyed sharing at the Concordia Volunteer Club this month. Thank you for inviting us to share more about our mission and the various ways that students can volunteer and also intern with us. We're grateful for all of the volunteers from Concordia who help us sort and pack shoes throughout the year.



Mark Ellefson of SFJ, sharing at Concordia University.

WaterStone Bank - Thanks to everyone who participated in the shoe drive at WaterStone Bank in Wauwatosa! We are so grateful for your support and the many shoes that you donated. Your partnership is helping to bring Hope to so many in Africa, and we thank Denise for making your delivery.



Team Kenya in 2017.

Botswana Shipment Arrival

Praise God for the safe arrival of our shipment of shoes to Botswana! Brother Tanga and the EHC staff are so incredibly grateful for this amazing ministry gift. They just began to distribute shoes in rural villages, so please pray for many to respond to faith in Jesus Christ as they hear the Gospel truth. We also ask that you'll join us in prayer for their safety as they travel great distances on roads and trails that are not easy to navigate.

You can view more pictures of this shipment <u>HERE</u>.



8,000 pairs arriving at the EHC office in Gaborone, Botswana.

Burkina Faso Shipping Update

We are thrilled to report that our shipment

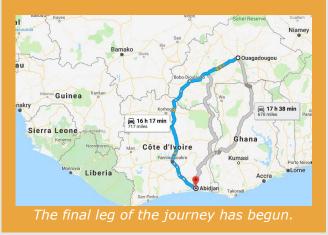


Thank You WaterStone Bank for your delivery of shoes.

Hawthorne Assembly Of God - Thank you to our friends from Hawthorne AG for packing Jean's trunk full with shoes. Jean came to Zambia with our SFJ mission team and we love her heart! We appreciate the many shoes and financial gifts that you all generously gave to help send these blessings to Africa. Your support is transforming lives and God bless your church family!



to Burkina Faso has finally reached the Port of Abidjan, Ivory Coast. From here it will travel 700 miles by road to Ouagadougou. Currently, the Customs Clearing process is underway and this is a very critical time in the shipping process. Please pray with us that the process goes quickly and that there are no complications. Brother David, our partner in Burkina Faso, is very excited to minister with these shoes so they can meet both physical and spiritual needs that exist in the rural areas of their nation. View more pictures of this shipment <u>HERE</u>.



Lesotho Distribution Update

Our partner, Josias, wrote to us asking us to share the following testimony to the supporters of SFJ. "On September 6, the EHC team visited an area called Sehlabathebe, witnessing and distributing Gospel literatures and shoes from Soles For Jesus to the people. The team entered every home with the Gospel. Many people were overwhelmed and gave their lives to our Lord Jesus Christ. During one home visit, a woman named Julia gave her heart to the Lord after reading a Bible booklet called, 'Choose the Ruler of Your Heart.' After reading it, she knew in her spirit that she must choose between Jesus and Satan. She chose to follow Jesus as Lord and Savior that day. Now she is telling everyone about her new faith in Jesus Christ." View more pictures HERE.

Thank you Jean LaViolette and Hawthorne AG!

Cornerstone Church, MN - Thank you, Mandy and Cheryl, for coming all the way down from Austin, MN to deliver a van filled with shoes! We were so blessed by your visit and your desire to tour our warehouse and learn more about our mission. May God bless all of you at Cornerstone Church for your ongoing partnership. You are such a great blessing to all of us at SFJ and to thousands in Africa over the years!



Mandy & Cheryl delivering shoes from Cornerstone Church, MN.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League, WI - Diane enjoyed speaking at the LWML Fall Rally at St. Paul's Church last weekend. What a privilege to be invited to share about the Soles For Jesus mission. We thank each person who has donated shoes and financial gifts to help spread His love in Africa!



shoes and seeing many come to faith in Lesotho.

Meet One Of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ ministry partner, Joseph Gule. Joseph serves in Swaziland, with his wife, Zama Nosipho and their three



children: Vuyani Nkosingphile, Uyizwile Nkosinami, and Iminathi. Joseph's ministry goal for the year is to reach 112,000 homes with the Gospel.

He shares this testimony from a distribution, "One old man from the Tikhuba community was so excited after receiving the gift of shoes. When asked to say something about the gift, he said that it was his first pair of shoes that he ever had and he was very excited and thankful. This time of sharing and joy opened up a wide door and many people received the Gospel of salvation because they could feel God's love."

Joseph specifically asks for prayer for these things:





Diane sharing at St. Paul's church in West Allis.

Volunteer Of The Month

We are thrilled to honor Holli Mumert as our October volunteer of the month! Holli is our Missouri State Representative, and she heard about SFJ while her family lived in WI for one year. A good friend invited her to our Annual Fashion Show Luncheon & Silent Auction, and Holli was so touched by what she heard.

"I knew that we were moving to Missouri and I felt like God put it on my heart to be a State Rep once we moved. This was an overwhelming idea! We had a brand new baby and two other children, my husband was starting a new job and we were all adjusting to a new state. I still felt like God was saying, "this is something you can do!" I am so thankful that I did say yes! God provided amazing family members who collected and donated shoes, and her in-laws have also helped deliver them to SFJ. I learned that God is so faithful to provide the help you need when you are doing His will," Holli shared.

Holli has great advice for anyone considering volunteering with SFJ. "Go for it!! SFJ is such a supportive environment to volunteer in. They are thankful for whatever time or resources you can donate, whether it seems big or small. So many times God is just asking for a willing vessel, and a person who will say "YES." You will be amazed at the support God brings alongside you just because you are willing."

- For our field workers.
- For all our office staff
- For our volunteers both on the field and in the office.
- For God's provision to build a house for his family. (They currently live in a rented house which takes most of their monthly support and causes financial strain.)

Thank You For The Silent Auction Donations Received this Month!

- ABC's of Happy
- Amber Moody
- Amy Hamp
- Art & Lany VanZanten
- Bast Durbin Advertising
- Bette Ann Peer
- Blue Spruce Upholstery
- Care-a-lotta
- Carol Adam
- Chicago Cubs
- Christine's Boutique
- Concordia University
- Creation Museum
- Creative Healing Arts Massage
- Donnette Mayrack
- Elise Schmidt
- Fit Body Boot Camp
- JK Lee Blackbelt Academy
- Jeanne Rhodes
- Jen Hardy
- Joan Stanich
- Karla Pappalardo
- Kate Wilhelm Photography
- Kati Hatfield
- Kaylee Ziebell
- Kim Zemen
- Kimberly Eisendrath
- Laura Palicka
- Learning Express Toys
- Linda Hubbell
- Linda Zywicki
- Lindsay Dereseynski
- Lisa Herriges
- Margaret Hetzel
- Marie Tandy
- Marriott Milwaukee West
- Michelle Novak
- Milwaukee Brewers
- Milwaukee Panthers



Holli and her husband have three children, ages 9, 6 and 4. They have loved being able to help SFJ as a family. The kids help sort the shoes, bundle up the pairs, count them, and gather donations from friends and family. "I love that my kids have a chance to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Seeing them pray over the shoes and for the people receiving them is a priceless gift to me!"

Thank you, Holli, for being such a special part of SFJ. We are so grateful for you and pray God's abundant blessings over your family!

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.

- Nothing Bundt Cakes
- Paper Dolls
- Positively Pewaukee
- Pour Vous
- Present Music
- Price Transport
- Rachel Platz
- Racine Zoo
- Sandra Miller
- Screaming Tuna Sushi & Asian Bar
- Sew Good, LLC
- Shoot the Moon Photography
- Sincerely Yours Chalkboards
- Skydive Milwaukee
- Steve and Sarah Baratka
- Steve and Sue Klinger
- Susan Jansen
- Sussex Fire Department
- Terri Bartlett
- The Mineshaft
- The Skipping Stone
- Tia Jackson
- Tiffany Basta
- Tom & Penny Krist
- Walk by Faith Designs
- WaterStone Bank
- Waukesha County Parks
- Wines for Humanity
- Wisconsin Athletic Club

Thank You For The Shoes Received This Month!

- Aurora Partnership- Lake Geneva, WI
- Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, WI
- Brown Deer Junior Women's Club, WI
- Cargo Services, IN
- Caryn & Craig Thacker, WI
- Charlottesville United Methodist Church, IN
- Cherie Schroeder, WI
- Christ Alone Church, WI
- Cindy Zagorski, WI
- Debbie Capozza, WI
- First Immanuel Lutheran Church-Cedarburg, WI
- First United Methodist Church, IN
- Germantown Senior Center, WI
- Grace Fellowship Church, IN
- Hawthorne Assembly of God, WI
- Jean LaViolette, WI
- Jill Gutenberger, WI
- Julie Simuncek, WI



Thank you Lake Country Lutheran JV Girls Volleyball team!

November

Saturday, November 3rd, 9-11am **FULL** Tuesday, November 13th, 6-8pm Wednesday, November 14th, 1:30-3:30pm Saturday, November 17th, 9-11am Tuesday, November 20th, 12:30-2:30pm Tuesday, November 27th, 6-8pm

December

Saturday, December 1st, 9-11am Tuesday, December 4th, 6-8pm Saturday, December 8th, 9-11am Thursday, December 13th, 6-8pm Saturday, December 15th, 9-11am Saturday, December 29th, 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 <u>Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org</u> or 414-365-1392, and please let us know 48 hours in advance that you're coming.

- Kathy Huff, WI
- Keith & Marlene DeJongh, MN
- Kelly Tomatz, WI
- Kris Karrels, WI
- Lake Country Lutheran JV Girls Volleyball Team, WI
- Lifeline Church, WI
- Matt & Gretchen Weis, WI
- Michayla Heil, WI
- MyYoMy Yogurt, W
- Neat Repeats, WI
- New Life Methodist Church, IN
- New Song Church, WI
- Pine Ridge Bible Church, IN
- Princeton Club, WI
- Shepherd of the Hills-Hubertus
- Simply Shears, IN
- St. John's Lutheran Church, W.
- Victor & Kat Fronek, WI
- WaterStone Bank, WI
- Wisconsin Athletic Club-Northshore
- Wisconsin Athletic Club-Wauwatosa
- YMCA-Rite Hite, WI
- Yvonne Quint, WI

Where In The World Is Kenya?

Kenya is located on the west side of Africa. The population here is approximately 50 million people and the largest city is Nairobi, the capital city. Kenya gained its independence from the United Kingdom in 1963, and has remained relatively stable politically. Tea, coffee and fresh flowers are their biggest exports. Kenya's national language is Swahili and their currency is the Kenyan Shilling. Christianity is practiced by 83% of the population, with Islam making up most of the remainder.

Soles For Jesus has sent shipments of shoes to Kenya in 2014 and 2016, and also took a team there in 2016, to wash feet, distribute shoes and spread the Gospel. Please join us in prayer for the financial, educational, physical and spiritual needs of the people of Kenya, and for the Lord to pour out His Spirit in a fresh way. **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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