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Dear Friend,

The Lord has opened giant doors before us and I thank you for your prayers! Benin and D.R. Congo are two new nations that are on the top of our shipping list for 2019, and I am so excited about all that the Lord is doing! Here is a [LETTER](#) that explains the God-given vision called OIKOS, which includes a strategy of reaching every home in the next 20 years. We have linked arms with our ministry partner, Every Home for Christ, as we embrace this massive, God-sized vision. This is the boldest and most strategically planned venture with a goal of reaching every literal home on earth in the next 20 years! By the end of this period, this will represent over 2.5 billion homes. This initiative means that we need to push into more difficult and dangerous areas; and we cannot reach every person and home if we avoid them. For the past year, intense prayer, training, strategic planning and mapping have paved the way, and the Lord has set the stage for millions to receive salvation in Jesus.

I am also thrilled to share our new video made by Tony Nunez! There's nothing like seeing the faces of lives that have been touched by the love of Jesus, and I hope that you can take a few minutes to view it. Pastor Richard Kakuwa shares about a 74-year-old man who received his first pair of shoes at our distribution, and how he could not wait to go back home to tell his family about Jesus. This is what SFJ is all about! We are passionate about sharing the love of Jesus in the remote villages of Africa, and we fully believe that He is the only Hope

## Quick Links

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## Soles For Jesus is Turning 10!

Please Mark Your Calendar for our  
10 Year Celebration on 11-9-19!

*Save  
the Date!*

Next year will our 10 Year Celebration and we'd love to fill the ballroom with men and women who are excited about what the Lord is doing through Soles For Jesus! Our event program will have an exciting new twist, and please make plans to join us as we praise the Lord for all that He has done. Stay tuned for more details to come! \*If you attended our 2018 Luncheon, please return your emailed survey

for our world! (Click on the video below to watch.)

As 2018 is quickly drawing to a close, I want to thank you for being a part of our SFJ family. So many incredible people and volunteers make this work possible and I am so grateful! May God bless you throughout this Christmas season, as we celebrate the greatest gift of all.

In Christ Alone,

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



*Click on this image to start the video.*

## 9th Annual Fashion Show Luncheon & Silent Auction!

Thank you to each person who helped make our event such a great success! We are so grateful for each guest who came to celebrate another year of the Lord's faithfulness. It was an honor to have Dr. Richard Kakuwa, EHC National Director in Zambia, share with us the tremendous impact that SFJ is making in Africa.

We also want to share our sincere gratitude for our Gold Sponsors: CTaccess, Jung Express, NatureScape, Lannon Stone & The Novak Family! And to each event sponsor, guest, and volunteer, we thank you for making this day so special, including Altar'd State for putting on a great show. View more photos by Mark Weber [HERE](#).

so that we can hear your feedback.

## Meet Our Office Intern

We are so grateful for our new intern, Kryzana Pelletier! Kryzana is originally from Torrington, Connecticut, and she's the second oldest of six children. She is a sophomore at Concordia University and majoring in business.

*"I wanted to intern at SFJ because it was a good way to gain a little office experience while in a Christian environment. It also gave me an idea as to what makes a nonprofit run as opposed to other businesses, and how faith can relate to business operations," Kryzana shared.*

Kryzana enjoys helping people and she's part of the Volunteer club at school. She also enjoys being around her family, drawing, reading and spending time with friends.

Thank you, Kryzana, and we're excited to have you with us!



We are thrilled to welcome our new intern, Kryzana!

## Join Our Mission Trip To Swaziland

We are excited that our next mission team is going to Swaziland (Eswatini)! On May 2-12, 2019, we



*Thanks to our amazing event team for all of their hard work!*

## Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

**Gallagher Insurance Group** - We greatly admire employees who gather together to serve and volunteer! Thanks to these fantastic ladies from Gallagher Insurance for bringing shoes and so much joy to the warehouse. They were a great help and they packed so many shoes. Thank you, friends!

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.

Our team is almost full but we have room for 1-2 more if you reach out soon before we purchase flights next month. Contact YenH as soon as possible for more information at 414-365-1392 or at [Yenh@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Yenh@SolesForJesus.org). To view a photo album from our last mission trip to Zambia, click [HERE](#).



*Team Zambia in 2018.*

## Volunteer Of The Month

We are thrilled to honor Jennifer Miller as our November Volunteer of the Month! Jennifer has been a part of SFJ from the very beginning. She was with Diane in Ethiopia when she received a vision to start SFJ. Since then, Jennifer has served on the Operations Team, led SOS events, traveled back to Africa with us and she's served as the Event Chair for our Annual Luncheon and Silent Auction.

*"Soles For Jesus has truly changed my life. I have been blessed to travel to Africa two additional times and these trips have affected my entire perspective on life! There is nothing like being the Lord's hands*



# Gallagher Insurance



*Gallagher Insurance Group volunteering in our warehouse.*

**November Mailing Volunteers** - We are so thankful for volunteers who help us throughout the year with important mailing projects. They are an incredible blessing and we appreciate each of them for their faithfulness in serving!



*November mailing crew!*

**Association Of Operating Room Nurses (AORN) Group** - These volunteers from AORN worked hard packing shoes with such care and compassion! Several ladies shared how they value the importance of every person having access to proper footwear to prevent foot diseases. We appreciate their ongoing support to help change lives and serve so many in Africa!

*and feet and to serve those in need, especially the amazing people of Africa! The moments of washing feet and praying with them are forever embedded on my heart. I have seen firsthand the lives changed because of a pair of shoes and hearing about Jesus, often for the first time!" Jennifer shared.*

Jennifer and her husband Mark have two teenage boys, Tyson and Jake. They love to be active in sports and activities and to travel and make memories together. They enjoy spending time at their family cabin, 4-wheeling, fishing, hiking and being outdoors. Jennifer has also been instructing group fitness classes for over 20 years!

Thank you, Jennifer, for being such a special part of the SFJ family and for all of your efforts over the years! Your infectious joy in the Lord shows in everything you do. We love and appreciate you so much and pray God's blessings over your wonderful family!



*Jennifer and Mark Miller with their sons, Tyson and Jake.*

## Eswatini Mission Trip Shipment

We are very excited to share that the shipment for our next mission trip to Eswatini is packed, prayed over and on its way! Our partner, Joseph, has everything in place to receive and store the shoes until



THANK YOU AORN!

*We appreciate this group for bringing shoes and volunteering!*

### **Brown County Retired Teachers Luncheon**

- Our special thanks to Jennifer Heil for sharing the Soles For Jesus mission with these wonderful, retired teachers at their luncheon in Green Bay this month. It was such an honor to receive their shoes and a donation to help send their shoes as well! Thank you, teachers, for making a positive difference in students here and in Africa!



*Retired Teachers Luncheon in Green Bay.*

### **Living Word Lutheran High School, WI -**

Thank you to the many students, families and faculty who donated shoes for this shoe drive. It's clear that these students are making a remarkable difference in their community and

the team arrives in early May. Please be praying for the people who will receive these shoes. It is our passion for each person to hear the Gospel and place their faith in Jesus Christ, who is the giver of every good and perfect gift. Please also pray for a safe journey and smooth customs clearance for these shoes. View more pictures [HERE](#).



*We can't wait to distribute these shoes with our mission team!*

### **Burkina Faso Shipment Has Arrived**

Our partner, Brother Lompo, sent us the following message during the Thanksgiving weekend, "Hello everyone with Soles For Jesus. We just got the shipment of beautiful shoes! Praise to the Lord, we are very, very happy and thank you very much! We are working with our local partners to train them to help share the Gospel and be a part of the process of distributing these gifts of shoes to those in need. We are so grateful to all of you for blessing our nation in this way."

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





world. The shoes collected will be a blessing to many and we thank you for your servant hearts to give so generously!



*Students collecting shoes at Living Word Lutheran High School.*

## 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](mailto:Yenh@SolesForJesus.org) to sign-up for a date and time to come and volunteer.



*Thank you Spring Creek Church volunteers!*

**December**

*Unloading the shoes upon arrival in Ouagadougou.*

## Liberia Distribution Update

Jonel, our partner in Liberia, recently updated us on the progress that the EHC ministry team is making in their nation. They have been working hard to distribute shoes in areas that are predominately Islamic as a means of reaching them with the life-changing power of the Gospel. Although it may seem like shoes are the most visible part of the work of Soles For Jesus, it has been incredible to see the transformation of souls and lives for the glory of God. Thank you for your partnership with SFJ to help us reach areas desperately in need of salvation in Jesus. You can view more pictures [HERE](#).



*Arriving in a rural village with shoes will always draw a crowd.*

## Meet One Of Our Partners

Saturday, December 1st, 9-11am  
Saturday, December 8th, 9-11am  
Thursday, December 13th, 6-8pm  
Saturday, December 15th, 9-11am **FULL**  
Saturday, December 29th, 9-11am

### January

Saturday, January 5th, 9-11am  
Thursday, January 10th, 6-8pm  
Saturday, January 12th, 9-11am  
Tuesday, January 15th, 6-8pm  
Saturday, January 19th, 9-11am  
Saturday, January 26th, 9-11am  
Wednesday, January 30th, 3:30-5:30pm

**\*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](mailto: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 Yen at [Yenh@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Yenh@SolesForJesus.org) or 414-365-1392 to set up your volunteer group.

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ago when Gilford decided to follow Christ, he no longer felt rejected but fully accepted by God and his new church family. Now Gilford is sharing the Gospel message with thousands of families in Malawi and he desires to see the spiritual life of his nation transform. As he leads others to Christ, Gilford reflects on Matthew 25:31-45 as a reminder of how practical Christian living is. Part of this passage says, *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me (Jesus)."* Gilford recognizes that the way of Christ can be as simple as helping others in need. Let's support Gilford by praying for his requests:

- Good health and provision for Gilford and his wife, Maggie and their three children
- The improvement of Malawi's economy
- Political stability in the country
- Favor from the government for Gilford and his ministry

**Thank You For The  
Shoes Received  
This Month!**

- Alex Leath, WI
- Amanda Graves, WI
- Angie Schallhom, WI
- Anytime Fitness-

## Mail Your Donation:

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- Wisconsin Athletic Club-NorthShore
- Wisconsin Athletic Club-Wauwatosa



## Where In The World Is Sierra Leone?

Sierra Leone is located on the west side of Africa. The population here is approximately seven million people and the largest city is Freetown, the capital city. Sierra Leone gained its independence from the United Kingdom in 1961. While about 16 ethnic groups inhabit Sierra Leone, each with its own language and customs, English is the country's official language. The economy relies on mining, especially diamonds, though it also produces titanium. Sierra Leone is 87% Muslim and 21% Christian.

Soles For Jesus sent a shipment of shoes to Sierra Leone in 2017. We have received reports from our partner missionaries that these shoes have been an incredible blessing in ministry and that they have opened many doors. Please join us in prayer for the beautiful people of Sierra Leone, and for the Lord to continue to move in power and love!

