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Dear Friend,

"There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents!" Luke 15:10. I love this verse, and the villages of Liberia have been giving the angels great reasons to celebrate! In Thinker Village, missionaries visited each home as they shared Gospel tracts and invited people to come to the upcoming shoe distribution. This has been a difficult area to reach with the Gospel, and many Muslims and non-believers live here. On the day of the shoe distribution, several villages joined to receive shoes and 234 people heard the Gospel message. 75% of these people committed their lives to Christ and they continue to come to church each Sunday!

Another report from Liberia details a distribution that happened at an Orphanage for needy children who have lost their parents to Ebola. Seven-year-old Grace Kawah began to cry when she received her first pair of shoes and she said, *"This is the best gift I've been given since my parents died and I know Jesus loves me. You don't even know me but you bring me shoes and show me love."*

I can't thank you enough for helping us touch lives for eternity, and it's a privilege to

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Shoes Sent To Africa Since 2010

Since our very first shipment in 2010, Soles For Jesus has sent over 452,000 pairs of shoes to Africa!



To view photo albums for each of our shoe distributions, visit our [SFJ Facebook page](#). We continually

introduce someone to Jesus every single time! I'm thrilled to see our first two shipments of the year going to brand new nations and you can read more about this below. I am excited for all that lies ahead in 2019, and pray the Lord's abundant blessings over you.

Sincerely in Christ,

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



We're so grateful for what the Lord is doing in Liberia!

post inspiring photos and testimonies of lives being touched by God's love. Learn more about where we go **HERE**.

Race For Soles 2019! Save the Date: July 13th

Save the date and tell your friends about our 5th annual Race For Soles on **Saturday, July 13, 2019**. This fun event is for all ages and it includes an opportunity to run a 5K course OR walk a 2 mile course, play carnival games, win prizes, enjoy a bounce house, face painting, refreshments and fellowship!

It will be a morning packed with fun, and you'll also get a free 2019 RFS t-shirt when you take advantage of the Early Bird Registration. Invite a team to join you, and we'll be sharing more details soon. Please contact Mark to be an Event Sponsor at 414-365-1392 or MEllefson@SolesForJesus.org.



Congrats to these men who received medals in the 2018 RFS!

Volunteer Of The Month

We are thrilled to honor Brooke Bogenschneider as our January Volunteer of the month.

Thank You For Helping Us Reach Our Goal!



Last month we shared about an opportunity to send first-time shipments of shoes to Benin and DR Congo, and we are thrilled to announce that you helped us reach our goal!

With grateful and humble hearts, we sincerely thank each person who gave a gift, and we also want to give a huge thanks to a generous donor who provided an opportunity for gifts to be matched.

To God be the glory! We are so excited to be able to send these important shipments. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel across land, railway and ocean to reach their final destination, and also for the precious people who will be receiving them. We can't wait to share photos and stories with you as soon as we have them. Thank you and God bless you!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Northbrook Church - Diane enjoyed sharing with the ladies of Northbrook Church in Richfield. Thank you for the invitation to hear more about our mission and for being interested in more ways that your church can help. God bless you for being involved in what the Lord is doing here and across the world!

Month! Brooke serves as a SOS Leader in our warehouse and she volunteers at our Annual Luncheon as well. She also joined Team Zambia last May and was deeply touched by the experience.

"Going to Zambia with SFJ was humbling. To have the opportunity to see for myself how people live with much less than I am blessed to have, to serve complete strangers who don't speak my language and to see the joy they felt in receiving something I take for granted every day was amazing," Brooke shared.

Brooke also wants to share that there are many ways to get involved at SFJ, *"Shoe sorting events are so fun and easy! You can immediately see the impact that you're making with every box that gets filled. We bring our kids to help out too and it's been a great way for them to be involved and thinking about serving others. It is also extremely encouraging and energizing to know that I can make a tangible difference in someone's life half way around the world just by donating shoes and volunteering my time here at home."*

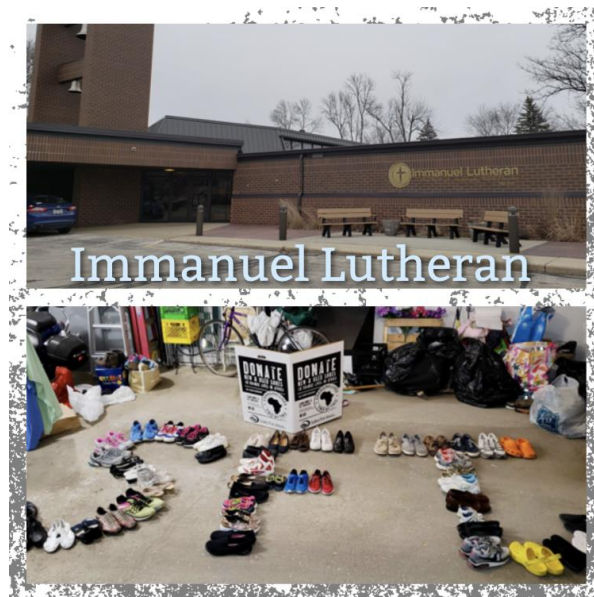
Brooke, her husband, Jeff and their three children, Eva, Lucy and Dexter, love to travel. Brooke's goal is to visit all seven continents! Thank you, Brooke, for being such a great supporter of SFJ. We are so thankful for you and pray God's blessings over you and your family!



Diane sharing at Northbrook Church in Richfield.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Brookfield -

We are so grateful for the amazing shoes that were collected by Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brookfield. Thank you to each person who donated shoes or made a donation to help send the shoes to Africa. Your support is impacting lives and making a BIG difference!



Shoes from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brookfield.



The Bogenschneider family at Disneyland.

Liberia Distribution Update

Jonel Weeks, our partner in Liberia, just sent this testimony to share with all of you. *"The village just outside the city of Buchana had no church. You could see the level of poverty in this village and many children and adults walk bare footed everywhere they go. They live in dirt houses - and when we announced that we have come to distribute shoes free of charge they burst into song, praising the Lord for remembering them. Mothers were dancing as they headed to their houses with their children and shoes. Mamie Bah (pictured below) could not hold back her emotion and she came dancing and telling us, 'The Lord has answered my prayer and all of my children can go to school with footwear.'"*

Simple Joy Yoga, Hales Corners - We appreciate businesses like Simple Joy Yoga in Hales Corners for doing a shoe drive, and special thanks to Cari Terry for organizing it. The people you will touch through these shoes will be so grateful, and we thank you for partnering with us to reach Africa!



A generous delivery of shoes from Simple Joy Yoga Studio.

Luther Manor, Milwaukee - Thank you, Luther Manor, for your ongoing partnership over the years of collecting shoes and the funds to help ship them to Africa. We're so grateful for your many years of support and encouragement, and special thanks to Roberta Pratt for packing and delivering them each time!



At the close of the shoe distribution, Deacon John expressed his appreciation to SFJ for sending shoes to the most remote places. He shares, *"We have never seen love expressed in this form for more than a thousand people to receive shoes. We will always pray and give thanks to God for those who gave shoes."*

We praise the Lord for these testimonies and thank you for being a part of what He is doing through SFJ. You can view more photos from Liberia [HERE](#).

Eswatini Shipping Update

We are excited to share that our shipment of shoes for our mission

LUTHER MANOR



Roberta delivering shoes to our warehouse.

KM Sports, Pewaukee - We're so grateful to KM Sports in Pewaukee for their annual shoe drive at their store. Special thanks to Karen for organizing the drive and for helping to impact so many lives in Africa over the years!



Volunteer Opportunities

SOS Events (Sort & Organize Shoes) Join us as we gather at our Milwaukee, WI

trip to Eswatini just arrived! Our partner, Joseph, is working through the final stages of clearing the shipment with the government officials, and he is ready to unload the shoes soon. Please pray for the final steps in the process and for the people who will be receiving these shoes from our mission team in May. View more pictures [HERE](#).



Eswatini shipment waiting for Customs Clearing!

Meet One Of Our Partners



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.



Thank you Concordia University Track Teams!

February

Saturday, February 2nd, 9-11am
 Thursday, February 7th, 9-11am
 Saturday, February 9th, 9-11am
 Saturday, February 16th, 9-11:30am **FULL**
 Saturday, February 23rd, 9-11am
 Wednesday, February 27th, 3:30-5:30pm

March

Saturday, March 2nd, 9-11am
 Saturday, March 9th, 9-11am
 Thursday, March 14th, 6-8pm
 Saturday, March 16th, 9-11:30am **FULL**
 Saturday, March 23rd, 9-11am
 Tuesday, March 26th, 9:15-11:15am
 Wednesday, March 27th, 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

Meet our Every Home For Christ ministry partner, Fermo Ogilla Utong. Fermo serves the Lord as a leader and evangelist in South Sudan. Jesus Christ revealed himself to Fermo when he needed Him the most. *"I was depressed and lonely, resorting to drinking and smoking to escape the pain. A local pastor recognized my distress and gave me a Gospel booklet.*

For weeks I could not think of anything else and I ended up giving my life completely to Christ. I was instantly healed of depression and my salvation affected my brothers so seriously that two of them also became Christians! This gave me the courage to proclaim Christ boldly." Fermo uses literature from our partners at World Missionary Press to evangelize home to home, telling everyone about Jesus. Please pray for Fermo, his wife Sarah, and their four children.

Thank You For The Shoes Received This Month!

- Alpha Kappa Alpha, WI
- Anytime Fitness-Germantown, WI
- Barnes Care Group LLC, WI
- Carrie Jaskariec, WI
- Christ Alone Lutheran Church, WI
- First United Methodist Church, WI
- Fronek, Victor & Kat, WI
- Geraldson, Sarah, WI
- Grace Fellowship Church, WI
- Hatfield, Jerry & Barb, IL
- Heil, Michaela, WI
- Immanuel Lutheran Church-Brookfield, WI
- Jennifer, Sarah, & Caleb, WI
- Klinger, Steven & Sue
- Lifeline Church, WI

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.

- Linton United Methodist Church, IN
- Luther Manor, WI
- New Life United Methodist Church, IN
- Pratt, Roberta, WI
- Princeton Club, WI
- Simeth, Mary Ellen, WI
- Strozier, Brittany, WI
- United Protestant Church, IN
- Wisconsin Athletic Club - North Shore
- Wisconsin Athletic Club - Wauwatosa

Where In The World Is The Democratic Republic Of The Congo?

The Democratic Republic of the Congo, also known as DR Congo is located in central Africa. It is the second-largest country in Africa, the 11th largest in the world, and has a population of over 78 million. DR Congo achieved independence from Belgium in 1960. Its official language is French and the currency is the Congolese franc. Due to two wars that crippled the country, as well as years of political instability and lack of infrastructure, DR Congo's level of human development was ranked 176th out of 187 countries by the Human Development Index. The need is great in this country.

Thanks to your year-end giving, Soles For Jesus will be sending our first shipment of shoes to DR Congo this year! Please join us in prayer for this opportunity to partner with a new country and that these shoes will arrive safely.

DR Congo, Africa.

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