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Dear Friend,

My heart is moved to compassion each time that I hear stories from a refugee camp. Several years ago, we were blessed to send a double shipment (of 16,000 pairs of shoes) to a refugee camp in South Sudan and the ministry that happened was incredible. Well, today I just received a report from a refugee camp in Burkina Faso where the Lord is pouring out His love in a special way. Pastor Lompo shared about a tragedy in his nation and why these refugees had to flee.

"Inter-community clashes led to a massacre of more than a hundred people and caused more than 12,000 refugees to flee. The refugee camp of Barsalgho contains more than 4,000 people and this is where we chose to share the love of Christ and the shoes you sent to us. When we arrived, the political and administrative leaders of the region gave us permission to share freely with the huge group that gathered, and they listened to every word. These people lost everything (even family) and they are looking for Hope. Jesus is the answer

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Team Eswatini

We are thrilled to introduce the team that will be distributing shoes and sharing the love of Jesus in Eswatini this May. It was exciting to meet together for the first time, and we are looking forward to being the hands and feet of Jesus in this nation. Please pray for the people of Eswatini, and for our team as we prepare for our trip!

they were seeking, and many responded to receive Him! It was also a great privilege to show them God's love with food, shoes and soap. We will never forget this day and how the love of God touched so many hearts and gave them a reason to live."

To God be the glory! Thank you for helping us bring Hope to the hopeless and broken, so that all may know of His great love! *"For God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."* I Timothy 2:4

In Christ alone,

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



Sharing God's love and shoes in a refugee camp.

Mailing Volunteers Needed

If you are available during the day, we would love for you to help us prepare an important mailing on Thursday, April 25th from 8:30am-4:30pm. This is a fun way to help our mission, and we'll provide lunch and snacks! Please email YenH to sign up at



Team Eswatini 2019! (Missing Kris, Jessica & Kirsten).

Race For Soles / July 13, 2019

Registration Opens April 4th

Save the date and tell your friends about our 5th annual Race For Soles on **Saturday, July 13th!** This fun event is for all ages and it includes an opportunity to run a 5K course (with chipped timing) OR walk a 2 mile course. The event will start and end at the beautiful campus of Waukesha County Technical College and we'll enjoy a scenic route through the streets of Pewaukee. You can choose to walk, run or cheer on those who do! The morning will also include medals, prizes, refreshments and games for the kids. There will be a special visit from Roscoe, the Milwaukee Admirals mascot, so you can have your picture taken as well.

Online registration will go LIVE on April 4th!

"Early Bird Rates" are available for all participants, so be sure to register when we go live online or by calling our office.

Sponsorship Opportunity- Do you know of an individual, business, or organization that would like to help sponsor the Race For Soles? There are several options to choose from, and it's a great opportunity to promote your business. To find out more

Yenh@SolesForJesus.org.



Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Burn Boot Camp Shoe Drive- Thank you, Becky Thomas and Meg Hoy, for collecting shoes at Burn Boot Camp in Lake Country! These shoes will be a great blessing to many people in Africa, and we're so grateful for your kindness!



Thank you to the members of Burn Boot Camp.

Hales Corners Lutheran Church - These young ladies did an amazing job collecting shoes at Hales Corners

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or mellefson@SolesForJesus.org. Thank you for your support of Soles For Jesus!

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 you'll receive discounted pricing as well. Mark your calendar and we can't wait to see you there!



Congrats to the women who medaled in 2018!

Volunteer Of The Month

We are thrilled to honor Sonja Kuranz as our February Volunteer of the Month! Sonja is a high school senior at DSHA and she volunteers in our warehouse during office hours several times a month. She heard about SFJ through her school's volunteering site and thought it sounded like a great cause that she wanted to be a part of. Sonja has enjoyed serving at SFJ on a regular basis and she's also gotten her friends involved by bringing them along. She says that it's a fun way to spend time with her friends and serve together.

Sonja has some great advice for fellow high school students. *"To anyone thinking of serving at Soles For Jesus, I would say do it! Every amount of time you can serve will help the mission!"*

Lutheran! Thank you for all that you've done to touch lives in Africa and a big thanks to Kimberly for delivering these shoes!



Hales Corners Lutheran



Thank you students of Hales Corners Lutheran Church.

Roberta Pratt and Hamilton High School - We want to sincerely thank the Sussex Hamilton community! Students, families, coaches and athletes all joined together at Hamilton High School for their annual shoe drive and the results were incredible. 622 pairs of shoes were donated and \$526 was raised by the dance team's bake sale. Wow! We are so touched by the outpouring of shoes donated and the funds raised to help ship them to Africa. Special thanks to Roberta Pratt for making multiple deliveries to our warehouse with her car packed full of shoes!

Sonja is enjoying her last semester of high school. She also likes playing soccer, working as a lifeguard and teaching swimming and soccer. Thank you, Sonja, for taking time out of your days to serve at SFJ. We are so grateful for you and pray God's blessings over you as you graduate high school soon!



Sonja Kuranz

Guinea Bissau

Julio, our partner in Guinea Bissau, sent us this update about a recent village outreach and shoe distribution. *"The place where the Lord led us is called Ondeme and the majority of people live on less than a dollar per day. When the village realized that we were there to share a message of love and give free shoes, everyone stopped their daily activities and came to our meeting. After sharing the Gospel with them, many responded to the message of Christ and we prayed with them all. Then we started distributing shoes to the most needy among the crowd, and those who did not even have one pair of shoes. Some of them informed us that their children did not go to school, because they did not have a single pair of shoes. Honestly, each person who received a pair of shoes was so thankful to God. They confessed that they are not be able to get such a nice pair of shoes and this is a blessing they will never forget!"*



Thank you Hamilton High School and Roberta!

Brookfield Christian School - These fantastic 6th grade students helped sort and pack over 718 pairs of shoes for Africa. We are blessed by this school and their ongoing partnership through the years to bring students to volunteer and for being a year-round collection site!



BCS 6th students & chaperones serving in our warehouse.

Volunteer Opportunities

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



Kids receiving shoes in the village of Ondeme, Guinea Bissau.

D.R. Congo

We are thrilled to announce that our first shipment of 2019 is going to Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo! Our partner, Robert, has worked very hard to get all of the paperwork in order to ensure safe delivery of these shoes. This is our first time shipping to D.R. Congo, and the need in this massive African nation is huge. This region has faced many hardships, but very soon we will be giving these beautiful people a reason to celebrate the love of God and His provision for them. Thank you all for your support in helping us reach another nation in Africa with the love of Jesus.

View more pictures [HERE](#).



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.



Thank you Lakeside Fit Body Boot Camp!

March

Saturday, March 2nd, 9-11am **FULL**

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

Saturday, March 30th, 9-11am

April

Saturday, April 6th, 9-11am

Saturday, April 13th, 9-11am

Monday, April 15th, 6-8pm

Saturday, April 20th, 9-11am

Wednesday, April 24th, 3:30-5:30pm

Saturday, April 27th, 9-11am

***You can choose your own date to**

Our first shipment to D.R. Congo is on its way!

Burkina Faso

After a shoe distribution in the Somgande area, there were many young people who were touched by the message of the Gospel and accepted Jesus as their Savior. They had a desire to continue in discipleship classes led by the outreach leader and wanted to be baptized. We rejoice over each life that has committed to be a follower of Jesus!



A young lady being baptized after a shoe distribution.

Meet One Of Our Partners

Michael French is committed to sharing the Gospel and starting discipleship groups throughout Sierra Leone, with a special



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 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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focus on the southern part of the country, where there is a large population of unreached people. His favorite scripture to meditate on is John 3:16, as he sees it summarizing the whole Gospel in one simple and explainable verse. Every day, Michael is striving to live out God's love for the people of Sierra Leone. Please join us in prayer for these specific requests Michael has shared:

- Pray for good health, guidance, and protection for Michael, Doreen, and their four children.
- Pray for deliverance from demonic manipulation for those near to Michael.
- Pray for the salvation of Sierra Leone, and that occultism and witchcraft practices will be eradicated.

Thank You For The Shoes Received This Month!

- Anytime Fitness- Germantown, WI
- Brest, Charleen, WI
- Brookfield Christian School, WI
- Burn Boot Camp- Lake Country
- Grace Lutheran Church- Menomonee Falls, WI
- Eisendrath, Kimberly, WI
- Manegold, Christine, WI
- Miller, Sue, WI
- Pratt, Roberta, WI
- Princeton Club, WI
- Purdy, Arma, WI
- St. Marcus Lutheran Church, WI
- Stollenwerk Family, WI
- Sussex Hamilton High School, WI
- The Colour Tube, WI
- Thomas, Becky & Steve, WI
- Wisconsin Athletic Club-North Shore
- Wisconsin Athletic Club - Wauwatosa

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Where In The World Is Nigeria?

Nigeria is located in western Africa and became independent from the British in 1960. It has a population of almost two million people. Known as the "giant of Africa," Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa. It is inhabited by 250 ethnic groups, who speak over 250 languages. About half of the population is Christian and the other half is Muslim. The name Nigeria came from the Niger River that runs through it. Nigeria's largest source of income comes from oil exports, though due to former government corruption, the wealth was not used to better the economy. Because of this, many lack basic necessities.

SFJ just sent shoes to Nigeria for the first time. Please join us in prayer that the Lord will move on many hearts as their feet are washed and as they hear about God's love. Most of the shoes will be shared in prison ministry, and we are believing for a mighty move of God in these hearts and lives. We are grateful for this opportunity to partner with a new country and can't wait to see what the Lord will do!



Nigeria, Africa

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