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Dear Friend,

In two days, Team Eswatini will board our first plane to begin our journey to Africa. We have been praying and preparing many months for this and we are so excited! Would you please pray for all who will hear the life-changing message of Jesus Christ? Prayer is most powerful weapon we have to reach the lost, and I am so grateful for each person who stands with us in prayer. It's His kindness that leads us to repentance and we are believing that many will receive Him as Savior, as they hear the Gospel and experience His love with foot washing.

Pastor Joseph has been inviting me to bring a team to Swaziland/Eswatini for over seven years, and I am thrilled that the appointed time is here! Joseph shares that the villages are overwhelmed with joy that a team from America is coming to visit them because they live in hard to reach villages that are far away. One village pastor said, *"The Team coming from SFJ is an answer to prayer and this shows our people that God has not forgotten us!"* False teachings and witchcraft have

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Celebrate 10 Years With Us!



Please mark your calendar for our 10 Year Celebration on **Saturday, November 9th!** We can't wait to share a big SURPRISE that will replace our fashion show this year. All men, women and families will enjoy this amazing event and you don't want to miss it! Stay tuned for more details coming soon...



been practiced for generations but after many years of prayer people are now open to real truth from the Bible. This is the perfect time for our team to come with a message of God's love, and we are ready to be His hands and feet to these beautiful people.

I can't thank you enough for your support of what the Lord is doing through Soles For Jesus. Each time that I step foot in Africa, I am humbled and overwhelmed by each soul who says, "Yes" to Jesus. If you've prayed, served or help support this mission you are an important part of this harvest; and I pray God's blessings over all that concerns you!

In Christ alone,

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

*Team Eswatini 2019 *Missing from photo: Kris Monteen, Kirsten Ortiz & Jessica Zambo*

Register By May 19th To Save!
Event Date: Saturday, July 13th

Volunteers Of The Month

We are thrilled to honor the Hirschfelds as our April Volunteers of the Month! Scott and Vicki became involved with SFJ after they attended our Fashion Show Luncheon several years ago. They have grown to know and love the mission, and the way that something as simple as shoes brings life and the Gospel of Jesus to people in Africa. They have brought their family and co-workers to volunteer in our warehouse, attend our annual luncheon and participate in our annual Race For Soles Event.

Vicki also joined Team Zambia last year and it instilled in her a deep love for the people of Africa and a heart to help and serve them. She can't wait to go back to Africa! If you are thinking of volunteering or getting involved, Vicki recommends taking the time to do it. *"It is a great way to involve your kids in helping others and teach them the value of giving not just money, but time and effort. A two hour shift of sorting and preparing the shoes flies by!"*

The Hirschfelds live in an old 1800's farmhouse that they have partially remodeled. They love their family of five daughters, one son-in-law, two grandbabies and feel so blessed! Thank you, Scott and Vicki, for being such great supporters of SFJ. We love and appreciate you so much, and pray the Lord's abundant blessings over your beautiful family!



[Register Now](#)

Registration is now open for the Race For Soles 5K or 2 mile run or walk on **Saturday, July 13, 2019**. We are excited to offer a discounted rate for teams of 8 or more as well as chipped timing for 5K runners!

Sign-up today and take advantage of our **Early Bird Discount** while it lasts! You can register online or call us at 414-365-1392, and you will also receive a **free** "Race For Soles" T-shirt! All proceeds from this event will advance our mission of sharing shoes and the love of Jesus in Africa.

| REGISTER at SolesForJesus.org | | | |
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| | Apr. 4-May 19 | May 20-June 23 | June 24- July 13 |
| INDIVIDUALS | \$25 | \$35 | \$40 |
| CHILDREN (UP TO AGE 14) | \$10 | \$10 | \$15 |
| FAMILY RATE | \$70 | \$85 | \$95 |
| TEAM (8 or more) | \$175 | \$210 | \$250 |

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 exciting games. There will be a special visit from Roscoe, the Milwaukee Admirals mascot, so you can have your picture taken.



Scott and Vicki Hirschfeld.

Are You A Thrivent Member?



Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? If so, we'd be grateful for your help as a volunteer. As a member, you are eligible to create a "Thrivent Action Team," which helps raise funds and bring volunteers to help at a Soles For Jesus event. This is a very simple process and it's a great blessing at our Race For Soles Event and at SOS Events (packing shoes in our warehouse). If you'd like to learn more, please contact Mark at 414-365-1392 or by email at mellefson@solesforjesus.org.

How it works: (Taken from Thrivent.com)

Apply to lead your volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 90 days. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including:

- Promotional banner.
- Invitations and thank-you cards.
- Thrivent Action Team T-shirts.

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 about event sponsorship, contact Mark at 414-365-1392

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

Soles For Jesus is on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, so you can join the conversation about our **#RFS2019**.

Click on this image to view a short VIDEO!



Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Reagan Elementary School - We're so grateful for Reagan Elementary School and the many shoes they donated! Special thanks to all of the students, families and teachers for coming together to make a difference in Africa. We also want to thank Gary and Margaret for delivering them to our warehouse. Margaret traveled to Africa with us, so she's seen first-hand the impact these shoes will have for each person who receives them.

- \$250 Community Impact Card for seed money or donation to the charity.

Easter With SFJ!

It was an honor to be a part of the 5th Annual Strassburg Easter Egg Hunt and SFJ Shoe Drive! Kids and families enjoyed games, prizes, treats and an egg hunt! Thank you to Amanda and Joel for hosting such an incredible event and to each person who donated shoes. We appreciate you including SFJ in your celebration!



D.R. Congo - Shipping Update

We have exciting news from Democratic Republic of Congo. Our first shipment to this nation has just arrived!! We are praising God that we can partner with Pastor Robert to help spread the Hope of the Gospel and to also meet the physical needs of so many people in rural communities. Pastor Robert wants to express his deep appreciation and blessings to everyone who helped to make this shipment possible. There are thousands of men, women and children whose lives will be touched by the love of



Reagan Elementary shoes delivered by Margaret and Gary.

Mark at GSC- Mark enjoyed spending time with employees at GSC and sharing about the SFJ mission. Thank you, GSC, for the invitation to share and your desire to learn more ways for your employees can get involved. We're so thankful for the shoes that you're collecting to help touch lives in Africa with God's love!



Mark sharing with employees at GSC in Germantown.

Mailing Volunteers - Thank you to each person who came to help prepare our spring mailing. We're so grateful for our amazing volunteers who share their time and hearts so generously to

God in this nation because of your support and we ask you to pray for a mighty harvest of souls. You can view more photos [HERE](#).



8,000 pairs of shoes are ready to bless people in D.R. Congo.

Burundi - Shipping Update

We are thrilled that another shipment of shoes is on its way to Burundi! Our beloved partner, Evariste, is praying and preparing for a safe arrival. Burundi is one of the smallest and poorest nations in Africa. Not only is the need for shoes tremendous, but God is opening doors for ministry throughout the nation. Evariste and his team work closely with community leaders to help reach the families most in need in the remote areas of his nation. Please pray for the Gospel to have a great impact on each person. View more pictures [HERE](#).



Thousands of shoes in hundreds of bags

further this mission! You bring such joy to our office and we pray God's blessings over you.



THANK YOU

We're so grateful for these wonderful volunteers! (Not pictured: Wynne, Katrina, Monika & Jill.)

Lake Denoon Middle School - Special thanks to Kelli for coordinating the first shoe drive at Lake Denoon Middle School! Nearly 500 pairs of shoes were donated by the students, families and staff! Wow! We thank you for an amazing response and for making a global impact.



headed to Burundi.

Lesotho - Shoe Distribution Update

Our partner in Lesotho, Josias, sent the following testimony from Mr. Lenkoe, who received the Gospel as a result of receiving a pair of shoes. *"I came to faith in Jesus Christ a few months ago after receiving a pair of shoes from the Every Home for Christ team in Lesotho. At first I did not understand all that I was hearing about God's only son coming to take away my sins, but Brother Josias took the time to explain it to me and now I am a follower of Jesus. To see people freely offering help to others is rare, but that is what happened the day I received a pair of shoes and heard the Gospel. I am so thankful that Soles For Jesus sent these shoes to help me and the people of Lesotho find Jesus as our Savior."* View more pictures [HERE](#).



Praising God for new shoes and new life in Christ.

Kelli and her daughter delivering shoes from Lake Denoon!

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Muskego -We are grateful to Seth and everyone at St. Paul's Lutheran Church for their 3rd annual shoe drive!! We love and appreciate your ongoing support and for making this an annual event. God bless you all!



Thank you St. Paul's for your 3rd annual shoe drive!

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 to sign-up for a date and time to come and volunteer.

Meet One Of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ ministry partner in Namibia, Douglas Mudimba. This year, he and his



ministry team have plans to share the Good News of Jesus with 15,000 homes every month. Their target population is 200,000 people. Douglas shares, "By the end of this year, we hope that at least 5% of the people that we reached will say "yes" to a relationship with Jesus. This would represent 10,000 souls! With God, we believe this is possible."

Douglas and his wife, Vongai, are blessed with four children: Advent, Praise, Rejoice, and Timothy. Please join us in prayer for his family and for the following prayer requests:

- Strength and wisdom for Douglas to lead his ministry team.
- Open hearts to the Gospel in Namibia.
- An increase in ministry coverage and leaders.

Thank You For The Shoes Received This Month!

- Adam, June, WI
- Allo Chocolat, WI
- American Imports, WI
- Anytime Fitness- Germantown, WI
- Bartel, David & Karen, WI
- Christ Alone Church, WI
- Christ Church, WI



Thank you, Evolve Church, for volunteering with us!

May

Saturday, May 11th, 9-11am
 Wednesday, May 15th, 11-12:30pm
 Saturday, May 18th, 9-11am
 Wednesday, May 22nd, 9-11am **FULL**
 Thursday, May 23rd, 6-8pm
 Saturday, May 25th, 9-11am
 Wednesday, May 29th, 3:30-5:30pm

June

Saturday, June 1st, 9-11am
 Monday, June 3rd, 6-8pm
 Saturday, June 8th, 9-11am
 Saturday, June 15th, 9-11am
 Saturday, June 22nd, 9-11am
 Saturday, June 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 MarkEllefson@SolesForJesus.org or 414-365-1392, and please let us know 48

- Concordia University, WI
- Divine Consign, WI
- Drees, Carey, WI
- Dvorak, Nancy, WI
- Evolve Church, WI
- Fink, Tamara, WI
- First United Methodist Church-Green Bay, WI
- Fronek, Kat & Vic
- Georgetown Lutheran Church, WI
- Geraldson, Sarah, WI
- Hummer, Jessica, WI
- Hutchinson Family, WI
- Jazzercise, Elkhorn, WI
- Kaun, Nick, WI
- Konz Family, WI
- Lake Denoon Middle school, WI
- Life Church, WI
- Luther Manor, WI
- Milwaukee Sting Gold 11
- New Apostolic Church-Milwaukee, WI
- Northbrook Church, WI
- Performance Running Outfitters, WI
- Princeton Club, WI
- Reagan Elementary School, WI
- Reich Tool and Die, WI
- Richmond School Boy Scout, WI
- Salter, Lea, WI
- Schultz, Donald, WI
- Shepherd's College, WI
- Shepherd of the Hills-Hubertus, WI
- Simeth, Mary Ellen, WI
- Smith, Melissa, WI
- Somers, Bonnie, WI
- St. Paul's Lutheran School, WI
- Strassburg Family, WI
- Wisconsin Athletic Club-North Shore
- Wisconsin Athletic Club-Wauwatosa
- Zyo Family, WI

Where In The World Is Uganda?

Uganda is in East-Central Africa and gained its independence from the UK in 1962. The official languages are Swahili

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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and English. Uganda is one of the poorest nations in the world, with 37.8 percent of the population living on less than \$1.25 a day. Ugandans have a low life expectancy rate of only 53 years. Many who seek medical care are denied care if they do not provide their own medical equipment. The country has a significant overpopulation problem, as it grew from 9.5 million people in 1969 to 34.9 million in 2014. The need for necessities, like shoes, is great in Uganda. SFJ sent a shipment of shoes to Uganda in 2016. Please join us in prayer for this country and for the Lord's plans to be accomplished here.



Uganda, Africa

Join our Prayer Team!

If you would like to be a part of our prayer team, email us at info@SolesForJesus.org. We will send you our prayer newsletter, so you can join us in united prayer from the comfort of your home!

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24



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