



Soles For Jesus

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Dear Friend,

My heart is soaring in praise to our Mighty God! Thank you for your prayers for our mission team and the people of eSwatini. This trip was truly special and unique as we served more elderly widows and orphans than ever before. We always begin by sharing a salvation message and then calling the widows and orphans out of the crowd first, but in these villages they kept coming for hours! The ministry that He allowed us to do was powerful and His loving presence was so strong. We also have never seen so many who are disabled, and one woman crawled in the door on her hands and knees. His presence drew her there and she just wanted to get inside!

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### Request for Shoes

We could really use your help! Our shoe inventory is low and we have many volunteer groups coming to pack shoes for our next shipment to Africa. Would you please consider hosting a shoe drive or placing a collection box at your business or church? This is a great time of

To love and pray over each person and to wash their feet in the name of Jesus is a privilege beyond words. In each village, the people were so open and receptive to salvation in Jesus. Our EHC partners have been ministering in these areas, so the harvest was ripe. What a blessing for us to be able to see lives transformed by Jesus with our own eyes! Even a few witch doctors who were heckling as we preached God's Word, ended up listening, watching and staying-- and by the end of the day they were prayed over and had their feet washed! Only the Lord can set the captive free and this is the result of an army of prayer warriors who stood with us in prayer.

Please take a moment to watch this short video made by Jessica Zambo of Salty Earth Pictures. She did an incredible job and I am thrilled to share it with you. Thank you for partnering with us to proclaim His salvation among the nations. I have returned with a fresh vision of how powerfully He is using SFJ to bring His love and make disciples. *"Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods."* I Chron. 16:23-25

year to clean out your closets and invite your friends, work place, church, small group, neighbors or team to join you! You can also ask your neighborhood rummage or resale shop if you can send their leftover shoes to Africa for them. Here's a link with some more info and please let us know about your drive so we can help! <http://www.solesforjesus.org/take-action/give-shoes/>



## Team eSwatini

We thank the Lord for the amazing mission team that He assembled, and for how He allowed us to serve with such unity and love. What an honor it was to wash the feet of these beautiful people, to pray for them and to share the Good News. We ministered in the Ndzevane, Loyiwe and Shewula villages, as well as the Theodore Orphanage. Please continue to pray for the people of eSwatini and for our EHC partners, as they continue to share the love of Jesus. We will never be the same again and to God be the glory!



In Christ alone,

Diane Studer

Founder/Executive Director

Soles For Jesus, Inc.

*Watch our highlight video from  
eSwatini!*

**Join us on Saturday, July  
13th!**



[Register Now](#)



*Team eSwatini sharing the love of Jesus  
with foot washing.*

## **Thank You eSwatini Meal Sponsors**

We'd like to say a very special, "Thank you!" to all of our eSwatini meal sponsors. It was a privilege to provide and serve a delicious meal in each village and orphanage we visited. Thank you, Burbach family, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hansen family and Skirrow family. Each meal was such a special gift given in His name, and many were blessed with full bellies and hearts!

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!**

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			
	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



*Serving meals in the villages and orphanage.*

## Volunteer Of The Month

We are thrilled to honor Wendy Ruhland as our May volunteer of the month! Wendy is the leader of the Mission Awareness Team at Honey Creek Church and she's brought many teams to serve at SFJ. Wendy first heard about SFJ through a friend many years ago and they began serving as a family.

*"I was immediately drawn to SFJ because I have two Ethiopian children and we've seen firsthand the huge impact that something as simple as shoes can have," Wendy shared.*

SFJ was the first ministry that the Mission Awareness Team partnered with and it

have your picture taken.

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!**



**Thank you 2019 Gold Sponsors!**



**Shoe Drives & Special Thanks**

**Jack, Sussex** - Thank you, Jack, for collecting shoes for Africa at your school! 72 lives will be impacted by the love of Jesus because of YOU. We are so

has been a blessing for all involved.

*"It's a great time of fellowship to sort and pack shoes! Each month we have new people who join us to serve from our Honey Creek Church family. When talking with our teams afterward, people often comment not only about what a great time of community it is, but also how inspired they feel by the work and mission of SFJ. They are thrilled to be able to help such a worthy cause in such a tangible way."*

Wendy has been a teacher for 28 years, she's been to Ethiopia four times and has a heart for people across the globe. Her love for Jesus truly shows in all that she does for SFJ. Thank you, Wendy, for your support over the years and for being such a great advocate and partner. We pray God's blessings over you and your family in all that you do!



grateful for your commitment to this school project and for how you rallied your friends and school to donate their shoes. You are a leader and the Lord surely has great plans for you!



*Jack Poelzer delivering his shoes to SFJ.*

**FISH Homeschool Group** - Thank you, Deborah, for coordinating a shoe drive once again through the FISH Homeschool Group! There will be many bright smiles lighting up in Africa when they receive these great shoes!



*The Ruhland family*

## Sao Tome & Principe Shipping Update

We are excited to share that God has opened a door for us to send our first shipment of shoes to Sao Tome & Principe! This nation consists of several islands approximately 150 miles from the coast of West Africa. Due to its isolated location, it is easily overlooked and there is a great need for the preaching of the Gospel on these islands. According to our partner, Jose Carlos, there is a large percentage of the population that has not heard the message of the Gospel. He is very excited to use shoe distributions to help spread the love of Jesus to people through this island nation. Please be in prayer for the safe arrival of these shoes



*FISH Homeschool group with their shoes.*

**Northbrook Church, Richfield** - These ladies know how to give and serve in unlimited ways! We're so grateful for the Moms Group at Northbrook Church and the many shoes they collected from their family and friends. Thank you, friends!



*Northbrook Moms Group delivering shoes.*

**Anytime Fitness, Waukesha** - We appreciate businesses who partner with us to make a global impact. Thank you, Anytime Fitness, for your recent spring shoe drive. We're excited about all of these great shoes that will help many

and that many will place their faith in Jesus Christ.



*Our first shipment to Sao Tome & Principe!*

## Burkina Faso Distribution Update

Pastor Lompo, who is our partner in Burkina Faso, sent the following report. "Recently we organized a shoe distribution in the Somgande area of our nation in partnership with the church, Eglise de la Mission Evangélique Tegawende. This church has been in the area for 10 years working to reach people with the Gospel. For years, most people have ignored its presence but when we held the distribution at the church everyone experienced for themselves the love that the people of this congregation have for everyone in the area. A great opportunity to share the Gospel resulted from the distribution. The pastor was so happy to welcome newcomers in his church for the service on the following Sunday. Since that time, seven teenagers also gather

people gain access to quality footwear to protect their feet.



*Anytime Fitness in Waukesha helps collect shoes for Africa!*

**Delivery from Kentucky** - We are truly thankful for the shoe drive coordinated by the Stone family all the way from Kentucky! We were delighted to meet this special couple over the Memorial Day weekend, as they delivered over 300 pairs of shoes to send to Africa! Thank you for your support and God bless you all!

*every Saturday for a Bible study and four of them have been baptized this week. Glory to the name of the Lord!" View more pictures [HERE](#).*



*Crowds of people listening to the Gospel message!*

## **Guinea Bissau Distribution Update**

Julio, our partner in Guinea Bissau, shared with us about his ministry team's experience in Ondeme, where they distributed shoes and shared the Gospel. "This is a very poor part of our nation. In fact, all of the social services are provided by civil service organizations, like ourselves. The government has not provided any help to this area for many years, which is why we chose a village in this area for this project. Most of the people live on less than \$1 per day and very few had a decent pair of shoes. As we shared the Gospel and distributed shoes, many people wanted to give their life to Jesus Christ! We prayed for each of them, promising to return to help establish a church. We are so grateful for all that Soles For Jesus is doing to help





*Thank you, Paula and Jim, for delivering shoes from Kentucky!*

## 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.

*reach the people of our nation, spiritually as well as physically." View more pictures [HERE](#).*



*People in Ondeme awaiting the start of the shoe distribution.*

## Meet One Of Our Partners

Meet Josias Mohanoe, our EHC ministry partner in Lesotho, Africa. In Josias' report, he shared with us



Hebrews 6:10, "God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them." He wishes to share his sincerest gratitude for all of those who support SFJ. He says that seeing tears of joy from those who have received a pair of shoes is a miracle. Josias strongly believes that those who



*Thank you, Grace Lutheran Church, for volunteering with us!*

### June

Saturday, June 1st, 9-11am

Monday, June 3rd, 6-8pm **FULL**

Saturday, June 8th, 9-11am

Saturday, June 15th, 9-11am

Saturday, June 22nd, 9-11am

### July

Saturday, July 6th, 9-11am

Wednesday, July 10th, 10-noon

Saturday, July 20th, 9-11am

Wednesday, July 24th, 9-11am

Saturday, July 27th, 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

have heard and accepted Jesus will remember SFJ for the rest of their lives. Josias and his team are now working to reach over 1,000 souls with the Gospel and hope to train forty percent of them through discipleship training. He has asked us to pray for the following:

- God's wisdom for the volunteer distributors
- Protection over the herd boys who live high up in the mountains
- Greater resources for those living in remote areas
- Open doors to reach more unbelievers (prisoners, students, youth) with the Gospel message
- Strength and wisdom for the local pastors and overall unity in the church
- Greater humanitarianism in his country in order to alleviate suffering for those in combat

## Where In The World Is Benin?

Benin is located in West Africa, has a population of almost 11 million and their official language is French. Benin is a tropical nation, highly dependent on agriculture, and is a large exporter of cotton and palm oil. Benin was named French Dahomey while under French rule, but in 1960 the country gained its independence from France and in 1975 they returned to using their original name. The literacy rate in Benin is among the lowest in the world, and due to HIV/AIDS, malaria and other health issues Benin has one of the highest death rates

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

## ***Your Donation Impacts Lives***

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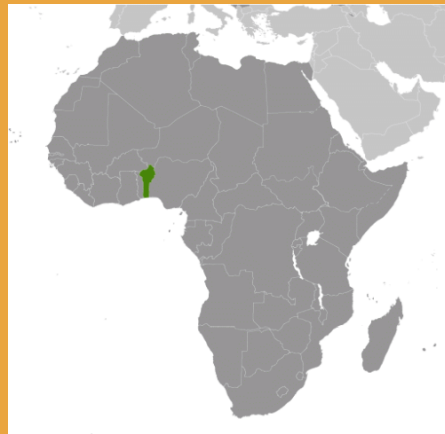
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### **Mail Your Donation:**

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for children under the age of five. There is a big need in this country for basic necessities, like shoes, and SFJ was able to send our first shipment of the year to Benin! Please join us in prayer for this country and for the Lord's plans to be accomplished here.



*Benin, Africa*

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