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Dear Friend,

We are so blessed by our partners in Africa! I just received a report from our ministry leader in Guinea, and I am deeply moved by their dedication to sharing God's love in hard to reach places that are resistant to the Gospel. The Lord is doing great things in this West African nation through David and his team and he shares,

"I thank God for Soles For Jesus providing real support to our nation as we minister in hard places. The Fouta-area in Guinea is a very hostile environment and closed to the Gospel. It is an area known for its dedication to Islam. Thanks to these shoes, we sowed seeds of love that will be a strong weapon and will help open doors for future ministry in this area. The seed of the Gospel has been heavily sown here and we will continue to minister to the people of this area until we see many turn to Jesus as their Savior. We are already seeing it and we know that God has big plans for our people!"

Thank you for being a part of this Kingdom work! Eternity will reveal the

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Join Us In Botswana In 2020!

We are now accepting applications for our mission trip to Botswana in the spring of 2020! Please pray about joining us as we share the love of Jesus in remote villages by washing feet, giving shoes and serving meals. We are so excited for all that the Lord has in store as He builds Team Botswana! To view a photo album from our last mission trip to eSwatini, click [HERE](#).

What are the dates of this trip?

We are aiming for April 29th through May 9th, 2020. Dates may slightly flex but you can plan for a 10 day trip.

Who is this trip available to?

We will consider all men and women over the age of 17 who submit an application. (Phone interview and references will

lives that have been changed by Jesus because someone came to their village, washed their feet and shared His love. What a great privilege it is to be His ambassadors and to help rescue people from darkness!

I hope that you can join us at our Race For Soles event in two weeks. You can walk, run or just come and hang out! We always have a great time and our SFJ family would love to see you. Please also prayerfully consider our next mission trip to Botswana. These teams fill fast, so let me know if you're interested and we'll send you more info. God bless you for your support of what He's doing through SFJ!

In Christ alone,

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



Waiting for the Gospel presentation & shoe distribution to start.

Join Us On Saturday, July 13th!

follow.) This trip will impact your life and your relationship with Christ in such a great way!

What will the schedule include?

This trip will include traveling to villages and serving communities who are in need of shoes and the love of Christ. We will also serve a meal in each village and at an orphanage where we'll spend time with the children. And we'll enjoy a safari together at the end of our trip!

What should I expect for accommodations?

We will be staying at a hotel where we'll eat most of our meals, and you will have a roommate that you'll meet at our team meetings. (Out of town team members will join our two meetings via Skype or phone.)

What is the cost?

The cost of this trip is \$3,500 and many team members fundraise for it. Airfare and in-country expenses are included. (Hotel, transportation, most meals, team t-shirts, and plenty of bottled water are all included.)

What should I do if I'm interested in going?

Email YenH at Yenh@SolesForJesus.org to request an application. Applications for this trip are due by July 31st, but please reach out if an extension is needed.



Team eSwatini washing feet and



Register Now

There are **only two weeks left** until the Race For Soles 5K or 2 mile run or walk!

Register in the **next three days** to receive your **free** "Race For Soles" t-shirt! You can register online or call us at 414-365-1392. All proceeds from this event will advance our mission of sharing shoes and the love of Jesus in Africa.

We are excited to offer a **discounted rate for teams of 8 or more** as well as **chipped timing for 5K runners!**

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.

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

distributing shoes.

New State Reps In Nebraska!

We are excited to introduce our new Nebraska State Reps, Jim and Jenn Wolfsohn! The Wolfsohns learned about SFJ in 2015, after their oldest daughter, Katie, returned from a mission trip to Africa. After she saw 80-90% of the children and many adults without shoes it upset Katie very much. Jenn did some research which led her to SFJ, and they have been involved ever since! Jenn and Katie returned to Malawi in 2017, where they helped distribute shoes from a SFJ shipment.

"We are very excited to be state representatives for Nebraska because we as a family believe in the mission of Soles For Jesus and we've seen firsthand the desperate need for shoes in Africa. So many people that we share the SFJ mission with have become very passionate about collecting shoes as well. We are very excited to help spread the word in Nebraska!" Jenn shared.

Jim, Jenn and their nine children are very active in church, Scouts, sports, hiking, camping and kayaking. Thank you, Jim and Jenn, for accepting the role of State Reps for SFJ! We are so grateful and excited to see God use you to expand His kingdom!

VIDEO!



Thank you 2019 Gold Sponsors!



Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

"Spur On Conference," Jackson, WI -
What an honor to be a part of this conference held by Holy Hen House Ministry. We are so grateful for all of the shoes and funds that were donated at this event. Jennifer Miller had a great time sharing the Soles For Jesus mission with ladies who desire to encourage and build up one another in God's word and make a global impact!



Jennifer Miller sharing at the, "Spur On Conference."



The Wolfsohn Family - our Nebraska State Reps!

Volunteer Of The Month

We are thrilled to honor Emily Peck as our June volunteer of the month! Emily first heard about SFJ through her church, and she was so touched to see how something as simple as a pair of shoes could help lead people towards a relationship with Jesus. She quickly became involved in volunteering at SOS events and has also become a SOS leader.

"Being involved with SFJ has helped me see how one small act of kindness can have such an incredible ripple effect. We can all be a part of someone coming to Jesus through planting a seed, watering a seed or harvesting a seed," Emily shared.

Emily enjoys leading SOS events in our warehouse because it's such a simple way to be a part of what God is doing in Africa. She loves that spending two hours sorting and packing shoes impacts eternity more than we'll ever know.

Thank you, Emily, for your heart and desire for people to know Jesus. You are truly an inspiration and we pray God's blessings over you!

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Rapids - Many thanks to John for delivering a car full of shoes from St. Paul's Lutheran Church! He shares that some members love to shop at thrift stores to find bargain priced shoes to donate. What a great way to give back! Thank you, John, for making multiple deliveries throughout the years.



John Quint delivering shoes from St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Hmong Christian Reformed Church, Sheboygan, WI- Our heartfelt appreciation to Ge Yang and family for coordinating a shoe drive at Hmong Christian Reformed Church. Over 400 pairs of shoes were donated and these will make a big impact!



Emily Peck - our June Volunteer of the Month!

Benin Distribution Update

Our first shipment of shoes arrived in Benin in late May and they have not wasted any time in taking the shoes to rural areas who are in need. Our partner, Avla, sent the following update.

"At the beginning of June we distributed shoes in a village called, Akodeha, in the southwest of Benin. We started by sharing the good news of the Gospel with the destitute and orphaned children. Then we distributed the Soles For Jesus shoes. The joy that this produced in the hearts of these children was overwhelming. All the elders of the village were also present during the distribution and really appreciated these gifts, which sowed joy in the hearts of the villagers. The Chief told us it was the first time in his life that he saw the children of his village so incredibly happy and all of their feet covered with shoes and singing praises to God. Thank you for sending these shoes so we can reach so many people with the Gospel."

View more

pictures

[HERE.](#)

Ge Yang delivering shoes to our warehouse.

VBS at Poplar Creek Church - What a privilege to be a part of the Vacation Bible School at Poplar Creek Church! We are so grateful that they added a shoe drive to their fun filled week. Yenh enjoyed spending the morning with these amazing kids and helping them kick off their week!



Yenh sharing at the VBS at Poplar Creek Church.

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.



Brother Avla sharing God's love at the shoe distribution.

Burkina Faso Distribution Update

Pastor Lompo, our partner in Burkina Faso, shared the following testimony with us.

"We recently distributed shoes at a refugee camp in Barsalgho. The Mayor of the township where the refugee camp is located told us that many refugees have since come to him and shared their joy and surprise at receiving shoes. The majority of the refugees are followers of Islam and for most of them it was their first time to hear about Jesus Christ. We are praying for God to continue to open doors and these people's hearts, so they will become followers of Jesus. Please pray with us for many people to come to know salvation through Jesus Christ. Thank you for the gift of these shoes because they are making a difference in our nation."

View more pictures [HERE](#).



Thank you, Shepherd of the Hills-Pewaukee, for bringing your Mexico Mission team to serve in our warehouse!

JULY

Wednesday, July 10th, 10-noon

Saturday, July 20th, 9-11am

Wednesday, July 24th, 9-11am

Saturday, July 27th, 9-11am

AUGUST

Saturday, August 3rd, 9-11am

Friday, August 9th, 1:30-3:30pm

Saturday, August 10th, 9-11am

Saturday, August 17th, 9-11am

Friday, August 23rd, 2-4pm

Saturday, August 24th, 9-11am

Saturday, August 31st, 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 Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org or 414-365-1392, and please let us know 48 hours in advance that you're coming.



The Gospel being shared in a refugee camp.

Meet One Of Our Partners



We are thrilled to introduce Pastor Lompo Kangabaliba as the Every Home for Christ National Director in Burkina Faso. Pastor

Kangabaliba is known by many as Robert (for short). He is married to Naomi and they have five children: Georgette, Debora, Michée, Abdiel and Schipra. Robert believes that our partnership is used by God to help open people's hearts to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ in his nation.

Robert has a goal to work with the EHC team in Burkina Faso to reach over 685,000 homes with the Gospel this year, so he is very busy working to coordinate that effort. In addition to this, he wants to see 2,000 people join the Discipleship Training Program and he also wants to help establish at least 60 new churches.

He shared with us that during a recent

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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outreach a young man committed his life to Jesus Christ, even though he was severely persecuted by his community and family. He has remained committed to the Lord and when his sister became very ill, this man and his pastor prayed for her and she was miraculously healed! Now six other members of his family have also surrendered their lives to Christ. Praise the Lord!

Prayer requests:

- An end to political and economic upheavals that plague the nation.
- An end to the terrorist activities that perpetuate the instability of the nation.
- The unity of all churches in the nation to rise up and testify to God's goodness.
- The shoe distributions to go smoothly and to reach many for Jesus Christ.
- That everyone in this nation would turn their hearts to God and commit their lives to Jesus.

Where In The World Is Sao Tome and Principe?

Sao Tome and Principe, (English translation Saint Thomas and Prince), is an island country in the Gulf of Guinea and consists of two small islands about 87 miles apart. The country gained its independence from Portugal in 1975. The population is about 200,000, and their main export is cocoa. This small country is often overlooked, so we are very excited that God opened the door for us to send our very first shipment here last month! Please pray for our partner, Jose Carlos, and all of the people who will be hearing the Good News for the first time!



Sao Tome and Principe, Africa

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