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Dear Friend,

We've all heard the saying, "Walk a mile in his shoes." Well, this can be challenging when someone doesn't even have one pair! I know this quote is figurative but in many parts of Africa it's a reality; and when I see the photo below I can't imagine what it's been like to journey in these shoes. I don't often talk about this part of our mission, but parasites and malaria are more common for those who walk barefoot, and it can be fatal. While I take my shoes for granted, others consider them lifesavers.

For some people that we serve, it may not be their first pair of shoes. When you look at the photo below, you see the remnants of a pair that's traveled more than a few miles. The old pair was left behind, and when I turned them over huge holes covered the bottom as well. What a joy it was to replace that tattered pair with quality shoes that will protect their feet. And to give that gift in the name of Jesus is priceless!

Old and new; that's what comes to mind when I see this photo. And that's exactly what He does with our hearts after we encounter His love! He makes all things new and I'm so grateful! What a privilege it is to share Him with a world that's hungry for truth. The

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Supplies Needed For Our Next Trip!

We are so grateful for those who donate supplies that are needed for our mission trips. If you'd like to consider donating some of these items for our next trip to Botswana, here's our packing list:



- Bath or beach towels (new or gently used)
- Washcloths
- Full-size bars of soap
- 4 new large tarps- 20'x30'
- 6 Large tote bags (TJ Maxx or Marshalls)
- New small Bibles (full, OT or NT)

stories of life-change are powerful and I can't thank you enough for linking arms with us for the Kingdom!

Sincerely in Christ,

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



"If anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new." 2 Cor. 5:17

10 Year Celebration Luncheon & Auction!
Saturday, November 9th

*Items can be dropped off by September 24th, so they can be added to our shipment.

If you would like to supply any of these items, please email Yenh@SolesForJesus.org or call (414) 365-1392.

Join Us In Botswana In 2020 ***Team is Almost Full!***

We are accepting a few more applications for our mission trip to Botswana from April 29 - May 9, 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 will also enjoy a safari on our last day.



This team is almost full, so if you're interested please reach out and let us know right away!

You can contact Yenh to request an application at Yenh@SolesForJesus.org. We are excited for what God has in store! To view a photo album from our last mission trip to eSwatini, click [HERE](#).



Tables & Seats On Sale Now!

Buy Now

Calling all men, women, and families to come and celebrate our 10th Anniversary! We are **not** having a fashion show this year. Instead, we are thrilled to have the African Children's Choir from Uganda as our musical guests!

Seats and tables are on sale now, and you can purchase yours by clicking the link above or by calling us at (414) 365-1392. Sponsored tables are also available and you can call Diane for more info.

Early Access Bidding: On Wednesday, November 6th, all registered guests (who submit their name & email address to SFJ) will receive a personal email to gain access to online bidding **three** days early! There will be a photo of each item online, so you'll be able to see what it looks like prior to bidding. Please note that **each guest will need to provide an email address they can access from their phone on the day of the event.** If you don't have a smartphone, don't worry! We will have plenty of bidding assistants available again with tablets, and they will be happy to help you place as many bids as you'd like.

When you purchase your event table or seats, please be sure to **provide all of your guests' names and email addresses**, so they can participate in our special early access, too!

Auction Items: We are also grateful for those who donate items for our silent auction! Fun



Use the link above to see more photos from our last trip!

Shipment With World Missionary Press

We are thrilled to share that a joint shipment of shoes and Gospel literature left our warehouse for Lesotho on August 19th. World Missionary Press is a fantastic partner of ours and they're helping to print and spread the Gospel throughout Africa and the world. SFJ firmly believes in getting God's Word into people's hands and hearts as a means of leading people to salvation and seeing them become life long disciples. Please pray with us for the safe delivery of this shipment to Lesotho.

View more pictures of the Lesotho shipment [HERE](#).

packages like weekend get-aways and vacations, gift baskets, sports tickets and suites are all great items for guests to bid on. We also appreciate creative ideas for services, items or 'experiences' (i.e.: boat tours or gourmet dinners) as donations. Your business and item will be listed in our event program and we will acknowledge your tax-deductible donation after the event for tax purposes. Please contact Kris at Kmonteen@SolesForJesus.org if you are able to donate. Thank you in advance for your generous support!



CLICK [HERE](#) to WATCH a short video!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Elite Sports Clubs - We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of shoes that were delivered by Tom Karrels from the Elite Sports Clubs this summer! Thank you, Tom & Kris and the wonderful Elite families, for your faithful support and for collecting over one thousand pairs of shoes that will touch the lives of so many people in Africa!



Shipment to Lesotho sent with love & prayers!

Benin Distribution Update

The work of evangelism and shoe distribution is going strong in the Republic of Benin! We received the following report from our partner, "Last week we went to the village of Akogoe near the border of Benin and Togo. Most of the people in this village are farmers, and they are also fetish worshipers. This means they believe certain objects have supernatural powers, so they worship and venerate those objects. This takes away from their low level of resources and there is a very high rate of poverty and most of the children walking barefoot. We went there to share the Gospel and it was miraculous to see people turn their worship to the one true God, who alone is worthy of their worship!! This distribution has brought much joy to the village as many hearts received Jesus as Lord! And mothers were happy that their children will now wear shoes. The leaders of the village send their thanks to Soles For Jesus for the great love they showed in their village." View more pictures [HERE](#).

Thank you, Tom, Kris and families of Elite Sports Clubs!

Max and Mason from Kentucky - These two boys have the biggest hearts! Thank you, Max and Mason, for your compassion and desire to help people in Africa by collecting shoes. Their Aunt Becca, joined our last mission team in eSwatini and they also wanted to be a part of bringing change to lives in Africa. We're so grateful for your desire to make a difference and God bless you boys!



Max and Mason collecting shoes in Kentucky.

Naturescape in Muskego - What an honor to have the support of an incredible business like Naturescape! Thank you for including a shoe drive at your annual summer picnic. We're so grateful for the car load of shoes delivered by Lauren and Jessica. Many people in Africa will be deeply touched by the love of Jesus and your gifts!



Very grateful children in Benin.

Guinea Shoe Distribution

Pastor David, who is our partner in Guinea, works with numerous denominations in his nation to reach people for Christ. The shoes from SFJ are a key part of that strategy. Recently he worked with a church in the village of Lola. The members of the church helped distribute shoes to people in their area who were in great need and the Pastor asked David to send the following message back to America.

"We say thank you to the Lord for this donation and thank you to those who have sent us help from afar. Through these shoes, we were able to bless many children, young people and adults who could not afford a pair of shoes. The gift of shoes has opened many doors for us to keep sharing the Gospel in our own village and surrounding area." View more pictures [HERE](#).





Thank you Naturescape for your shoe donations!

Spring Creek Church, WI - We love it when SCC and their families come to serve with us! Thank you to the Lighthouse Life Group that joined us this month with their new Missions Pastor, Chris & Amy Brown. Thank you for your partnership to change lives with the love of Jesus!



Spring Creek Life Groups love to serve!

Hope Church, WI- The Kids of Hope Church in Oconomowoc are so sweet and creative! On a beautiful summer day, they collected shoes and

Celebrating God's love in Lola, Guinea.

Thank you, Pennsylvania!

Thank you to the family and friends of Don & Michelle Simon for all of your hard work and help last weekend! We are blown away that you collected over 2,478 pairs of shoes this summer. Wow! We thank each person who helped to sort and pack these shoes for Africa. Your commitment and faithfulness over many years is such a tremendous blessing to us!

May God bless you all for impacting so many lives in Africa. Each pair represents a life that will be touched by the love of Jesus. We also extend a massive, "Thank you!" to Don and Michelle, for your strong leadership over it all!



Simons family & friends at a shoe packing party!

Volunteers Of The Month

We are thrilled to honor, Jerry and Barb Hatfield, as our August Volunteers of the Month! Jerry and Barb live in Illinois, and every Christmas they organize a shoe drive at their church and deliver the shoes to our warehouse. They've also served at SOS volunteer events and have supported SFJ for many years.

Jerry and Barb learned about SFJ through their daughter, whose friend was doing a fundraiser for a SFJ mission trip. When they heard the story of how SFJ came to be, they were so impressed with the mission!

raised funds to help ship them to Africa by selling lemonade, cookies and photos with Princess Moana! Thank you to these fantastic kids and to Chris and Liz Helwig for coordinating this fun event!



Thank you, Hope Kids and families!

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.

"The fact that something as simple as a pair of shoes that we take for granted can be used to spread the word of God is amazing," Barb shared.

After hearing about SFJ, the Hatfield's volunteered at a SOS event as a family and attended one of the first annual luncheons. They've been involved ever since, and we are so thankful for their support!

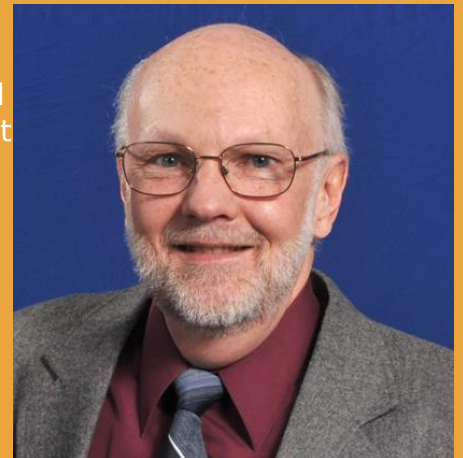
Jerry and Barb enjoy spending time with their family, especially their 10-month old twin grandbabies. What a blessing! Thank you, Jerry and Barb, for being such wonderful supporters of SFJ for so many years. We appreciate you and pray blessings over you and your beautiful family!



Jerry & Barb Hatfield with their family

Meet One Of Our Partners

Meet our ministry partner, Harold Mack, President of World Missionary Press (WMP) in New Paris, Indiana. World Missionary Press is a literature ministry that produces many varieties of scripture booklets in more than 340 languages, and sends them around the world. During their 55 years of ministry, God has enabled WMP to produce





*Thank you, Concordia University, for serving with us
and we pray God's blessings on your school year!*

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 7th, 9-11am
Wednesday, September 11th, 3-5pm
Saturday, September 14th, 9-11am
Thursday, September 19th, 6-8pm
Saturday, September 21st, 9-11am
Saturday, September 28th, 9-11am
Sunday, September 29th, 10:30 & 12:15-**FULL**

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 5th, 9-11am
Saturday, October 12th, 9-11am
Saturday, October 19th, 1:30-4pm **FULL**
Thursday, October 24th, 6-8pm
Saturday, October 26th, 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,

more than two billion scripture booklets. SFJ partners with World Missionary Press to provide people in Africa with a scripture booklet printed in their language, along with the gift of shoes. We are grateful for how the Lord has connected our ministries, so that together we can meet the spiritual and physical needs of people.

Harold's goal is to produce 10 million scripture booklets per month, and he specifically asks for prayer for these things:

- Wisdom, grace, and strength for the work.
- Funding to increase production.

Thank You For The Silent Auction Donations Received This Month

- Advanced Wildlife
- Behling family
- Bounce Milwaukee
- Brookfield Medical Spa
- Bubbas Frozen Custard
- Burghardt Sporting Goods
- Discovery World
- Disney World
- Elite Sports
- Inspired Edge
- Jen Hardy
- Marie Tandy
- MJ Woodall
- Picaboo
- Present Music
- Pump It Up
- Road America
- Shoot the Moon Photography
- Sky Zone
- Sparkle Spa
- Stone Creek Coffee
- StoneFire Pizza Co.
- Studer family
- Texas Roadhouse
- Uptown Art
- Wicked Archery

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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