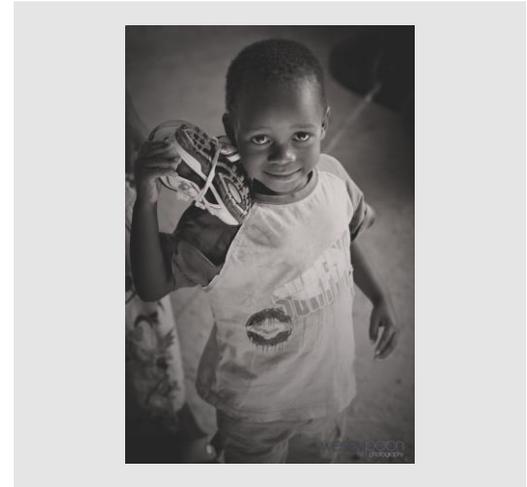




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Dear Friend,

It's amazing how the Lord graciously allows us to partner with Him! He certainly does not need us to accomplish His purposes, and yet He invites us to join Him in the harvest. What's also incredible is that we can choose to do this right where we are! That's what Benat did with his Boy Scout troop in Hartland, WI. They decided to do a shoe drive for kids and adults in Africa, so they could make a difference across the globe. They also added a note and picture inside of their shoes, and when I saw this photo (below) it made me smile. What a journey this note and shoes made, along with another 7,999 pairs that were sent to Botswana with love.

I want to thank each person who responded to our request for more shoes. I am blown away by how many of you immediately stepped up to help fill this need, and please keep the shoes coming! Some of you hosted a shoe drive like Benat, while others like Debbie donated the shoes of her own family and father who just passed away. Each pair is a gift that will deeply impact a life with God's love, and I'm grateful for your support in bringing His light into the darkness. *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,*

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

Tickets Go On SALE August 15th @9am!



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!

This special 10 Year Celebration will take place at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee, WI and you can read more about this event [HERE](#).

On Thursday, August 15th at 9am,

but will have the light of life.” John 8:13

May the Lord bless you and guide you in all of His ways!



In Christ alone,

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

Race For Soles

The 2019 Race For Soles was a success! Thank you to all who came out to Waukesha County Technical College to help make this such a fun event. We are extremely grateful for a beautiful morning where friends and families enjoyed a 5k or 2 mile course, refreshments, games, prizes and great fellowship.

you can purchase your table or seats at SolesForJesus.org or by calling us at (414) 365-1392.

Event Sponsorships are available now and your name or business will be recognized through printed material, social media, and company signage at our event. You'll also receive one table with seating for ten guests to enjoy lunch. If you're interested, please contact Diane Studer for more information at Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org.

Auction Items are gratefully accepted! Fun packages like weekend get-away and vacations, gift baskets, sports tickets and suites are all great items. We also appreciate creative ideas for services, items or 'experiences' (i.e.: boat tours or gourmet dinners). Your business and item will be listed in our event program and we will acknowledge your tax-deductible gift after the event for tax purposes. Contact Kris at kmonteen@SolesForJesus.org if you are able to donate. Thank you in advance for your generous support and we pray that you'll join us for this special event!



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

Join Us In Botswana In 2020

We are still 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. Our team is almost full so if you're interested, please let us know! Here are some quotes from previous team members about of the impact of their trip:

"It was a life changing trip for my spiritual life in Christ. He taught me so many things and I fell in love with the people."



"It has made me fall more in love with my Savior as I see how much He loves all of His children. Praying over the various people impacted me profoundly. Seeing the joy on the faces of those who received shoes and the children in the villages and orphanage has been burned into my memory."

"My prayer life is different. My joy is different. My drive is different. I am different because of this trip and the work God did in me while serving the beautiful people of eSwatini."

"It was the most amazing, spiritual & blessed time of my life."

"I could literally see lives changing before my eyes and it was incredible to witness. I can remember a handful of moments from each day in which I thought to myself, "God did that."

If you are interested in joining Team Botswana 2020, contact Yen 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](#).



Team eSwatini washing feet and distributing shoes.

We want to THANK all of our event sponsors for their generous support!

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We also could not have done this without the help and support of our amazing volunteers and our event committee. Thank you for all of your hard work that made our #RFS2019 such a great event. We praise the Lord for all that was accomplished as a result of your support! You can view our **RFS Facebook Photo Album** [HERE](#). Special thanks to our fabulous photographers, Roberta Pratt and Mark Weber!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

"Calling All Ladies Conference," Clintonville - YenH and Kristen enjoyed being a part of the Ladies Brunch at Family Of Christ Church. Thank you for the invitation to share about SFJ and for collecting shoes. We're so thankful for all of you!



Thank you for including SFJ in your wonderful conference!

Nicole's Birthday Shoe Drive - We're extremely grateful for Nicole from Team eSwatini! She coordinated a successful shoe drive for her birthday in the Sussex

- Beaver Travel
- Brunch
- Cooper's Hawk
- Evensong Baby Books
- Fairways of Woodside
- Florentine Opera
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- Milwaukee Food & City Tours
- Monteen family
- Novak family
- Pizza Crafters
- Roberta Pratt
- Sarah Geraldson
- Thirsty Duck
- Wines for Humanity

Volunteer Of The Month

We are thrilled to honor Kayla Loos as our July volunteer of the month! Kayla has held multiple shoe drives and has joined SFJ twice in Africa. She was on Team Kenya in 2016, and Team eSwatini this year. Kayla learned about SFJ when her church did a shoe drive, and she decided to sign up for a SOS event (to Sort & Organize Shoes) in our warehouse.

"At the SOS event, I signed up to receive your monthly e-newsletters to stay involved, and I haven't regretted that decision since. My heart is seriously so full from helping this ministry. What an amazing way to showcase God's love to His people!" Kayla shared.

Kayla encourages anyone thinking about volunteering with SFJ to jump in! *"It's so rewarding, and being able to get friends and family involved has been awesome. It's an easy way to share with others about Jesus."*

Kayla loves to travel and her goal is to visit all 50 states before the age of 50, and she's about half way there already! Thank you, Kayla, for your love of SFJ and God's people in Africa. We love serving with you here and on the other side of the world, and we pray

community by reaching out to her neighbors and friends. We love how the whole family got involved and these shoes will touch many lives!



Nicole and her daughters collecting shoes!

Aurora Shoe Drive, WI - Thank you, Amy and Tim, for delivering these wonderful shoes from the Aurora Shoe Drive. Your time and effort to collect them will tremendously bless many lives. We appreciate your support!



Amy & Tim delivering shoes to our warehouse.

blessings over you and your future travels!



Kayla Loos in eSwatini

Democratic Republic of Congo Distribution

The distribution of shoes in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is now under way. During the month of July our partner, Robert, and his ministry team visited three locations in the southwest region of his nation. In each location, they were able to share the Gospel with everyone and many responded to Jesus! He is incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make this special type of outreach a possibility in his nation. Please continue to pray for many people to come to Christ as the rest of the shoes are distributed. View more pictures [HERE](#).



A group of young students receiving new shoes.

Cabo Verde Shipping Update

Becca and Grace Hill Church - Becca, from Team eSwatini, connected Grace Hill Church to SFJ and they immediately responded by doing a shoe drive this summer! Special thanks to Krissy for coordinating this drive at her church and business. We also want to give a big, "shout out" to Kylie for raising funds through her lemonade and bake sale to help send these shoes! Thank you for your partnership and God bless you all.



Becca delivering shoes and Kylie at her bake sale.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Stevens Point - What a great group of students and leaders! We are so very blessed by your huge delivery of over 800 pairs of shoes from your summer VBS and shoe drive! Thank you to each person who donated and also to the students and leaders who came to serve with us. We're so grateful for your willingness to make this road trip and for how you served with such joy and enthusiasm!

We are excited to share that we just shipped to another African nation for the first time! A shipment to the West African Island nation of Cabo Verde was sent in early July, and it is scheduled to arrive near the end of August. Emmanuel, our partner, is very thankful for these shoes that will help his people. The island nations are often overlooked and he is so excited to be able to share hope and salvation in Jesus! He also shared that many people will be touched to learn that people in the United States donated these shoes and funds to ship them so they could help meet their needs. Please pray for safe passage of this shipment and for the Lord to bless these ministry plans abundantly! View more pictures [HERE](#).



Mark with our very first shipment to Cabo Verde.

Guinea Shoe Distribution

David, our partner in Guinea, sent the following update to share with you this month. "The Kindia region is the capital of the Sussu ethnic group in Guinea. This is a mining area and it has a very high population density and is predominantly Islamic. In spite of this, over 20 Christian denominations are present in the area and our EHC ministry team has a strong relationship with each of these churches. The recent donation of shoes has greatly benefited our efforts in sharing the Gospel in this area. While the work is difficult, distributing shoes makes it much easier to share our faith and the message that God loves everyone. When we tell people that these donations are from Christians in the United States they are amazed that they would even think of sending such gifts to bless them. Thank you for your love and prayers for the work of the Lord in our



Youth Group from St. Paul's Lutheran, Stevens Point

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.



Thank you, St. John Vianney students, for joining us this month!

AUGUST

Saturday, August 3rd, 9-11am
Saturday, August 10th, 9-11am

nation." View more pictures [HERE!](#)



This family was so grateful for their new shoes.

Meet One Of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ ministry partner, Joseph Gule. Joseph serves the Lord as a leader and evangelist in eSwatini, along with his wife, Zama, and their five children. His goal is to mobilize 250 church leaders for house to house evangelism, and he hopes to organize a prayer team of 300 young people.



Joseph shares, "It's incredible to see churches opening their doors for shoe distributions. Many people are stepping in to a church for the first time and finding Jesus as their Savior. I praise God for this opportunity and partnership with SFJ!"

He specifically asked for prayer for these things:

- Please pray for my family. We currently rent an

Saturday, August 17th, 9-11am
Friday, August 23rd, 2-4pm- **FULL**
Saturday, August 24th, 9-11am
Saturday, August 31st, 9-11am

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 7th, 9-11am
Saturday, September 14th, 9-11am
Thursday, September 19th, 6-8pm
Saturday, September 21st, 9-11am
Saturday, September 28th, 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.

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.

apartment and it is very expensive. My dream is to build a home and to meet their needs each month.

- Pray for God's protection over our office staff and board members, that they will have the passion and strength they need for ministry.
- Pray for more church partnerships in our country.
- Pray for every individual who receives Jesus, that they will continue seeking Him and sharing their experience with others.

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