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Dear Friend,

I'm so grateful for the amazing ministry partners that we have. World Missionary Press is a key partnership that the Lord established during our first year. Almost all of the scripture booklets that we give with each pair of shoes are from WMP in Indiana, where they print booklets in 348 languages. We also have many of the same partners in Africa, so we are able to send a couple of joint shipments each year as well. Meeting the physical and spiritual needs of people is a powerful way to demonstrate God's love, and I'm so grateful for how the Lord has connected us for His purposes!

Last weekend I was invited to join WMP for their 58th Anniversary Celebration to speak about our great partnership at their Dinner. They also hosted a shoe drive for a joint shipment that we are sending to Mozambique. This shipment will be filled with 5 pallets of shoes and 5 pallets of scripture books that will be printed in 5 languages. To God be the glory! Nine huge shipping gaylords of shoes were collected at WMP's Open House and we are so grateful for how their community responded. Together we can do more and we thank the Lord for this Kingdom partnership!

All of us at SFJ cannot wait to celebrate our 10th Anniversary next weekend! I'm so grateful for each sponsor, volunteer and supporter that is helping to make this day so special. We still have

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Auction Bidding Starts 3 Days Early!

~ Unable to attend our event?

~ Or out of state?

NO PROBLEM! YOU CAN BID AT HOME TOO!

On Wednesday, November 6th, we'll send an email to all registered guests who have submitted their email address to gain access to online bidding 3 days early!



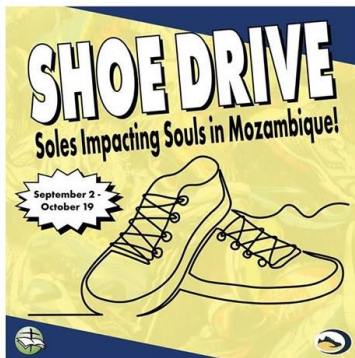
If you are out of state or unable to attend you can also bid online at home!

To register for online access, click [HERE](#), choose 'Offsite Bidder' under the ticket options, and go through the registration process. You'll also have access to the auction

a few seats left, so be sure to get yours right away. You don't want to miss this and we are counting down the days!

In Christ alone,

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



site three days early, as well as during the event!

We appreciate our supporters who live all over the country and we're so excited that you can participate in our auction! If you have any questions, please contact Kris at Kmonteen@SolesForJesus.org. Happy Bidding!

IMPORTANT

will only mail out **gift cards** or **gift certificates** that are won by Offsite Bidders. SFJ will not ship any other baskets or auction items. Auction winners must pick up their items at the SFJ office, or make arrangements for someone else to pick them up by 11/22/19. By registering to be an Offsite Bidder, you agree to these restrictions and we thank you for your support of SFJ!

RESTRICTION:

Team Botswana 2020

We are so excited for how the Lord has assembled this team that will go to Botswana in May! We had an opportunity to meet for the first time last night to pray over the shoes that we'll distribute in May of 2020. We can't wait to give shoes, wash feet and share the love of Jesus alongside our ministry partner, Tanga.



Team Botswana pictured here; Kris, Ric, Diane, Roberta, David, Amy, Norman, Cynthia, Yen, Grant, Tammy, Craig and Mark. Missing: Jessica, Jacob, Cynthia, Casey, Brian, and Zoey.

World Missionary Press 58th Anniversary Celebration!

10 Year Celebration Luncheon & Auction!

****Only 9 days away!***



It's Not too Late to Join Us!

Buy Now

We are so grateful for each event sponsor and for the seats that are already filled! For those who don't have seats yet, we still have some left for you! **We invite you to secure yours today by using the link above, or by phone at 414-365-1392.**

Event Sponsorships: THANK YOU to each of our Event Sponsors for your support! We especially want to honor and appreciate our Gold Sponsors: CTaccess, Jung Express, Lannon Stone, Naturescape & The Novak Family.

Silent Auction: We are also grateful for each of you who have generously donated to our auction. We have an incredible line up of items and you will not be disappointed! This will be our largest auction yet and you can start bidding on Wednesday.

Sao Tome & Principe Shoe Distribution

"The community of Laura has less than 300 inhabitants and has never had a church. The shoes that we received from Soles For Jesus were the perfect gift to take to these people. Since they did not know us, we felt it was important to show that we come to them wanting nothing from them, only to share our faith and the power of salvation. When we arrived, we explained to everyone that we had come first to share the Gospel and second to give them a gift of shoes."

"Everyone in the community was pleased and allowed us to share a Gospel presentation and many responded to our message. We praise God for this success and EHC Sao Tome & Principe has partnered with a nearby congregation to plant a church in this community! When we freely gave them shoes the people were so pleased that strangers from the USA and their own country would think to come to their small village to bless them. Everyone was incredibly thankful and they send their thanks to Soles For Jesus for the gift of shoes."

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



Responding to the Gospel and a church is now planted here!

Benin Distribution Update

"In the beginning of June, we conducted a shoe distribution in a village called Akodeha in the south west of Benin. During this distribution, we shared the good news of the



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

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Shoes from Pennsylvania - We just received another shipment from Pennsylvania including 2,478 pairs of shoes! This is amazing and we are so grateful to Don & Michelle Simon and Jan Moreth for making this possible! Over the last year, they've collected 7,724 pairs which brings their total to nearly 50,000 pairs of shoes! We also want to express our thanks to John Cory who transports the shoes for us each time. You all are a tremendous blessing and you're the reason that PA is our 2nd most active state. We can't wait to see the Simons next weekend at our 10 Year Anniversary and God bless you all!

Gospel of Jesus with the most vulnerable and orphaned children. After we distributed the shoes, there was incredible joy throughout the community. It was truly overwhelming how this village was touched and transformed. All the elders of the village were present during the distribution and greatly appreciated these gifts, and had such open hearts to our message."

"The leader of the village, Mr. Alain said, "It is the first time in his life he saw the children of his village so happy." Also, a mother named Adjoa said, "Since her husband died no one has ever remembered her and her children, so this free gift of shoes shows her that God has not abandoned her or her children." In conclusion, we praise the Lord for the partnership with Soles for Jesus. This is a unique organization, which is having an incredible impact on the lives of so many people in Benin."

View more pictures [HERE](#).



Many gathered for a photo to celebrate what the Lord has done!

Cabo Verde Update

We are praising God for the safe delivery of shoes received in Cabo Verde on Friday, October 25th. For many weeks the shoes were being stored in the port as our partner Emanuel faced numerous government delays in processing the paper work. At times, this can result in having to pay the port a storage fee. However, we praise our Almighty



Delivery of shoes from PA in our warehouse.

Hamilton Boys Soccer Shoe Drive - Thank you to the HHS Soccer Team and families who collected shoes for Africa! Your donations will provide quality footwear for many and will be shared with God's love in a powerful way. Special thanks to Roberta Pratt for coordinating this effort!

God that all of the fees were waived and the shoes were delivered safely!

The entire EHC Cabo Verde team expressed their thanks for choosing their nation with this shipment. After several delays they are very excited to share the Gospel and shoes with those who are in need. Please pray for many to become disciples of Jesus Christ as a result of these distributions.

View more pictures [HERE](#).



Opening the container for the first time in Cabo Verde.

Volunteer Of The Month

We are thrilled to honor Craig Thacker as our volunteer of the month for October! Craig joined our mission team in eSwatini, and he will also be a part of Team Botswana in 2020. We are so grateful for the many ways that Craig helps encourage and support our mission.

Craig shared a great story of how he heard about SFJ. "I saw a post on Facebook one day and just began to investigate. I've always been a shoe guy and I sure do love Jesus so



Shoes from the Sussex Hamilton Boys Soccer Team.

Iowa Shoe Drive - Thank you, Lucia, for coordinating a shoe drive in your school and community. We appreciate you driving from Iowa to deliver these wonderful shoes that will help people in great need throughout Africa.



Lucia delivering shoes from Iowa.

Memorial Lutheran Church, WI - Thank you, Memorial Lutheran Church in Glendale, for doing a fall shoe drive for us. These shoes will impact

that's kind of how it began. I called and spoke with Diane, and then I came and met her and she showed me around the office and warehouse. Once I saw the video I was hooked and have been ever since. SFJ means an awful lot to me. I love the people who work and give their heart to this ministry day after day. I love the mission, and after going on my first mission trip this year, my heart is with the people of Africa. It's a beautiful ministry, from Diane to the people of Africa, and everything and everyone in between."

Craig is a big sports fan and he and his wife, Caryn, have three Collies that they love to pieces. They also have two children and six grandchildren! Thank you, Craig, for the many ways that you support SFJ. We are so grateful to you and pray God's blessings over your family!



Craig at Theodore Orphanage in eSwatini

lives in a big way, and we also appreciate the funds to help ship them to Africa!



Many beautiful shoes from Memorial Lutheran Church.

Northside Church Of God, WI- We are so thankful to everyone at Northside Church Of God for donating over 386 pairs of shoes and the funds to help send them to Africa! What a blessing to have your support as we share the gift of shoes with God's love to so many. Special thanks to Hope for coordinating this effort and delivering these shoes!



Thank you, Northside Church Of God, for your great shoes!

Anytime Fitness- Sussex, WI - We appreciate businesses like Anytime Fitness opening their doors to collect shoes for Africa. We are excited

Meet One Of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ ministry partner in Malawi, Gilford Matonga. Years ago when Gilford decided to follow Christ, he no longer felt rejected but fully accepted by God and his new church family.



Now Gilford is sharing the Gospel message with thousands of families in Malawi and he desires to see the spiritual life of his nation transform.

As he leads others to Christ, Gilford reflects on Matthew 25:31-45 as a reminder of how practical Christian living is. Part of this passage says, *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me (Jesus)."* Gilford recognizes that the way of Christ can be as simple as helping others in need. Let's support Gilford by praying for his requests:

- Good health and provision for Gilford and his wife, Maggie and their three children
- The improvement of Malawi's economy
- Political stability in the country
- Favor from the government for Gilford and his ministry

Thank You For The Silent Auction Donations Received This Month

- Agatha Dawson
- Amy Hamp
- Anytime Fitness - Waukesha
- Birchwood Wells
- Bluemel's
- Brandie Mixdorf
- Brooke Bogenschneider
- Cassandra Delaurier
- Charmed Revival

that your collection box is overflowing and that you've had such a great response with your first shoe drive! Thank you for making a global impact across the world from your gym.



Shoe drive at Anytime Fitness in Sussex.

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.



We enjoyed hosting the "Gather To Scatter"

- Cheryl Riley
- Chicago Cubs
- Circle B
- Clover and Crete
- Creation Museum
- Deertrak Golf Course
- Diana Gahm Photography
- Don & Michelle Simon
- Fred Astaire
- Harley Davidson
- Ho-Chunk
- Holland Bulb Farms
- Indulgence Chocolatiers
- Jason Upton
- Java Funder
- Jeremy Monty
- Jessica Collier
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- Kate Nelson
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- Linda Hubbell
- Lori Burbach
- Lucky Cookie
- Maher Family
- Mane Studio 1
- Marie Tandy
- Mark & Lynda Thompson
- Mark Ellefson
- Marquette University
- Melissa Smith
- Michelle Middlestead
- Michelle Novak
- Milwaukee Brewers
- Milwaukee Bucks
- Milwaukee Harley Davidson
- Missy Glenn Luedtke
- Nancy Hermesen & Kim Unger
- NextGenCam
- Nicole Kison
- NJP Skincare Therapy
- Nothing Bundt Cakes
- Outpost Natural Foods
- Patricia Behling
- Patricia Gohde
- Paul & Sandy Behling

event with *the youth of Spring Creek Church!*

NOVEMBER

Friday, November 1st, 10:30am-noon **FULL**

Saturday, November 2nd, 9-11am **FULL**

Thursday, November 14th, 6-8pm

Saturday, November 16th, 9-11am

Saturday, November 23rd, 9-11am

Saturday, November 30th, 9-11am

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 7th, 9-11am

Thursday, December 12th, 6-8pm

Saturday, December 14th, 9-11am

Saturday, December 21st, 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.

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- Skydive Milwaukee
- Something Tropical Tanning
- Sorens Ford
- Stasi Precour
- Stitch Lane
- Susan Jansen
- Sussex Hamilton Boys Volleyball
- Sussex Hamilton Football Senior Class
- Sussex Hamilton Girls Varsity Volleyball
- The Copper Dock
- The Crowning Jewels
- The Polar Bear Kitchen
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