



# Soles For Jesus, Inc.

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Dear Friend,

Thank you to each person who helped make our 10 Year Celebration so special. 500,000 people have been touched by the love of Jesus and we couldn't have done this without you! As we celebrate, I am even more excited about where He is leading us. The Lord has positioned us to be a part of something greater than ourselves, and I'm thrilled to share that we have fully embraced the Every Home for Christ vision to reach each home with the Gospel in the next 20 years. The life-changing message of Jesus is being accelerated into the far corners of the earth and we get to be part of this! Here is a [LETTER](#) that explains more about this God-given vision called OIKOS, and the Lord has set the stage for millions to receive salvation in Jesus.

I am also thrilled to share this brand new video made by Jessica

## Quick Links

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## Shoelaces Needed



As you are Christmas shopping, here is an idea to keep in mind! We are running low on our supply of shoelaces and would be so grateful for more donations.

Some shoes are donated to us with missing or damaged shoelaces, so we add new laces to them before they're shipped to Africa. If you are able to provide new laces (or if you have any questions or contacts in this industry), please reach out to YenH at [Yenh@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Yenh@SolesForJesus.org). Thank you in advance for your kindness!

Zambo of Salty Earth Pictures (below). There's nothing like seeing the faces of those who have been touched by the love of Jesus, and I encourage you to take a few minutes to view this video from our most recent trip. We are passionate about sharing Jesus, as He is the only Hope for our world!

As 2019 is quickly drawing to a close, I want to thank you for being a part of our SFJ family. So many incredible people and volunteers make this work possible and I am so grateful! May the Lord bless you throughout this Christmas season, as we celebrate the greatest gift of all.

In Christ alone,

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



## Shoe Pick Up

Do you have a SUV, van, truck or trailer? We are praying for a volunteer(s) who can pick up shoes once per month at a collection site in Brookfield and in Shorewood. If you are able to pick up shoes at either location and bring them to our warehouse each month, please contact YenH at [Yenh@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Yenh@SolesForJesus.org).



## Wreath Sale to Benefit SFJ

'Tis the season and the wreath shop is open! Jeanie & Danny Lind are at it again and we are so grateful. Wreath sales benefit SFJ and are available in Appleton, WI, and you can contact our office for more information. We are so grateful for your ongoing support of SFJ and God bless you all.



Click on this image to **start** the VIDEO.

## 10 Year Celebration Luncheon & Auction

Thank you to each person who helped make our event a great success! We praise the Lord for an amazing day and for our special guests, the African Children's Choir from Uganda and Tanner Peake from Every Home for Christ.

We want to share our sincere gratitude for our Gold Sponsors: CTaccess, Jung Express, Naturescape, Lannon Stone and The Novak Family, as well as each event sponsor, guest, auction donor and volunteer for your generous support of what the Lord is doing through Soles For Jesus. Please mark your calendar to join us next year on November 14, 2020 and you can view more event photos by Mark Weber [HERE](#).



Thank you, Jeanie & Danny, for your loving support of SFJ!

## Botswana Shipping Update

We are happy to share that the shoes, which will be distributed by our mission team in May, are on their way to Botswana! Our partner, Tanga, is already making ministry plans and praying over which villages our team will visit. These village distributions are powerful times of ministry, where we see God's love touch lives in an incredible way. Please begin praying with us for each person who will be receiving these shoes and hearing about the love of Jesus as their feet are washed. View more pictures of the Botswana shipment [HERE](#).



Team Botswana praying over the shoes before they depart.

## Mozambique Shipping

Praise the Lord for 10 Years and the best is yet to come!

## Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

**Mark at North Cape Lutheran Church** - Mark enjoyed sharing at North Cape Lutheran Church in Franksville, WI. We're thankful for this fellowship of believers and for the 377 pairs of shoes that were donated along with the funds to help send them to Africa. Thank you for your generous hearts and for impacting 377 lives in Africa with God's love!



### North Cape Lutheran Church

**Heil Family in Green Bay, WI** - We're so grateful for this generous delivery from the Heil family and First United Methodist Church in Green Bay. Pat and Jennifer delivered 840 pairs of shoes, and we're excited about the many lives that will be impacted by their kindness. Thank you for your ongoing support and we pray God's blessings over your church family!

## Update

We are excited to be sending another joint shipment of shoes and Gospel literature in partnership with World Missionary Press to Mozambique. This nation was ravaged by two hurricanes recently and people are in great need physically and spiritually. It is our prayer that the Word of God and the gift of these shoes will demonstrate God's love to each person and that they'll choose Jesus Christ as the Lord of their lives. Please pray with us for a huge Kingdom impact in Mozambique. View more pictures [HERE](#).



SFJ volunteers who helped pack shoes for Mozambique.

## Burundi Shoe Distribution

Our ministry partner in Burundi, Evariste, just sent us a new report detailing the great success of sharing the Gospel and distributing shoes. He shares with us that many people are open to the Gospel and eager to not only receive shoes, but also Gospel literature. Even the younger children want to learn more about God. He is so grateful to the Lord and Soles For Jesus for the opportunity to reach so many people with the Good News and to see a great



*Pat & Jennifer Heil delivering shoes at our warehouse.*

**SFJ Ornaments by the Abbott Family-** We love seeing the creative ways that people help support this mission. We were so touched to hear from the Abbot family and how they created these beautiful ornaments to help spread our mission and raise funds. Thank you for your labor of love and for being such a blessing to SFJ!



*Christmas ornaments made by the Abbott family.*

**Vechart Family, Appleton WI -** We are so grateful for the Vechart family! They delivered another 450 pairs of shoes to our warehouse, along with donations from the Appleton area. Dan and Aimee have been collecting shoes for years from their church and community, and we always enjoy their visit!

harvest of souls. View more pictures [HERE](#).



Burundian children receiving shoes and Gospel booklets.

## Volunteer Of The Month

We are thrilled to honor Becca Ellinger as our volunteer of the month for November! Becca first learned about SFJ at Spring Creek Church during a shoe drive, and decided to get the youth group involved. Since then, she has led shoe drives and brought many students to SOS events over the years. Becca also joined our mission team in eSwatini this year and shared how she was greatly affected by it.

*"Serving with SFJ has definitely given my heart more sensitivity towards taking the Gospel to all nations. It's also strengthened my prayer life as I more earnestly pray for the hearts and salvation of those all over Africa and the world who do not yet know Jesus. Serving with SFJ has also given me new boldness and excitement in my faith as I share the mission with others and how clearly I see God moving in and through this organization."*

Becca has loved serving in many different capacities and encourages everyone to join in! *"There are so many ways to be a part of this*



*Thank you, Vechart Family, for your ongoing support!*

## **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.



*Thank you friends from Honey Creek Church!*

### **DECEMBER**

Saturday, December 7th, 9-11am  
Thursday, December 12th, 6-8pm  
Saturday, December 14th, 9-11am  
Saturday, December 21st, 9-11am

*organization that don't just involve going directly to Africa to distribute shoes. There are sorting teams, mailing teams, planning teams and so many other opportunities for people to help, so just take that step of faith and allow God to use your heart and strengths to further His Kingdom! I would also really encourage people to speak to the staff about the mission. Every single member of the SFJ team walks with incredible faith and has seen God do miraculous things through the simple gift of shoes! It's next to impossible to hear their hearts and their stories of God's faithfulness over the years and not want to be a part of this ministry."*

Becca has been married to her husband, Jamie, for two years and they love the outdoors and being around water. Thank you, Becca, for the many ways that you support SFJ. We are so grateful and pray God's blessings over you and Jamie!



*Becca at a village in eSwatini.*

## JANUARY

Saturday, January 4th, 9-11am  
Saturday, January 11th, 9-11am  
Thursday, January 16th, 6-8pm  
Saturday, January 18th, 9-11am  
Saturday, January 25th, 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](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.

## Meet One Of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ (EHC) ministry partner in Guinea-Bissau, Julio da Silva. He is faithfully serving the Lord as a leader and evangelist in his



native country. Here is a part of Julio's story, *"I come from an animist background where my family practiced idolatry. Our neighbors were Christians and they invited me to church. When I was ten years old, I accepted Jesus, but because of persecution from my parents, I had to quit going to church. When I was 19, God showed me a vision of the end of the world, and not long after that, I totally dedicated my life in service to the Lord. The Lord led me and my family to Togo for Biblical studies, and afterwards we returned to Guinea-Bissau to serve the Lord in our native country."* Julio asks us to pray for the following:

- His wife, Maria, and their four children.
- For his health. He has pain in his right ear.
- For an increase in financial support for church plants.
- For more volunteers to help with outreach.

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