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Dear Friend,

*"It is necessary to help the weak and to keep in mind the words of Jesus, **"It is more blessed to give than to receive."** Acts 20:35*

Jesus was our perfect example of generous living. As we follow His example we get to experience the joy that comes from giving to others. One thing that I love about SFJ is that you can give and impact lives, even if you can't go to Africa!

Gina and Corey heard about the need for shoes in Africa and decided their family could help. They placed a SFJ box on their driveway and spread the word to their neighbors and posted on several sites like, 'NextDoor.' They collected for about six weeks and were amazed to receive almost 900 pairs of shoes! They kept emptying the box into garbage bags and it kept filling up! They brought the

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## Shipment Arrived In Liberia

We are excited to share that the shipment to Liberia arrived a few weeks ago and they have already begun to minister in villages with shoe distributions! Our partner, Sister Jonel Weeks, shares that she is overwhelmed with joy because this shipment is such an answer to prayer. She expressed that this is a strategic time to share the hope of the Gospel and she also asks, *"Please continuously keep us in prayer for God's*

box inside at night and when it rained; and it was so exciting to see people respond. Gina shared, *"It amazes me to think about the significant impact such a simple act will have on the lives of others."* Thanks to Gina and her family, 900 people in Cabo Verde will hear about God's love and receive a pair of shoes.

I'd like to invite you to host a shoe drive! This time of year can be slower when it comes to shoe donations, and I have a collection box ready for you! You can collect shoes in your neighborhood, church or small group, boy and girl-scout troops, rummage sales, sports team or community group of any kind! Hosting a shoe drive is a great way to impact people in Africa with God's love and it's exciting to see how many people will join you.

I also want to thank each person who responded to our spring mailing and gave a financial gift. I am thrilled to share that we reached our goal and we just sent another shipment to celebrate! Even during these challenging times the Lord is providing the shoes, funds and volunteers to accomplish what He's called us to do. We are encouraged to see His blessings coming through the hearts and hands of many of you, and I sincerely thank you! May the Lord bless you for shining His light in places that will never be the same again. *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* John 8:13

*protection as we do these outreaches and share the good news of the Gospel throughout our nation. I will keep you updated with information as the team progresses."*

View more pictures [HERE](#).



*Praise the Lord for this arrival at this critical time!*

## **Shipment To Cabo Verde**

We are thrilled to announce that we just sent a shipment of shoes to Cabo Verde, an island nation off of the west coast of Senegal. This is our second shipment to this nation, and God used the

In Christ alone,

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



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na and Corey delivering 900 pairs of shoes!

## 11th Annual Luncheon & Auction: November 14th, 2020!

### Mark Your Calendar:

**August 20th @9am** event sales will go **LIVE!** You can purchase your table or seats on our website or by phone (414-365-1392).

This is going to be a fabulous event with a special surprise musician that you don't want to miss! Tables are assigned in the order that they're purchased, so be sure to act fast and get yours right away. This event will be held at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee from 10:30am-2:00pm and we can't wait to see you there!

**Event Sponsorships:** Sponsorships

previous shipment to reach villages with His love in amazing ways. People gave their lives to Jesus, wanted to be baptized and joined discipleship groups after hearing about God's love at a shoe distribution. Our partner, Emanuel, shared, *"Thank you Soles For Jesus for helping to demonstrate God's love through tangible gifts. You cared enough to sacrifice shoes and money to send a shipment to our small nation and we pray God will bless you!"*

Thank you for helping us reach every corner of Africa. View more pictures [HERE](#).



*Thousands of shoes packed with love & prayer!*

## Spreading The Hope Of The Gospel

It was a very exciting day for the EHC Liberia team as they began conducting phase two of their Covid-19 project. Our ministry partner, Jonel, shared, *"Praise God for the*

are available now for this year's event. Invitations will be printed soon and we'd love to add your name to the cover as our Gold Sponsor. As an event sponsor, your name or business will be recognized through printed material, social media, company signage and verbally honored at our event. You'll also receive one stage-side table, with seating for ten guests. If you're interested, please contact Diane Studer for more information at [Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org).

**Auction items:** We are extremely grateful for those who donate items to our silent auction! Fun 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 Monteen at [Kmonteen@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Kmonteen@SolesForJesus.org) if you are able to donate. Thank you in advance for your generous support!



10 Year Celebration & The African Children's Choir.

*great turnout and the exciting OIKOS field evangelism outreaches that followed the completion of the training. Participants were divided into five groups and were sent out to surrounding villages. Everyone went door-to-door and so many people were receptive to hearing the Gospel and words of hope during these challenging times."*

*"Now we will also be able to minister with shoes, thanks to the shipment from Soles For Jesus! These are wonderful tools for sharing the Christian faith as well as health and safety guidelines. We thank God for these gifts at the perfect time!"*



*Ministry volunteers ready to share the Gospel.*

## **Testimony From Sao Tome**

In the community of Ribana, the Sao Tome ministry team went with the intent to share the Gospel and help support the work of the only church

## Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

### Abbie and Gena's Shoe Drive -

Thank you, Abbie and Gena, for collecting shoes in your neighborhood during the quarantine. We are touched by your kindness and compassion to help others during this time!



*Thank you, Abbie and Gena, for your kindness!*

**Brady's 13th Birthday** - Thank you, Brady, for collecting shoes at your 13th birthday party! We are so impressed that you chose to give to others on your birthday. God bless you and He surely has great plans for you!

that exists there. This was a great blessing to those believers and a powerful demonstration of God's love for all people. When the shoes were distributed freely to all the residents, many people acknowledged that it changed their view about God and the Christians in their community. They were amazed that Christians from America and their own nation would come to give them a resource that is desperately needed and often unaffordable for most families. Our partners and the local church continue to minister and disciple in the community and many more continue to receive salvation.

View more pictures [HERE](#).



*Celebrating new shoes & God's love in Ribana.*

**Meet One Of Our Partners**



*Thank you for sharing your birthday, Brady!*

### **Melissa's Community Shoe Drive, WI -**

We are so grateful for the shoes delivered by Melissa and Kathy! Melissa faithfully collects shoes throughout the year by reaching out to neighbors, rummage sales and local businesses. Her love and compassion inspire us and we look forward to their visits. Thank you both for shining the love of Jesus and for giving your time so graciously to bless others in Africa!



*Melissa & Kathy delivering a trunk full*

Meet our Every Home for Christ (EHC) ministry partner in Burundi, Evariste



Harerimana. Evariste grew up in a Christian home as the son of a pastor, but did not accept Jesus into his heart until he was 21. It was during a Christian youth rally that he heard a pastor preach about having eternal life in Jesus that Evariste realized that he had no assurance of eternal life, even though he'd grown up in a Christian family and attended church. Evariste accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior that day and has been a Christ follower ever since.

Evariste shared a beautiful testimony from a young girl named Naodie, during one of their shoe distributions: *"I'm growing up in a very poor family and had never worn a pair of shoes. My first pair of shoes dropped from heaven via Soles For Jesus and Every Home for Christ. I received a pair of shoes and a Gospel booklet and learned about Jesus Christ. I received Him as Lord and savior of my life. Now I am singing in the church choir and I hope to*

*of shoes!*

**Margaret and Gary Hetzel, WI -**

Thank you, Gary and Margaret Hetzel, for filling your cars several times with more than 1,000 pairs of shoes from your neighborhood, church and school! Gary is a 6th grade teacher at Ronald Reagan Elementary and we love how his students and school responded!



*Much thanks to this dynamic duo!*

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

### **SOS Events (Sort & Organize Shoes)**

Join us as SOS Events are OPEN! With new safety measures in place you and your friends can volunteer at our Milwaukee, WI warehouse to prepare shoes for shipment to Africa! New volunteers are always welcome, but you must sign-up! We will have a brief orientation before each event. Please contact YenH at 414-365-1392 or [Yenh@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Yenh@SolesForJesus.org) to reserve your spot(s) and to sign-up for a date

*serve God when I grow up. I am just singing for Jesus. The shoes I received are helping me to remember my decision that day. Praise God!"*

Evariste's goals include reaching four provinces, which is around 350,000 people, training 1,500 leaders and distributing the remaining 600 pairs of shoes sent from the most recent SFJ shipment. To do this, he leans on God's word, especially Proverbs 16:1-3, *To humans belong the plans of the heart, but from the Lord comes the proper answer of the tongue. All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord. Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.*

Evariste asks us to pray for the following:

- Health, favor and protection for Evariste, his wife, Goreth, and their children, Ulla, Leila, Urim, Duncan, Kefa and Sifa.
- For Ulla and Leila, who had been sponsored to attend college in North Carolina, but their visas have been denied. Please pray for God to open doors for them and guide their steps on the

and time.

## July

Thursday, July 9th 9-11am **FULL**

Saturday, July 11th, 9-11am

Tuesday, July 14th 1-3pm **FULL**

Thursday, July 16th, 10-noon

Saturday, July 18th, 9-11am

Wednesday, July 22nd, 1-3pm **FULL**

Thursday, July 23rd, 6-8pm

Saturday, July 25th, 9-11am

Thursday, July 30th, 9-11am

## August

Saturday, August 1st, 9-11am

Thursday, August 6th, 9-11am

Saturday, August 8th, 9-11am

Saturday, August 15th, 9-11am

Tuesday, August 18th, 6-8pm

Saturday, August 22nd, 9-11am

Saturday, August 29th, 9-11am



**SOS Events are now OPEN!**

## “Business Hours” SOS:

Volunteers can also come during weekdays to pack shoes (Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm). Come and sort shoes

university to attend.

- For Evariste and his team as they strive to reach every home in the Rutana, Ruyigi, Cankuzo and Muyinga provinces this year.
- For God’s blessings over Goreth’s ministry, which teaches vulnerable women and girls to make handcrafts to support themselves.

## Volunteer Of The Month

We are thrilled to honor Nicole Jenkins as our Volunteer of the Month! Nicole has been involved with SFJ for years and started by donating shoes at her church. Since then, she has hosted shoe drives of her own, joined Team eSwatini in 2019, and become a SOS leader.

The mission trip to Africa had a big impact on Nicole and she shared, *“I wish I could accurately describe just how much the experience on the ground in eSwatini has affected me. Witnessing the challenges of the local people, along with their joy, and seeing many new hearts on fire for the Gospel has changed my life and fueled my own soul fire in new ways. I am so grateful!”*

when it fits your schedule. You can sort for an hour or a day; it's entirely up to you and 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 at [Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org) or 414-365-1392.

**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. Please contact Yen at [Yenh@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Yenh@SolesForJesus.org) or 414-365-1392 to set up your volunteer group.

Nicole has loved getting her whole family involved with SFJ, whether that's volunteering at a SOS or hosting a shoe drive. *"Last year, my family hosted a neighborhood shoe drive and the response was wonderful! Not only were we able to collect nearly 400 pairs of shoes, but it opened the door to meet several neighbors we had not known previously and also gave us the opportunity to share the mission of Soles For Jesus with a new group of people."*

Nicole and her husband, Greg, have two daughters (ages 5 and 2) and Nicole is a registered nurse. In their free time the Jenkins enjoy camping, spending time up north, hiking and trying new recipes. Thank you, Nicole, for all that you do for SFJ. We appreciate you so much and pray God's blessings over your family!

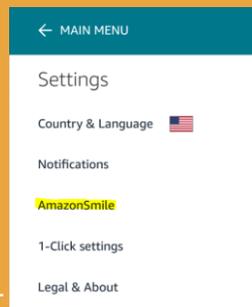


*The Jenkins Family*

## Support SFJ With AmazonSmile

If you are an Amazon shopper, you can support Soles For Jesus by using AmazonSmile! Just go to AmazonSmile.com and choose Soles For Jesus. It's that easy and 0.5% of the purchase price for eligible items will be donated to SFJ!

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