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Dear Friend,

What a joy to see this shipment leave for Sao Tome and Principe last week! This island nation is off the coast of West Africa, and we were thrilled to send this container with love and prayers. Each pair of shoes will be shared with a verbal and written presentation of the Gospel in their language, but do you know what also makes me so excited? Each SFJ shipment includes several boxes filled with Bibles as well. The entire Word of God is also being sent to villages, orphanages and schools throughout Africa!

We have heard testimonies of people splitting up the Bible and tearing out pages of scripture to share with others, because the printed Word of God is so precious and hard to find. We love to give full Bibles to the pastors and leaders at each shoe distribution, and it was a privilege to

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Testimony From Cabo Verde

Our partner, Emmanuel, shared that a recent shoe distribution became a very emotional time for many. While most COVID-19 restrictions in this island nation have been lifted, the economic impact is deeply felt. As the Word of God was shared hearts were so open to receive new life in Jesus, and many surrendered their hearts and lives! In addition to distributing shoes at this outreach, they also purchased bags of rice to help one of the poorest areas of the

have John Best (from Bibles on the Move) join us for the very first time to pray over this shipment. John has been faithfully donating Bibles with our shipments of shoes, and it was a blessing to have him join us in prayer.

I can't wait to share testimonies from Sao Tome and Principe of lives transformed by the love of Jesus! Thank you for your faithful prayers and support for our partner missionaries who are faithfully serving on the front lines. I'm so grateful that we get to be a part of what He's doing in the world. *"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And **walk in love**, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."* Ephesians 5:1-2

In Christ alone,

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



Diane & John with the Sao Tome & Principe shipment.

island. Emmanuel shared that this was a very emotional time for those who gave and received, and that you could feel God's great love. He sends his deepest gratitude to everyone for making this day a reality, and for helping them share Jesus in such a practical and personal way.

View more pictures [HERE](#).



Mother and child grateful for rice and shoes.

Testimony From Lesotho

Mrs. Ralekoala asked our partner, Josias, to share the following message with all of our supporters. *"I want to say thank you, but a simple thank you is not enough to express what a blessing your visit has brought to our home. In addition to caring for my own*

11th Annual Luncheon & Auction! **November 14th, 2020**

Tables are sold out, but you can still be a part of this exciting event!

We are so grateful for your support as the event sold out in less than 8 hours! If you weren't able to purchase your seats, you can still Sign Up to be an Off-Site Bidder and/or add your name to our Waiting List by using the LINK below. Also, stay tuned for ways to engage from home!

Sign Up

We are thrilled that Jason Upton is joining us as our special musical guest! This will be an incredible time of worship that you don't want to miss. Lance Allan from TMJ4 will also join us as our emcee and for more event details, click [HERE](#).

Early Access Bidding: On Wednesday, November 11th, 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! If you have registered as an Off-Site Bidder and provided your email address, you will have early access too! There will be a photo of each item online, so you'll be able to see what it looks like. Please note that **each guest will need to**

children, I have taken in two other young children who were abandoned by their parents. No one knows where the parents have gone, so I have taken them in as my own. This has not been easy for me, but today we all learned about a God who loves us and sees us. His love has changed my life! I am so thankful that everyone in my house was given their own pair of shoes from this man who visited and prayed with us! Jesus has lightened my load and I want to thank those who sacrificed to share God's love with us in Lesotho."

View more pictures [HERE](#).



Experiencing God's love in Lesotho!

Testimony From Guinea

Despite the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions in the nation of Guinea, our partner is finding a way to advance the Gospel. David's objective for

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.

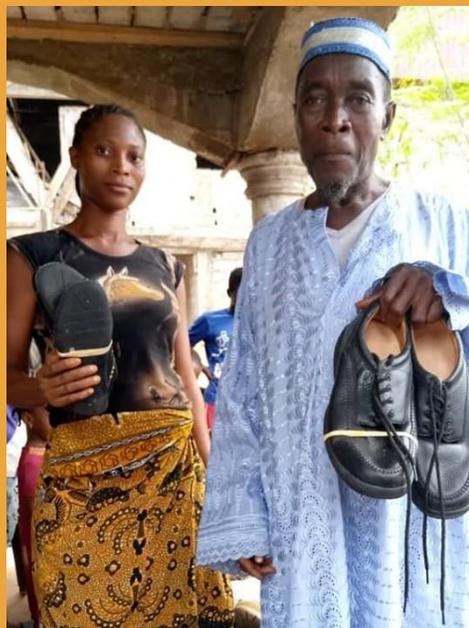
Event Sponsorships: Special thanks to our wonderful 2020 Gold Sponsors: CTaccess, Jim Lemmenes-Edward Jones Investments, Jung Express, Lannon Stone, NexGenCAM and The Novak Family.

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' (ie: 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!

2020 is to build, "bridges of communication" with the Muslim population in his nation. His goal is, "to prove the love of God to them, as expressed in John 3:16, and to open doors to the Gospel in a generally hostile environment."

The distribution of shoes has become the perfect bridge to help communicate and demonstrate the Gospel to a people group that's resistant to other approaches. Please pray with us that the Word of God will penetrate each person's heart and draw them to salvation.

View more pictures [HERE](#).



Building bridges in Guinea with the love of Jesus.

Another Shipment Is On



*We are thrilled that Jason Upton will
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Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Shepherd Of The Hills, Pewaukee
- Special thanks to John for sharing a message about SFJ during the Sunday morning outdoor service at Shepherd of the Hills in Pewaukee. We're so grateful for our ongoing partnership with SOTH and for another shoe drive they are starting soon as well. God bless you all!

Its Way!

On August 13th we loaded a shipment of shoes for the nation of Sao Tome & Principe, located off the shore of Nigeria. Our partner, Jose, is very excited to receive these shoes and he has strategic plans to share the Gospel throughout his nation. Jose shared that the villages are very open to the Gospel and the harvest is ripe! Let's pray and agree with Jose and his team that many will receive Jesus Christ as a result of these outreaches and shoe distributions.

View more photos [HERE](#).



FUMC Youth prayed over the shipment.

Meet One Of Our Partners



John sharing at SOTH's outdoor service on Sunday.

First United Methodist Church, Green Bay - We are beyond blessed by this bunch right here! Thank you to the Heil family for coordinating a huge shoe drive in their community and church. If that wasn't enough, they also recruited their youth group to join us in our warehouse this month to pack over 500 pairs of shoes! FUMC in Green Bay has been partnering with SFJ for over 10 years and we are so grateful for their ongoing support and compassion!



FUMC delivering their shoes from

Meet our Every Home for Christ (EHC) ministry partner in Kenya, Paul Kiilu. Paul grew up in a



Christian home and attended church every Sunday, but to Paul it was just a duty that was expected of him. He didn't have a relationship with Jesus and didn't follow Him, but told himself that he was a good person and God was happy with him. During his last year in college, Paul visited an open market and there was a pastor preaching. As Paul listened, he felt led to go forward to be prayed over. The pastor stopped his preaching in the middle of his message to pray over Paul and he accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior in that moment!

Paul has ambitious goals for his team, which include reaching 550,000-600,000 homes in the next three years and training 4,000 church leaders this year. To do this, he leans on God's word, especially Ecclesiastes 9:10, "*Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor*

Green Bay!

North Shore Congregational Church, Fox Point - What a great group from North Shore Congregational Church. They arrived with a trunk full of shoes, and hearts ready to serve! This group worked with such joy and excellence. Thank you for your time and support!



North Shore Congregational Church serving.

Village of Sussex & Luther Manor - Thank you to the families of the Village of Sussex and Luther Manor for your recent donations of shoes. What a privilege to partner alongside generous communities who give back on a global scale, and special thanks to Roberta for delivering all of these great shoes!

planning nor knowledge nor wisdom."

Paul asks us to pray for the following:

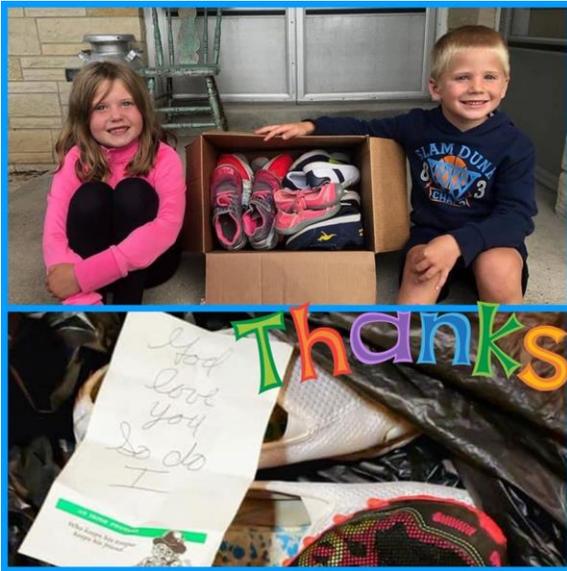
- Health, favor and protection for Paul, his wife, Peninah, and their children, Pearl and Pamela and their grandchild, Kai
- For strength as he leads EHC in Kenya
- For God's protection and good health over the entire EHC team

Volunteers Of The Month

We are thrilled to honor John and Jeff Koepke as our Volunteers of the Month! John and Jeff grew up learning about SFJ from their mom, Jill, who has volunteered for many years. Once they were old enough, they joined their mom at SOS Events (Sort and Organize Shoes) and helped collect shoes at their church and school.

"Volunteering for SFJ makes us realize how fortunate we are and how easy it is to help others," they shared.

Jon and Jeff also have some great tips for hosting shoe



Thank you, Sussex community and Luther Manor!

Jan in PA - Thank you, Jan and family, for sharing this great idea and photo! She purchased 100 canvas shoes and her grandchildren did a marvelous job of transforming them into beautiful works of art! We appreciate how you used your talents to touch lives in Africa and may God bless you all!



Beautifully decorated shoes from Pennsylvania!

Volunteer Opportunities

drives. "Advertise and get the word out about shoe drives as much as you can. And put collection boxes in places that are convenient for people to drop off shoes."

John and Jeff are twins and are entering their sophomore year at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. John likes to play baseball and Jeff enjoys photography. Thank you, John and Jeff, for being such great examples to your peers by serving others. We pray God's blessings over your school year and we are so thankful for your support!



John and Jeff Koepke

Thank You For The Silent Auction Donations Received This Month

- Arbor Opportunities
- Breadsmith
- Bubba's Frozen Custard
- Colectivo
- Craig Thacker

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 to reserve your spot(s) and to sign-up for a date and time.

September

Thursday, September 10th, 9-11am
Saturday, September 12th, 9-11am
Saturday, September 19th, 9-11am
Tuesday, September 22nd, 6-8pm
Thursday, September 24th, 9-11am
Saturday, September 26th, 9-11am

October

Saturday, October 3rd, 9-11am
Saturday, October 10th, 9-11am
Tuesday, October 13th, 6-8pm
Saturday, October 17th, 9-11am
Thursday, October 22nd, 9-11am
Saturday, October 24th, 9-11am
Saturday, October 31st, 9-11am



Thank you, Hales Corners Lutheran Church!

- Cynthia Raatz
- Fred Astaire Dance Studios
- Generations Family Dental Care
- Glaze Pottery
- Green Bay Packers
- Interart Industries
- Jenny Ellefson
- Julie Behling
- Katie Hillig
- Lake Geneva Cruise Line
- Milwaukee Admirals
- Milwaukee Wave
- Milwaukee Zoo
- Milwaukee Food & City Tours
- Picaboo
- Richfield Volunteer Fire Department
- Ruth Zambo
- Ted Jansen
- Waukesha Civic Theatre
- Wines for Humanity

Join our Prayer Team!

If you would like to be a part of our prayer team, email us at info@SolesForJesus.org. We will send you our prayer newsletter, so you can join us in united prayer from the comfort of your home!

*"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."
Mark 11:24*

“Business Hours” SOS:

Volunteers can also come during weekdays to pack 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 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 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 Yenh@SolesForJesus.org or (414)365-1392 to set up your volunteer group.



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