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Dear Friend,

Jesus is the only Hope for our world and we are grateful to be a part of what He is doing on the earth right now. It's exciting to be walking through doors that only He can open and we continue to send shipments to our ministry partners in Africa. COVID restrictions are lessening in several nations, and the Lord is opening doors for powerful ministry!

Pastor Ebow in Ghana just ministered in a school for the blind. These children come from needy homes that are not able to support the basic needs of their family. The children are often ostracized because people believe that their blindness is a curse. So these children carry a heavy weight of pain and rejection. Pastor Ebow and his team ministered God's love with words and actions and a spirit of joy fell over the entire group! It was remarkable and the Head

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**Start
Bidding 3
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online**



**if you submit your email ahead
of time.**

Online bidding will open three days EARLY for our 11th Annual Luncheon & Auction! Even if you can't attend in person, you can still bid from your home!

On Wednesday, November 11th, each person who

Master said, "Thank you for what you have done today. What you have sown in to the vulnerable will never go wasted. We will remember what God has done, and may He bless and refresh the people who gave to our often forgotten children."

You and I are living in this exact moment of time for a purpose. The Lord continues to make a way for us to share the Good News and we are humbled to see His faithfulness in every season. Please pray with us for Ghana and that the Lord will continue to pave the way to those who have great physical and spiritual needs. It's His will that none should perish, and it's such a privilege to share His love each time!

I hope that you're able to join me on **November 14th, for our Luncheon & Auction!** If you are not able to join us in person, we are going to stream the event so you can watch from home. We are praying for a record number of people to join us in-person and online, and I hope that you can be a part of it! Recording artist, Jason Upton, will be with us and we can't wait to share new videos and stories of what the Lord is doing in this moment of time. It's going to be a wonderful celebration of praise to Jesus and you don't want to miss it!

Sincerely in Christ,

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

submitted their name and email address, will receive a personal email to gain access to online bidding! There will be a photo of each item online, so you can see it prior to bidding. Please note that each attending guest should also provide an email address by the 10th, which they can use for early bidding and also access on the day of the event. (Gift certificates can be mailed but larger items and baskets must be picked up at the SFJ offices.)

We look forward to having you join us and a list of auction donors from this month is included at the end of this newsletter. May God bless all of our generous donors!

Shoe Distributions in Botswana

While gatherings in Botswana are limited to 50 people, our ministry partner has been able to coordinate three shoe distributions in the rural communities of Otse, Mochudi and Borlong. Tanga reports that the people who they ministered to were infinitely grateful that people from the USA would choose to bless them. Everyone



Shoes provide opportunity at the School for the Blind.

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

**Join us *IN PERSON!*
OR
*LIVE-STREAM!***

You still can join us, as a few seats have opened up! Call (414) 365-1392 to secure your seats today.

If you aren't able to attend in person, you can still sign up to be an Off-Site Bidder by using the LINK below. We will also LIVE-STREAM the event, so you can watch from home! Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details.

asked the ministry team to thank those who sent the shoes. Tanga also reported that many people were deeply touched by the Gospel presentation and he was thankful to see many people respond to the message of God's love. View more pictures [HERE](#).



Shoe distributions are underway in Botswana.

Shoe Distributions in Ghana

We are thrilled to share that shoe distributions have now started in Ghana! Our ministry partner, Ebow, received our shipment of shoes just as their nation enacted laws that restricted mass gatherings. Ebow and his team have been so eager to get out and share the Gospel with the gift of shoes.



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](#).

Sincere thanks to our fantastic Gold Sponsors: CTaccess, Jung Express, Jim Lemmenes-Edward Jones Investments, Lannon Stone, NexGenCAM and The Novak Family. We are so grateful for you!

Auction items are due by October 23rd! 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

Now that smaller gatherings are being permitted, the team is ministering to people by meeting their physical and spiritual needs. They ask for prayer as they are traveling to places in great need of hearing the truth from God's Word. Please pray for lives to be impacted for eternity throughout this West African nation. View more pictures [HERE](#).



Receiving the Gospel & shoes is life-changing!

Testimony From Guinea

The Lord continues to pour out His Spirit during shoe distributions as they are ministering to smaller gatherings in Guinea. Our ministry partner, David, is

your tax-deductible donation after the event for tax purposes. Please contact Kris if you are able to donate at KMonteen@SolesForJesus.org. Thank you in advance for your generous support!



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Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church, New Berlin - We are grateful to everyone at Blessed Savior and the many shoe drives they have done over the years. Look at these beautiful decorated canvas shoes that they made! These will be such fun gifts to share. Special thanks to Jamie for organizing and delivering a car full of shoes.

overwhelmed by the needs of people in his nation. With the challenges of COVID-19 beginning to show, he shares that a gift of shoes is a tremendous blessing. Most importantly, he testified that people's hearts are responding to the message of salvation more than ever. This is the core mission of SFJ and we ask that you pray for the ongoing ministry taking place, even as you read this newsletter. We are eager to help get the Good News to everyone. View more pictures [HERE](#).



Entire families are responding to Jesus in Guinea.

Republic of Congo



Shoes from Blessed Savior with beautiful artwork!

Hales Corners Lutheran Church & School- Thank you HCLC for another fantastic shoe drive and for bringing a group to volunteer and donating funds to help send the shoes to Africa! You truly know how to love and serve like Jesus and we're so grateful for your partnership!



Thank you Hales Corners Lutheran and Jessica!

Shipment Arrival!

It is always a great blessing to hear that our shipment has reached its final destination. In July, we partnered with World Missionary Press to send thousands of shoes and tens of thousands of Gospel booklets printed in native languages to help spread the Gospel in the Republic of Congo. Our partner, Brice, is rejoicing that our shipment finally arrived safely and with no difficulties during the tricky Customs Clearing process. He is eager to go and reach his nation with the Gospel. We will be sharing more updates once the shoe distributions begin. Thank you for praying and believing with us that many will receive salvation in the name of Jesus Christ. View more photos [HERE](#).



Republic of Congo Ministry team with SFJ shoes.

Ripley Family, Kansas- Danielle Ripley is our new Kansas State Rep and her family and friends are half-way to their goal of 1000 pairs for their first shoe drive! Danielle shared that they are having so much fun and she just hosted a sorting event in her garage where the youth group cleaned, sized and rubber banded the shoes. Special thanks to Midway Baptist Church for helping to collect and store the shoes as well. Thank you all for making a huge impact in Africa from Kansas!



Thank you students and Ripley family!

Vechart Family, Appleton - Thank you to the Vechart family for faithfully collecting shoes throughout the Appleton area and for delivering them to our warehouse. We are so blessed by your support of SFJ and always enjoy your visits!

Meet One Of Our Partners



Meet our

Every Home for Christ (EHC) ministry partner in Tanzania, Yohana Komba. Yohana has hosted two Soles For Jesus mission teams and shared how much it meant to him. *"The SFJ teams were a great blessing to us! Your kindness and humility touched the lives of many as they experienced the love of Christ through you. It was inspiring to see your team washing the feet of orphans, widows and other villagers. It truly was amazing. The people experienced the real love of God through your ministry and many doors were opened to reach them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ."*

Yohana's desire is to unite the church of Tanzania as the body of Christ and to reach many Muslims with the Gospel. The Bible verse he leans on the most is 1 Corinthians 15:58, *"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always*



Aimee with a trunk full of shoes from Appleton.

St. Camillus, Wauwatosa - Thank you to the residents and staff at St. Camillus Retirement Community for hosting a shoe drive! It was a great success as you can see by this van filled with shoes. We also enjoyed sharing our mission with your residents on a Zoom call. May God bless you all for your kindness and compassion for those who are needy for God's love and shoes!



give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

Yohana asks us to pray for the following:

- Health, favor and protection for Yohana, his wife, Clementina, and their children, Faith, Agnes, Sarah, Destiny and Victoria
- For God's protection over the ministry and for favor as he leads EHC Tanzania
- For success toward the education of Yohana's children and for God to open doors for their academic needs
- For unity within the church of Tanzania
- To reach many regions with the Gospel of Jesus Christ during the EHC Oikos strategy of reaching every person in the world

Please Welcome Our New State Rep!

We are so excited to welcome Danielle and the entire Ripley family to the SFJ team! Danielle is our new State Representative for Kansas, and she shared with

Terry from St. Camillus making the delivery.

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

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 **FULL**

November

Thursday, November 5th, 9-11am
Saturday, November 7th, 9-11am
Thursday, November 12th, 6-8pm
Tuesday, November 17th, 6-8pm
Saturday, November 21st, 9-11am
Saturday, November 28th, 9-11am

us what led her to SFJ.

"For the last few years, God has given our family several opportunities to help others with shoe needs. As a family, we felt there seemed to be a theme of the opportunities God kept putting in front of us. It brought up several conversations between us, and we began to pray about how God might use our family in a bigger way as it relates to shoes. All of this led us to a Google search, which helped us find SFJ. We were thrilled to see that not only was this ministry putting shoes on people who need them desperately, but that it was also providing people with the greatest gift of all, knowledge of the saving grace of Jesus! We couldn't wait to get involved! We are in the middle of hosting our first shoe drive right now with our cousins. It has been a great way to serve together as a family and to get other friends of ours involved in the mission. We are very excited to be partnering with SFJ and we can't wait to see all that the Lord has in store!"

Danielle has already hit the ground running and has collected over 300 pairs of shoes! Thank you, Danielle, for joining our team



Thank you, North Shore Congregational Church!

"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.

and for this wonderful partnership. The work you are doing will change lives in Africa and we are so grateful to you and your family!



Matt, Danielle, Dillon, Emersyn and Tyson Ripley.

Volunteer Of The Month

We are thrilled to honor David Schimpf as our Volunteer of the Month! David heard about SFJ through two different people in the same week, both at church and at work.

"It happened the same week that I was trying to get rid of extra shoes at my house. God works in mysterious ways!" David shared.

David usually spends his summers coaching soccer, so devoting time to collecting shoes for SFJ has filled some of the void that this pandemic has created. He has shoe collection bins at

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North Shore Congregational Church and at his local Farmers Market. David's mom even got involved by collecting shoes at her 55 and older community and filled four large bags!

"It's amazing how many shoes are on the bottom of closets, in basements and in garages. These shoes that aren't being used could be a true answer to prayer to someone in Africa."

Funfact about David – he is terrified of sharks, but really enjoys Shark Week each year on the Discovery Channel! Thank you, David, for being such a blessing to SFJ. We appreciate you so much and pray God's blessings over you!



Volunteer of the Month, David Schimpf!

Thank You to These Auction Donors & Donations Received This Month!

- Apple Watch
- Adventure Rock
- Amy Olson & Michelle Drager
- Anthony Mikolajewski
- Battle House
- Becky Brooks
- Bel Canto Chorus
- Birchwood Wells
- Brunch
- Bunzels
- Coach Wrist Wallet
- Cori & Mike Lawrence
- Discovery World
- Elite Fitness

- Elizabeth Carlson
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- Jewelry by Jules
- Lake Geneva Zipline Adventures
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