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Dear Friend,

What a privilege it is to share hope in Jesus! Our partner missionaries are willing to go where others would not go, and I am so thankful for their unwavering commitment.

Times are especially tough for Khetsiwe in Eswatini. When her husband left her alone with their children, she could not feed and clothe them. She spends her days in the city dump with other mothers who are in the same situation, searching for food and things she can sell to provide for them. One day Pastor David arrived at the dump and began to share about the love of God and how much He deeply cares for them. Khetsiwe was surprised to see a visitor coming because the women here are looked down upon and rejected by society. David continued to visit and shared gifts of shoes, soap and food with them. Khetsiwe and her children were overwhelmed by the love of Jesus

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### Start Bidding 3 Days Early!

**ANYONE can bid 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

and have surrendered their hearts to Him along with the other women and children. They are growing in their new faith with a new family of believers and doors continue to open for them. To God be the glory!

No matter where we are, God's love pursues us; and I am so blessed to partner with those who are bringing His love to every home and every person. Thank you for your prayers and support of what the Lord is doing in this hour.

Sincerely in Christ,

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

P.S. I pray that you can join us in person or online on November 14th, as it's going to be a special event!



Pastor David sharing God's love with Khetsiwe.

## 11th Annual Luncheon

person, you can still bid from your home!

On Wednesday, November 11th, each person who 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.

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

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

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** SFJ 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 11/20/20. Thank you for your support of  
SFJ!

## & Silent Auction

### Venue Change and Live-Stream!



We have some important updates about the 11th Annual Luncheon & Silent Auction! Our venue has changed and we are excited to now welcome you at the Brookfield Conference Center on Saturday, November 14th! The Brookfield Conference Center is located at 325 S. Moorland Road in Brookfield, WI 53005. Please inform your guests of this change.

## More Shoes In Route To Benin!

On October 5th, a shipment of shoes left our warehouse for the Republic of Benin. This is the second shipment sent to this West African nation. Our partner, Avla, reached thousands of people in villages and orphanages with the first shipment and he is very excited to see how God is going to move in his nation once these shoes arrive in late November. Please be in prayer for the nation of Benin. Pray for hearts to be open to God's word and for the safe delivery of the shoes. View more photos [HERE](#).



*Thanks to all who donated & packed these shoes!*

## Shoe Distributions in Ghana

During a recent shoe distribution in a farming village named Tetekoko,



## NEW VENUE UPDATE!

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If you aren't able to attend in person, you can still join us online! We will be LIVE-STREAMING the event, so you can watch from home!

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP for the live stream!



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. For more event details, click [HERE](#).

there was great joy as the entire village came to receive a pair of shoes and hear the preaching of God's Word. Our partner, Ebow, shares that almost no one there had a pair of shoes. If they did, they were only plastic flip flops that do not last. Upon hearing the Gospel and receiving shoes, hearts were overwhelmed with the love of God. The village was amazed that God would use people from the USA to help meet their physical and spiritual needs. Ebow sends his greetings and thanks to everyone who supports SFJ for their selfless generosity and love. View more pictures [HERE](#).



*Sharing the love of Jesus in Tetekoko!*

## Shoe Distributions in Cabo Verde

Emanuel, our partner in Cabo Verde, shared with us that God is moving in wonderful



**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, Jim Lemmenes-Edward Jones Investments, Lannon Stone, NexGenCAM and The Novak Family. God bless you all!

**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! We are excited for you to see them and you can start bidding on Wednesday, November 11th.

## **Shoe Drives & Special Thanks**

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa** - We were excited to have this wonderful faith community organize another Fall Shoe Drive for us! Special thanks to Yvonne for leading this initiative and to Cindy for making multiple shoe deliveries!

ways in his nation and that shoes are helping to open so many doors for his ministry team. The pandemic has caused many people to open their hearts to the message of the Gospel. He is incredibly grateful to everyone for helping to send shoes to his nation during such a trying time. Please continue to pray that the new believers will stay connected to the local churches and bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. View more pictures [HERE](#).



*God is transforming lives in Cabo Verde!*

## **Testimony From Guinea**

In this West African nation, our partner, David, reports



*One of many deliveries from St. John's Lutheran!*

### **Jack's Neighborhood Shoe Drive -**

Jack was given an assignment by his Bible teacher at BCS to choose a project demonstrating agape love. He chose to do a neighborhood shoe drive and he delivered over 80 pairs of shoes! Thank you, Jack, for making it possible for over 80 people in Africa to hear about Jesus and to receive His agape love!

that while the pandemic closed churches and public gatherings throughout the nation, they were still able to utilize TV & Radio to preach the Gospel. Now that restrictions are lifting, the ministry team is able to follow up with those who responded to their message. Shoes are playing a vital role in continuing to demonstrate the love of God and opening new opportunities for ministry throughout the country. View more pictures [HERE](#).



*God is moving in Guinea!*



*Thank you, Jack, for your kindness!*

### **Morgan's WLC Campus Shoe Drive-**

Thank you to Morgan for organizing this shoe drive at Wisconsin Lutheran College! These shoes will greatly impact lives throughout Africa and we're grateful to have student leaders like Morgan partnering with us!



*Thank you Morgan and WLC!*

## **Meet One Of Our Partners**

Meet our Every Home for Christ (EHC) ministry partner in Zanzibar, Yohana Chibwiga. Yohana



became a Christian at a young age and uses any opportunity he can to spread the Good News.

While in the military, Yohana shared the Gospel with his fellow soldiers, and they began to go door-to-door on their off-hours to evangelize. Many people were saved and Yohana and his troop planted four churches in the area. After 10 years in the military, God called Yohana to resign and become a pastor.

Yohana's ministry goals are to complete construction of a church this year and to fulfill the EHC Oikos strategy to reach every home. The Bible verse that encourages Yohana in his ministry is Matthew 19:27, *Then answered Peter and said unto Him, behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee, what shall we have*

**Nicole's Shoe Drive** - We want to thank Nicole and her special helper for this trailer full of shoes! The amount of kids and adults who will be blessed by these gifts of hope is amazing. Thank you, Nicole, for reaching out to your community to bless so many lives across the globe!



*Nicole and her daughter delivering shoes.*

**Living Word Lutheran High School-** We are thrilled to have this school partner with us again for their shoe drive. What an incredible group of students and staff who serve others remarkably!

*therefore?* This verse means a lot to him because it makes him think about when God called him to leave the military and become a pastor.

Yohana asks us to pray for the following:

- Health, favor and protection for Yohana, his wife, Hidayah, and their children, Praise, Esther, Angel and Comfort
- That many souls come to Jesus in Zanzibar and become disciples of Jesus
- For the church to be multiplied
- Financial provision for the children to attend school
- Financial provision to complete construction of their church

## **Volunteer Of The Month**

We are thrilled to honor Randall Ferguson as our Volunteer of the Month for October! Randall organizes shoe drives at Concordia University, where he is a teacher, and brings student groups in to volunteer at SOS events. Randall learned about SFJ when Mark (from our





*Thank you, Living Word Lutheran High School!*

## **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 and time.

### **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

staff) spoke to his class and shared about the ministry. What caught Randall's attention was the focus that SFJ puts on sharing the Gospel.

*"I am soooooo impressed by SFJ's laser sharp focus on WHY this ministry is so important - the cross of Jesus Christ! They supply much needed shoes to those in desperation AND share the life-changing news of our Savior. The shoes kick open the door to talk about what really matters, thus giving the Holy Spirit an opportunity to do His thing,"* Randall shared.

Randall is passionate about serving and it shows in his advice about getting involved. *"If you host a drive, you will be surprised by the outpouring of generosity. People want to help. People want to make a difference. Sometimes they just need a specific cause and a tangible way to give. And be sure to lift up the cross of Christ that is behind all this good will. This is why we serve. This is why we love our neighbor on the other side of the world. Because HE first loved us! Sign-up to take a group to the warehouse to sort shoes and witness first-hand what a powerful ministry this*

Saturday, November 28th, 9-11am

### **December**

Saturday, December 5th, 9-11am

Thursday, December 10th, 9-11am

Saturday, December 12th, 9-11am

Tuesday, December 15th, 6-8pm

Saturday, December 19th, 9-11am

Tuesday, December 22nd, 6-8pm



*Thank you, Brookfield Lutheran 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](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

*is. You will be changed, and you will help change the world around you. A pair of shoes seems like such a simple thing, but I am reminded of what Teresa of Lisieux said so many centuries ago: 'It's not so much that God asks us to do great things, but rather He calls us to do small things with great love.' Whenever I volunteer at the warehouse I am re-affirmed in my faith that the body of Christ is alive and well, even in this age that is so cluttered by humanism and materialism."*

Randall and his wife, Sandy, have two adorable miniature Aussie-Doodles that run the home now that they're empty nesters. Randall is looking forward to retiring in a few years so he can travel more and devote more time to helping those in need. Thank you, Randall, for passionately serving God's people and being the hands and feet of Jesus. We're so grateful for you and pray God's blessings over you and your family.

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](mailto:Yenh@SolesForJesus.org) or (414)365-1392 to set up your volunteer group.

### ***Your Donation Impacts Lives***

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*Volunteer of the Month,  
Randall Ferguson!*

### **Thank You to These Auction Donors for Donations Received This Month!**

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