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Dear Friend,

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”  
Isaiah 43:18-19

As the first month of 2021 comes to a close, we are choosing to fix our eyes on Jesus. He is doing a new thing on the earth and people are realizing their need for a Savior! The Lord has given us strategies for this year and we see a theme of Him making things new. I can't wait to share more in the months to come of the incredible doors that He is opening before us.

You may not realize that there are areas in Africa that also

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## We Need More Shoes!

Would you please help us fill these empty bins with shoes? We are very excited about our 2021 shipping schedule and you can impact lives in Africa by helping us fill them up! Let others know that you're collecting shoes by reaching out to family and friends. Social media is an effective way to spread the word as well, and you can even do a contactless shoe drive by hosting a front porch drop-off. If you are a business, school or church that is able collect shoes year-round, we'd love to hear from you!

experience winter. In the mountains of Lesotho it gets very cold. We thank the Lord for Josias and his EHC Team who are willing to travel to these hard to reach places where they are so grateful for boots and the message of salvation in Jesus.

*Khotso shares, "I thought life had no meaning until love came to my village. You rescued me from dying in sin and helped me see my need for a Savior. Thank you for giving my family boots and shoes for our feet that we could not afford. I can't stop thanking God for the chance He has given me to live again!"*

To God be the glory! Thank you for helping us share the life-changing message of Jesus while there is still time. There is no greater mission than to fill heaven and the harvest is ripe!

Until all have heard,

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

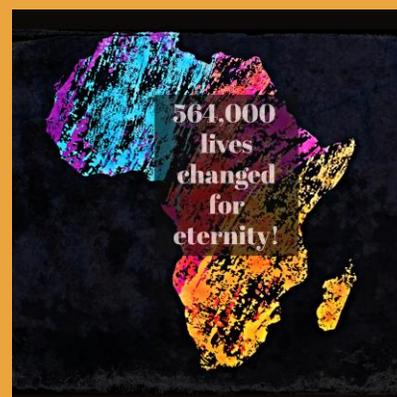
For more ideas about collecting shoes, please check out this [LINK](#) or you can email Yenh at [Yenh@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Yenh@SolesForJesus.org). Thank you for your support!



It's a New Year & can you host a New Shoe Drive?

## Shoes Sent to Africa Since 2010!

Since our very first shipment in 2010, Soles For Jesus has sent over 564,000 pairs of shoes to Africa!



To view photo albums for each



Boots are a blessing in the mountains of Lesotho!

## Thank You for Giving!



Last month we shared about an opportunity to send shipments of shoes to Burundi and Seychelles, and we are thrilled to announce that you helped us reach our goal!

With grateful and humble hearts, we sincerely thank each person who gave a gift. To God be the glory! We are so excited to be able to send these important shipments. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel across land, railway and ocean to reach their final destinations, and also for

country and shoe shipment, please visit our Soles For Jesus [Facebook page](#). We are continually sharing inspiring photos and testimonies of lives being touched by God's love. Learn more about where we go [HERE](#).

## Shoe Distributions in Sao Tome

In the capital city of Sao Tome, the central jail is filled with many people who have physical and spiritual needs. Our ministry partners were invited by the Chaplain of the jail to share shoes and the Gospel. Upon their arrival, the prisoners were overwhelmed that anyone would think to come and help them in any way. The team shared the Gospel and shoes with each person. Since their visit, the discipleship program that the Chaplain is leading has doubled in size, because of this great demonstration of God's love.

View more photos [HERE](#).



*Sharing the Gospel in the central jail.*

the precious people who will be receiving them. We can't wait to share photos and stories with you as soon as we have them. Thank you and God bless you!

## Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

**UWM Men's Basketball** - Thank you UWM Men's Basketball Team for donating your game shoes and doing a shoe drive for Africa! We know there are men with your sizes who will be overjoyed to walk in your shoes! We pray that you have a great season and thanks again to Coach Baldwin and team for blessing lives in Africa with these special gifts.



*UWM Men's Basketball Shoe Drive.*

**Woller-Anger & Company** - Thank you, Woller-Anger & Company, for delivering over 700 pairs of shoes with the funds to

## Testimony from Cabo Verde

In Cabo Verde, our partner, Emmanuel felt led to reach a small community of 45 families. He invited local church leaders to join his ministry team when they went to the community. After several people shared their testimonies and the Gospel message, they gave shoes to everyone. Many people in this outreach were deeply touched and have begun attending the local churches and started Bible studies in their homes. Please pray for many more people to come to faith throughout this island nation.

View more pictures [HERE](#).



*Families celebrating Jesus and shoes.*

## Final Shipments of 2020!

The final shipments of 2020 are on their way to Botswana and Eswatini. Our faithful partners, Tanga and Joseph, who lead the EHC ministry teams, are very

ship them and for staying to serve in our warehouse! We are grateful for local businesses who give back tremendously. These shoes will impact so many lives!



*Woller-Anger employees serving with us.*

**Jim Sonntag's delivery** - We always appreciate it when Jim drives up from Indiana to deliver shoes to our warehouse. On this trip he picked up shoes at New Life Fellowship, Bible Ridge Church, and World Missionary Press, Inc. Jim's van was full of shoes and we're so grateful for his kindness that will bless all who receive them!

grateful to everyone who helped make this possible. Since partnering with Soles For Jesus several years ago, they both shared with us that an incredible number of new doors for ministry have opened to them. After government officials observed their shoe distributions, they approached Joseph to thank him for his service to their nations and gave him permission to continue their work anywhere they would like. Please pray for the safe arrival of these shipments and that many people would commit their lives to Jesus as Savior.

View more pictures [HERE](#).



*Praise the Lord for each shipment sent in 2020!*

## Testimony from Lesotho

There was a great time of



*Jim delivering shoes at our warehouse.*

**Brookfield Central Girls Basketball** - We enjoy it when teams come together to organize a shoe drive and serve in our warehouse. We're thankful for this bunch from Brookfield Central for giving back in a big way. They came with bags full of shoes and energy to pack them!



*Brookfield Central Girls Basketball Team.*

**Indiana Shoe Delivery** - Thank you to our fabulous State Reps, Steve & Sue in Indiana, for shipping this pallet of 440 pairs of shoes at just the right time.

celebration in a rural Lesotho village, after the ministry team arrived unexpectedly to share the Gospel and presented everyone with a pair of shoes. A ministry team member was told many times about how everyone knew they were true servants of God because of their care and love for everyone that day. They led many people to faith in Jesus and gave out Gospel tracts in their native language. Please keep praying for these new believers to share their faith with many others in the community.

View more pictures [HERE](#).



*God's love is bringing smiles across Africa!*

We're grateful for partners throughout the country who help send shoes our way!



**Thank you  
Indiana!**

*Delivery of shoes from Indiana!*

**St. John's Church, West Bend** - Thank you to St. John's Church in West Bend for bringing lots of shoes and great helpers to pack them. The time that you've given to collect shoes and serve with us is changing lives profoundly in Africa!



**St. John's Church- West Bend**

*St. John's Church serving in our warehouse!*

## Meet One Of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ (EHC) ministry partner in South Africa, Hebert Mahuni.



Hebert grew up in an environment of traditional African worship and he did not know about Jesus. Hebert's life changed at the age of 12 when he was exposed to the knowledge of the saving grace of Christ. As he was walking to the shops in rural Zimbabwe, Hebert passed through an open-air crusade. The pastor was preaching loudly over a sound system and God drew Hebert closer to listen. As the preaching went on, Hebert realized that he was a sinner and needed God's forgiveness. Hebert joined the altar call at the end of the service and his life was changed.

Hebert's ministry goals this year include mobilizing 300 actively participating churches all over South Africa and overseeing the planting of 1,000 new missional and evangelical churches. The bible verse that encourages him in his ministry is Psalm 144:1-2, *"Praise be to the Lord my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle. He is my loving God and my fortress, my stronghold and my*

## 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.

#### February

Saturday, February 6th, 9-11am **FULL**  
Tuesday, February 9th, 6-8pm  
Saturday, February 13th, 9-11am **FULL**  
Thursday, February 18th, 9-11am  
Saturday, February 20th, 9-11am  
Saturday, February 27th, 9-11am **FULL**

#### March

Saturday, March 6th, 9-11am  
Thursday, March 11th, 9-11am  
Saturday, March 13th, 9-11am  
Tuesday, March 16th, 6-8pm  
Saturday, March 20th, 9-11am  
Saturday, March 27th, 9-11am **FULL**

*deliverer, my shield, in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me."*

Hebert asks us to pray for the following:

- Health, favor and protection for Hebert, his wife and their children, Tshegofatso, Talia and Asriel
- For financial provision, as they are trusting the Lord for a home of their own
- For Hebert's complete healing from diabetes
- For God to provide strength, wisdom and understanding for the EHC team

## Volunteer Of The Month

We are thrilled to honor Sandy Vigo as our January volunteer of the month! Sandy has faithfully held shoe drives every year since first hearing about SFJ seven years ago. She saw a feature about SFJ on TV and thought, "*Oh! I am going to do this!*" Sandy got involved right away by gathering shoes from her tennis club members and was able to deliver over 200 pairs of shoes! Since then, Sandy has become the go-to person for everyone she knows to drop off shoes, whether she's doing a shoe drive or not.

Sandy has loved being a part of the SFJ mission. "*Being part of this is so very rewarding! Knowing the*



*Thank you Shepherd Of The Hills 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 info, 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

*good that is coming out of these shoes makes me feel warm at heart, happy, and proud to be a part of this big picture. It's on my bucket list to make a trip to Africa to spread the word of the Gospel and see the happy faces of people getting those shoes!"*

Sandy is a flight attendant at a major airline, and even has co-workers bringing shoes to her at the airport. Thank you, Sandy, for being a long-time supporter and for collecting year-round from family, friends and co-workers. We appreciate you so much and pray God's blessings over you throughout 2021!



*Sandy Vigo*

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



### **Romans 8:38-39**

*"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

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