



# Soles For Jesus, Inc.

8480 N. 87th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53224

877.314.SHOE (7463)  
414.365.1392



March 2021

[www.SolesForJesus.org](http://www.SolesForJesus.org)



Dear Friend,

Resurrection Day is almost here! I am thankful that Sunday is coming, and I love to see the signs of spring and new life all around us. I'm also deeply grateful for the suffering that He was willing to endure. *"We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses. So let us approach the throne of grace with confidence to receive mercy and grace in our time of need!"* Heb. 4:14 This is so rich, especially after a challenging year. Our suffering is a shared experience with Jesus, and it can bring us deeper intimacy with Him.

God always moves during times of hardship when people cry out to Him, and the reports from the

## Quick Links

[Email Us](#)  
[Our Website](#)  
[Donate Now](#)  
[Contact Us](#)

**"Stroll For Soles" on June 19th!**  
**Registration is Now OPEN**  
**with some FREE surprises!**

Join us for our first, **"Stroll For Soles,"** event as we walk a mile in their shoes at Fox River Park in Waukesha. You can walk, roll, jog or push a stroller in honor of the lives we are serving.

We are so EXCITED to announce that **food trucks will be FREE** for all who register! This is going to be our best outdoor event yet and you don't want to miss it! Also included are activities for kids, event t-shirts and lots of FUN from 11am-1pm!

field continue to reflect this truth. Last week in Benin, Pastor Avla was evangelizing in a village called Ata-Djogbe. *"We really thank God that many souls were won for the Lord in this challenging time. We shared the shoes with the needy, especially the young boys who don't have shoes for school. There was a great JOY everywhere in the village after a very difficult year. Mr. Kouma, one of the Elders in the village, was so touched by this act of love shown to them. He said that many mothers cannot buy shoes for their children and so their children suffer from infections and sores on their feet. The gift of shoes and message of salvation was a visitation of God's love that brought great deliverance to their village!"*

To God be the glory for every soul that's being added to the harvest at this moment in time. We continue to see eyes and hearts opening up to the Truth that sets us free! May the Lord bless you as you celebrate His resurrection and all that it means for us. Greater things are yet to come, as we keep our eyes on Jesus!

In Christ Alone,

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

## Register Now

Sign up today and take advantage of our **Early Bird Discount** while it lasts! You can register online or call us at 414-365-1392. All proceeds from this event will advance our mission of sharing shoes and the love of Jesus in Africa.

REGISTER at SolesForJesus.org			
	Mar. 30 - May 9	May 10 - May 31	June 10 - June 19
INDIVIDUALS	\$25	\$35	\$40
CHILDREN (UP TO AGE 14)	\$10	\$10	\$15
FAMILIES	\$70	\$85	\$95
TEAM (8 or more)	\$175	\$210	\$250

**Sponsorship Opportunity-** Are you an individual, business, or organization that would like to help sponsor the "Stroll For Soles?" There are several options to choose from and it's a great way to promote your business and show your support. To learn more about the available sponsorships, click on the image below and you can contact Mark at 414-365-1392 or [Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org).



*There is great JOY in Benin!*

## **Shoe Drives & Special Thanks**

**Brookfield Christian School -**  
Over 900 pairs of shoes were collected by this amazing school! We are grateful for their many years of support, and for how they demonstrate what they teach every day: student leadership with a heart for Jesus! Special thanks to Jen for organizing and delivering many loads. God bless all of the students, families and staff for the lives in Africa that will be forever changed!



## **We Love Our SOS Leaders!**

We thank the Lord for these amazing leaders who host volunteer groups in our warehouse to, "Sort & Organize Shoes" for our shipments to Africa.

We were thrilled to honor and appreciate them at a special dinner this month. Each of these leaders is a huge blessing to us and we could not send a shipment of 8,000 pairs of shoes every six weeks without them! May God bless each of your families and we thank you for serving so faithfully.



*Thank you, Jen and BCS families!*

**WeatherStone Church, New Berlin** - Thank you everyone at WeatherStone Church for the shoes that are overflowing in your bins! We appreciate the way that you answered the call to impact lives in Africa through these gifts and the message of Jesus that will be shared with every pair. Your partnership is answering prayers and bringing in a great harvest!



*Overflowing bins at  
WeatherStone Church!*

**Wolfsohn Family Shoe Drive, NE** - Thank you to our amazing



*Thank you SOS leaders! (Not all  
are pictured)*

## **Join our Prayer Team from Home!**

Prayer is the foundation of all that we do and we would love to have YOU on our prayer team! Just send an email to [Info@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Info@SolesForJesus.org), and we will send you our prayer newsletter. You can join us in united prayer from the comfort of your home and you'll also receive a bi-monthly devotional written by our Director of Prayer, Kristen Adam.

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



Nebraska State Reps, Jenn and Jim, for driving up from Nebraska with 966 pairs of shoes! This family is an incredible blessing and we admire their passion and commitment to serve the Lord. Each time that they visit us, we are encouraged and inspired by how well they love God and others!



*Thank you, Jenn and Jim, for visiting us!*

**Lakeview Christian Life Church, PA-** Thank you, Bill at Lakeview Christian Life Church, for organizing a fantastic drive with 634 pairs of shoes for Africa, along with a generous financial gift to help send the shoes! Your support will help many come to know Jesus personally and they will be blessed.



## Testimony from Congo

Our partner in Congo, Brice, recently shared with us that many people are coming to salvation in Jesus as they are ministering at shoe distributions. In one location, a village chief is now attending Bible studies because he wants to grow in his new faith. In another village, two sisters put their faith in Jesus and were baptized together as a sign of their commitment to their Savior. There is also a captain in the Army who was so touched by God during a shoe distribution that he gave his life to Jesus on the spot. Brice is praying that the Lord will continue to use him to help build His Kingdom and to bring many others to salvation. Please keep praying for the ongoing work in this nation.

View more pictures [HERE](#).



*Shoes being collected and delivered from PA!*

**The Brave One Gym, IA-** We are so grateful that all of these shoes were collected at this incredible gym in Iowa. Our thanks to James and Amy, for opening up their business to make a difference in so many lives all across Africa! Special thanks to Shawn and Craig Thacker for packing and delivering the shoes to WI, and God bless you all!



*Shoes & the Gospel are reaching all ages in Congo.*

## **Shipment to Sao Tome & Principe**

On the island nation of Sao Tome & Principe, the Kingdom of God is making great strides. In the village of Pauge, a recent shoe distribution had a great impact on many lives. The opportunity to share the Gospel and meet the physical needs of people who live in this impoverished location was the key to seeing a number of people, especially young people, choose to follow Jesus. Our partner, Jose, asks for prayer for this location because he senses that many adults want to follow Jesus, but are afraid to do so publicly. The ministry team continues to follow up and show God's love. Jose also wants to thank everyone for the shoes because they are a great tool for opening people's hearts to the Gospel.

View more pictures [HERE](#).



*Shoes collected at The Brave One Gym in Iowa!*

### **Simon Family Shoe Drive, PA-**

The Simons are in full swing of collecting shoes again, now that their state is reopening! We're excited for the delivery that they are preparing to send our way. This family knows how to rally their community together to serve God with purpose and passion, and we thank God for you!



*New shoes are replacing bare feet in Sao Tome.*

### **Shoe Distributions in Benin**

Our partner, Avla, reports that shoe distributions are ongoing and they are deeply impacting the people of each village they reach. A quality pair of shoes is hard to find and very expensive in their nation. When the people see the shoes from Soles For Jesus, they are amazed that people would donate shoes in such good shape. Parents continually express their thanks to the ministry team for sharing the Gospel and the shoes. They note that there is no way they could afford such nice shoes for everyone in their family. Many are giving their lives to Jesus because of these simple acts of love.

View more photos [HERE](#).





*Simon Family preparing shoes for shipment to WI!*

**Portview Church, WI-** What an awesome shoe drive at Portview Church! We are thankful for Pastors Mark and Suzanne for their support to spread God's love in Africa. We also want to thank Mark and Liz for all of their help and for delivering the shoes to our warehouse. God bless you all!



*The Fischers with Pastors Mark & Suzanne.*

## Volunteer Opportunities



*Showing off their new shoes.*

## Meet One Of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ (EHC) ministry partner in South Sudan, David Mamush.



David grew up in a Christian home and was saved at the age of 11. He has spent his life working for the church in various capacities. Anytime David would look for other work, God would speak to him in his dreams and provide direction. *"Therefore, I decided to work for God for the rest of my life whether in times of hardship or personal need,"* David shared. The scripture that encourages him in this is Psalm 23:1-6, *The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He*



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

Join us for a 2-hour SOS Event! With new safety measures in place, you and your friends can volunteer at our Milwaukee, WI warehouse to help 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.

### **April**

Saturday, April 3rd, 9-11am **FULL**

Thursday, April 8th, 9-11am

Saturday, April 10th, 9-11am **FULL**

Saturday, April 17th, 9-11am **FULL**

Thursday, April 22nd, 6-8pm

Saturday, April 24th, 9-11am **FULL**

### **May**

Saturday, May 1st, 9-11am **FULL**

Tuesday, May 4th, 6-8pm

Saturday, May 8th, 9-11am

Saturday, May 15th, 9-11am

Saturday, May 22nd, 9-11am

Wednesday, May 26th, 9-11am

Saturday, May 29th, 9-11am

*guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

David shared a powerful testimony from a recent shoe distribution. "Soles For Jesus' intervention in South Sudan has had a tremendous impact in spreading the message of hope and love. At a time like this, while people are lamenting, we use this time as an opportunity to spread the Gospel. In one village, a young girl was touched with a message attached on the shoes that said 'God loves you.' She was so excited and cried out, 'God loves me! Jesus loves me!' She was attending school without shoes, but God surely answered her prayer."

David's ministry goals include following the Oikos initiative to reach every person in his nation with the Gospel by going door-to-door, hosting a pastor's conference for 800 pastors and hosting a 4-day open air meeting for 20,000 people. His vision is to reach the lost and equip and mobilize Christians for missions in his war-torn country.



*Thank you, St. John's Lutheran-  
West Bend 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

[Yenh@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Yenh@SolesForJesus.org) or

David asks us to pray for the following:

- Health, favor and protection for David, his wife, Mary and their children, Joshua, Abraham and Joyce
- Strength and endurance to lead the EHC team

### **Volunteer Of The Month**

We are thrilled to honor Deb Ramel as our March volunteer of the month! Deb learned about SFJ at her church from Lori, a fellow member. Lori was a part of our Soles For Jesus mission trip to eSwatini and she shared a presentation at her church about the experience. When Deb saw video of the team washing feet and fitting shoes, she felt led to get involved.

*"Seeing the adults and children running after the bus that took the SFJ team when they left for the day was very touching," Deb shared.*

Since then, Deb has been leading shoe drives at her church's two locations and she delivers the shoes to us from Appleton. Deb loves how easy it is to collect shoes and she shared, *"It is easy to donate shoes for those in need. Plus it makes me feel good that I am helping in a small way."*

(414)365-1392 to set up your volunteer group.

***Your Donation Impacts  
Lives***

**Donate Online Now**

**OR**

**Mail Your Donation:**

Soles For Jesus  
8480 N. 87th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53224  
(414) 365-1392

Thank you, Deb, for supporting SFJ! We also thank you on behalf of each person who will be blessed by the shoes you collect!



*Deb Ramel, our Volunteer of the Month!*

***Deuteronomy 7:9***

*"KNOW THEREFORE THAT THE LORD YOUR GOD IS GOD;  
HE IS A FAITHFUL GOD WHO KEEPS HIS COVENANT  
OF LOVE TO A THOUSAND GENERATIONS OF THOSE WHO  
LOVE HIM AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS".*



[www.SolesForJesus.org](http://www.SolesForJesus.org)