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*"...whatever you did for the least of these...you did for me"*

Dear Friend,

The word "new" was planted in my heart last fall, when I started praying about 2021. Little did I know just how much He would make **new** this year! We are thrilled to share that we just moved! Holland Group continues to be a tremendous blessing to the ministry and they purchased the building, renovated and filled it with new furniture! We are blessed beyond measure and we can't wait to use every part of it to help build His Kingdom.

I am so excited about our first-ever Stroll For Soles on June 19th! We are including so much in this summer event and you'll find a link with more details in this newsletter. We've kept our same, low registration prices and

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## Stroll For Soles on June 19th

**Register Now!** (for early bird rate)

**\*Food Trucks Included**

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.

There's only one week left to take advantage of our **Early Bird Discount!**

We are so **EXCITED** to announce that **Food Trucks**

have added so much more! Food trucks, event t-shirts, kids games and prizes are all included for those who register. So, please come and walk or roll, enjoy some good food and have fun with us!

Thank you for the many ways that you support what the Lord is doing through SFJ. Over the last year, we have seen the Lord expand our territory as we outgrew our space in the midst of the pandemic. To God be the glory and we can't wait for you to come and visit!

In Christ Alone,

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

**will be INCLUDED** 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 event t-shirts, activities for kids and lots of FUN from 11am-1pm.

**Register Now**

Register online (using the link above) 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. THANK YOU to our Gold Sponsors so far: CTaccess, Jung Express and The Novaks.

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, you can click on the image below



*Welcome to our new home!*

## Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

**Pennsylvania-** A huge thank you to Don and Michelle Simon of PA! We just received 11 shipping gaylords full of shoes, and we are so grateful to see this state open up again! We want to thank the Simons for gathering shoes from many collection sites, the Glancys for providing a storage unit and John Cory for transporting them for us. Thank you all for impacting thousands of lives throughout Africa!

and contact Mark at 414-365-1392 or at [Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org).



## Support SFJ While Shopping Online!

Since we are all doing more online shopping these days, did you know that you can give to SFJ while purchasing from Amazon?

"Amazon Smile" will donate a portion of your purchase(s) to SFJ and it's very easy to set up. Click on the image below to get started! Thank you for your support & happy shopping!



*Thank you, Pennsylvania!*

**Des Moines Christian School, IA** - Thank you to the Thacker Family for organizing and coordinating another successful shoe drive from DMCS. They reached their goal to collect 3,000 pairs of shoes and we're blown away by their commitment to see lives changed by the love of Jesus. Shawn and Craig made multiple trips from Iowa to transport these shoes, and we are so grateful for their time and sacrifice!

## Shop at AmazonSmile

and Amazon will make a donation to:

Soles For Jesus, Inc.

Get started

amazon smile

## Testimony From Benin

Recently, our faithful partner in Benin, Avla, updated us on their distributions in four villages spread across the country. The ministry team there is truly racing to share the message of the Gospel to everyone in their nation and the shoes from Soles For Jesus are a key part of this process. Many village leaders have told them that other visitors have tried to come and share all kinds of messages with them; but only this team has come with true love and gifts that demonstrate the love of Jesus. This is why their message has such a deep impact in people's hearts and many are responding to new life in Jesus! Please keep praying for Pastor Avla and his





*Thank you Thacker Family & DMCS!*

### **Reich Tool and Design, WI -**

We appreciate businesses who partner alongside us! Thank you to John and everyone at Reich Tool and Design for their 2nd shoe drive. They are wonderful partners by collecting shoes and donating the funds to help send them to Africa. So many lives will be blessed with quality shoes and the Gospel thanks to their kindness!

team, and that many more will choose salvation in Jesus throughout this nation. View more pictures [HERE](#).



*Two by two Benin is being transformed for Jesus.*

### **Testimony From Lesotho**

In the nation of Lesotho, there are many unreached and neglected people who strongly cling to the worship of their ancestors, cultural ways of living and other false doctrines. One of the key strategies for reaching these people has been the distribution of shoes along with the teaching of God's Word and Gospel literature. Our partner, Josias, shares that it is incredibly hard to persuade people with words alone. But when a simple gift, like a pair of shoes, is combined with prayer for these locations, they



*Shoes collected at Reich Tool & Design!*

**Concordia University, Mequon** - Thank you to the wonderful students, staff and faculty at CUW. They heard that SFJ needed more shoes and they jumped into action by organizing a shoe drive. Thank you to Randall for organizing this effort and for sharing a financial gift through a "Thrivent Action Team" to help ship their shoes. Thank you all for your compassion to serve!

are experiencing many people surrendering their lives to our Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for the ministry team in Lesotho as they follow up with new believers and disciple them in their newfound faith. View more pictures [HERE](#).



*A new generation ready to serve the Lord.*

## **Shipment to Burkina Faso**

It is with great excitement for the spread of the Gospel that we have sent our most recent shipment of shoes to the West African nation of Burkina Faso. Our partner, Lompo, is very excited to receive these shoes as there are great needs throughout this nation. Most recently, many who are fleeing violence in the neighboring nation of Mali have settled in a refugee camp inside of Burkina



*Randall delivering shoes at our new building!*

### **Spring Creek Church, WI -**

We thank the Lord for a beautiful Sunday morning at Spring Creek Church. Diane was humbled to share in their services, and we were so encouraged by the outpouring of shoes and support from our friends here. We honor the way this church is dedicated to bringing the life-changing message of Jesus to every person; and we thank them for being a faithful blessing to SFJ over the last 11 years and counting! To God be the glory for each life that has been touched for eternity.

Faso. These families are in great need and it is our prayer that their physical and spiritual needs will be met. Please pray for God to move powerfully in people's hearts.

View more pictures [HERE](#).



*Another shipment is on its way to change lives.*

## **Shipments Arrive in 3 Nations**

April brought the much-anticipated arrival of shoes in three nations! Botswana, Eswatini and Democratic Republic of Congo all received their shipments after long voyages. Each of the Directors in these nations send their greetings and thanks to





*Over 2300 pairs collected at Spring Creek!*

**Lakeside Fit Body Boot Camp, Waukesha** - Thankful for local gyms who collect shoes, just like Lakeside Fit Body Boot Camp. We're so grateful for your support and we appreciate your kindness to many in Africa who will be so touched by these gifts of hope!



*Shoes collected at Fit Body Boot Camp!*

everyone who has helped share the gift of shoes with the people to whom they minister. The social and political situation in each of these nations is very different and the potential for a Gospel harvest is extremely abundant! Please join us in prayer that God will move powerfully in each nation and draw many disciples to follow Him. View more pictures [HERE](#).



## Meet One of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ (EHC) ministry partner in Seychelles, Robert Moumou. Robert came to know the Lord through a 1992 Billy Graham





## Save the Date! 12th Annual Luncheon & Silent Auction

Mark your calendars and tell your friends about our 12th Annual Luncheon & Silent Auction!

You are invited to celebrate with us on **Saturday, November 13th!** We can't wait to share who will be joining us as our musical guest. This will be a special performance for all men, women and children - so stay tuned for more details!

If you'd like to be an event sponsor, please contact Diane at [DStuder@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:DStuder@SolesForJesus.org).



## Volunteer Opportunities

crusade that was broadcasted in Seychelles through satellite. The Lord transformed Robert from a timid person with low self-esteem to a confident leader in His kingdom. He has served the Lord in many capacities and he is now a Zonal Director for EHC, which includes Seychelles, Madagascar, Mauritius, St. Helena, Comoros and Maldives.

Robert's ministry goals include reaching 9,000 homes this year and planting a 3<sup>rd</sup> church in Seychelles. The Bible verse that encourages Robert in his ministry is Philippians 4:13, "*I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength.*"

Robert asks us to pray for the following:

- Health, favor and protection for his family; his wife, Michelle, and his son, Elisha
- Favor as he leads the EHC Oikos vision to reach every person in his zone
- For open doors in Comoros and Maldives, which are strict Islamic countries
- For the establishment of a 24-hour prayer house in Seychelles

## 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 Yen 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.

### May

Saturday, May 1st, 9-11am  
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

### June

Saturday, June 5th 9-11am  
Saturday, June 12th, 9-11am  
Thursday, June 17th, 10-noon  
Thursday, June 24th, 6-8pm  
Saturday, June 26th, 9-11am

- Robert's son, Elisha, will grow to accomplish God's purpose in his life

## Volunteer of the Month

We are thrilled to honor Alan Lull as our Volunteer of the Month for April! Alan organizes shoe drives at his church and brings groups to our warehouse to serve at SOS events. When Alan had first heard about SFJ, he wanted to learn more.

*"As I looked into this ministry, I was blown away about how simple it is; we all have shoes to give away and there are so many that NEED shoes. It is a WIN for everyone involved. I love it!"* Alan shared.

If you're thinking about hosting a shoe drive, Alan has some great tips. *"Here at St. John's, we have areas where everyone can bring shoes and funds. The shoe drive starts after three weeks of promoting how powerful it is for parents to gather their shoes and to model shoe-giving to their children. We encourage parents to have their kids gather their shoes as they talk about how many people don't have shoes*



*Thank you, Grace Lutheran,  
for being our  
final group to serve in our old  
warehouse!*

### **"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

*to wear and that kids who don't have shoes can't go to school. WOW!"*

When their most recent shoe drive ended, over 1200 pairs of shoes had been gathered in three weeks and the funds to ship these shoes were also donated. Everyone who was a part of it was moved in a powerful way. To God be the glory!

Alan and his wife enjoy hosting BBQs at their home, hiking and traveling. They have exciting events coming up this summer, which include their daughter getting married and their son graduating from high school.

Thank you, Alan, for your servant's heart and for blessing the people of Africa. We are so thankful for your efforts and pray God's blessings over your family during your exciting summer!



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.



*April VOM, Alan Lull!*

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