### **Soles For Jesus Newsletter**

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### "...Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me."

Dear Friend,

Earlier this week I woke to the tragic news of a massive Contact Us volcanic eruption in DR Congo, days iust a few after our shipment arrived there in Goma. The situation is devastating and people have died, many while thousands have lost their homes and have fled across borders. Please pray for this our region and for partner missionaries during such a tragic time.

Even during the most difficult times, the Lord is still moving! Recently, I mailed you a letter and I hope that you found the enclosed photo card. It includes modern-day Saul to Paul testimony from Burundi that shows the power of our God! "Augustin was a rebel for he 20 and hated vears

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## Time is Running Out -**Register Now!** Stroll For Soles on June 19th \*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.

We so EXCITED are to announce that Food Trucks **will be INCLUDED** for who register! This is going to be our best outdoor event yet

killed Christians. He even them but the Lord had another plan for his life. Our EHC Partner came to his village and shared shoes and salvation in Jesus. Augustin was there to mock them - but something happened to his heart of stone. His eyes opened and he accepted Jesus and began to be discipled by his new family! He also decided to follow the Lord in water baptism and he is telling everyone about Jesus!"

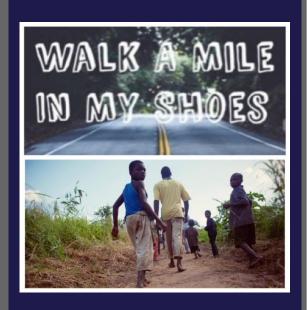
Testimonies like these bring me such JOY because this is all about life-change in Jesus! If you have been looking for a way bless another person family across the world, I invite you to prayerfully consider being a part of this mission. Your time, talent or treasure can be the reason that someone comes to faith in Jesus, and you'll blessed as well! "You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through will produce US thanksgiving to God." 2 Cor. 9:11

I hope that you're able to join us at the Stroll for Soles next month. It's going to be such a great time; or you can join us from your own neighborhood and we'll send you event t-

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 will advance event our mission of sharing shoes and the love of Jesus in Africa. Much **THANKS** to our Gold Sponsors: CTaccess, Novaks, Express, Jung American Imports, 2000 Development.



shirts! You don't want to miss Wilma's BBQ, your favorite flavor of shaved ice and more after we walk a mile or two in their shoes. Thank you for being faithful, especially during such an important time. I'm so grateful for your commitment to the Lord and may He bless you abundantly.

In Christ Alone,

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



# Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

**Kentucky Shoe Drive -** A HUGE thanks to Megan for leading this massive drive at Lexington Christian Academy & Immanuel Baptist Church. We're



Wilma's Smokehouse BBQ will be there!

### Testimony From Eswatini

distributions Shoe are underway in eSwatini! Now that larger gatherings permitted, the ministry team moving quickly is to distribute shoes and share the Gospel. Our EHC Partner, Joseph, shared that despite the rain, many people came hear the Gospel receive a pair of shoes. Even pastors the local were amazed see to such turnout. Those same pastors also invited the EHC team to return to their churches to share more of God's Word and to help the believers grow in their faith become disciples of Jesus. View photos HERE.

thrilled that over 5,000 pairs of shoes were collected! The impact this will have on thousands of lives in Africa is overwhelming, as each person will hear about Jesus. Thank you for your compassion to love others so well!



Shoe Drive at IBC & LCA in Kentucky!

Sussex Rummage - Thank you to the families of the Sussex Rummage Sale. Roberta reached out to them with an opportunity to donate their unsold shoes to Africa; and look at the pile that she received! What a great idea to spread the word about SFJ and we thank you all for this great donation.



Praise God for the Kingdom work in eSwatini.

### **Testimony From Benin**

There is exciting news from Benin this month. Avla, our EHC Partner, asked us to share the following with our "The supporters. shoes that you sent are helping us to break some barriers that we can take the Word of salvation to some difficult places. Currently, we have started a movement called, 'Ghetto for Christ.' This is an evangelism program that is reaching the poor in the worst areas of our main cities. After sharing the Good News, we also give them shoes. I can testify that we have already started two discipleship groups and many more people are interested in joining." He also shared that many of the people



Thank you, Roberta & Sussex Families!

### Ridge Community Church

Shoes are piling up in the Kids Ministry wing at Ridge Church! We're so grateful that RCC included SFJ in their missions outreach this year. Every pair of shoes will touch one life, as the love of Jesus is revealed in a greater way!



prayed for were healed and even some of the critics were admitting that the power of God is making a change in people's lives. To God be the glory! View more pictures HERE.



Please pray for God to touch hearts in Benin.

### **Shipment to Burundi**

Another shipment is on its way to Africa. Our faithful partner in Burundi, Rev. Evariste, is looking forward to blessing many people throughout his nation. This central African nation has endured decades of hardship and turmoil and these people need to hear the Good News of the Gospel and that Jesus loves them.

Evariste wants to thank everyone who donated shoes and money to help bless the

Shoes piling up at Ridge Church!

Old Republic Risk Management - Thank you to Brenda for organizing a shoe drive at your workplace! We appreciate local businesses that care to contribute to the needs of others. These quality shoes will bring hope to many in Africa and we thank you all!



Thank you for collecting shoes, Old Republic!

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Racine - Thank you, Christa, for organizing a shoe drive at your church. We're excited to be included in your mission project this year. The shoes will surely bless many lives in a powerful way!

Burundian people. He says, "My heart is overflowing with gratitude and praise to God for the gift of these shoes, which will open many people's hearts to the Gospel message. Please pray for many to respond to Jesus." View pictures HERE.



Shoes are on their way to bless thousands.

## Meet One of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home f<u>or</u>



Christ (EHC) ministry partner in Gabon, David Attikpo. David has many goals for spreading the Gospel in Gabon, including the Oikos Vision of reaching every



Shoe Drive at FELC in Racine!

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

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

### Saturday, November 13th!

We can't wait to share who will be joining us as our musical guest, so stay tuned! If you'd like to be an event sponsor, please contact Diane at DStuder@SolesForJesus.org.

home in his nation and expanding the ministry team to help accomplish this. The scripture that encourages him in ministry is 1 Corinthians 3:6-9, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are coworkers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building."

David asks us to pray for the following:

- Health, favor and protection for him and his wife, Rose, and their children: Grace, Blessing and Favor
- For protection of the ministry, staff and field coordinators
- That the Lord provides inspiration for better strategies to cover remote areas of the country with the Gospel
- For more field workers in order to have



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

#### 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 coordinators in every province of the country

### **Volunteer of the Month**

thrilled We are honor to Winkler Lindsay as our Volunteer of the Month for May! Lindsay is our volunteer intern, a SOS leader and she's on the auction team for our annual luncheon. Lindsay learned about SFJ through her sister's involvement as a volunteer. When Lindsay was looking for a volunteer opportunity this past December, she reached out to us and the rest is history!

Lindsay has enjoyed being a part of SFJ and encourages others to do so as well! "My advice to those thinking of volunteering or donating is do it! It's a great way to serve others and to share the love of Christ at the same time. I have really enjoyed being the intern at Soles For and I'm excited Jesus to see what God continues to do in their new building."

Lindsay is currently double majoring at Concordia

### July

Thursday, July 1st, 1:30-3:30pm Wednesday, July 7th, 1-3pm Saturday, July 10th, 9-11am Tuesday, July 13th, 1-3:30pm Thursday, July 15th, 1:30-3:30pm Saturday, July 24th, 9-11am Thursday, July 29th, 1:30-3:30pm Thursday, July 29th, 6-8pm Saturday, July 31st, 9-11am



Thank you, Brookfield students!

"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 feel free brina please to friends! Training will be provided and SFJ staff will be available to support. provide For more information, contact Mark at Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org (4 14)365-1392.

SOS Group Event: Schedule a

University of Wisconsin in Social Work and Justice & Public Policy. She also runs her own photography business, which allowed her to turn a hobby into something that helps her grow as a person and keeps her busy.

Thank you, Lindsay, for all that you do for SFJ! You are a blessing to us and we're all so grateful for you!



Lindsay Winkler, VOM!

# 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?

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 group.

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