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Dear Friend,

Our mission team just returned from Tanzania, and my heart is full of praise to our awesome God! By His grace, we were able to minister in extremely hard to reach villages and we saw many people respond to the love of God. Salome is one of these precious people and I'll never forget how the Lord touched her heart! As she was waiting in line, she prepared herself that we would not have shoes to fit her extra-wide, curved feet and toes. When you walk barefoot your whole life, your feet spread in unusual ways; but nothing is impossible for God! After trying on several shoes, a brand new pair of extra-wide men's tennis shoes were the perfect fit! Salome became emotional and so did I! She was overwhelmed with the love of Christ, and expressed that she's never felt a love like this before. We prayed and cried tears of joy together, and I'm grateful for her village pastor who will continue to disciple Salome in her new faith journey.

Thank you for helping us touch so many lives just like Salome. The huge response to the Gospel on this trip was incredible. People are so hungry and open for the Truth, and we continually hear from the village pastors and leaders how effective this form of ministry is to their people. Please continue to pray for each one that received a Gospel booklet and a pair of shoes, and also for the pastors and leaders. The Lord is doing a beautiful work and our team is humbled and grateful to have been a

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Special Giving Opportunity

We have an exciting invitation for you! For the first time at SFJ, you have the opportunity for your financial gift to be matched! An anonymous friend of SFJ has offered to match all donations that are given towards the special opportunities detailed in this LETTER.

God has opened the doors to send shoes to Namibia and Seychelles. In order to send these shipments this summer, we need to raise **$19,000 by June 10th.** Would you prayerfully consider making a donation to help us reach these mission fields with the love of Jesus and shoes?

Thank you to each person who has already given to this project! We couldn't do this without your generosity and prayer support.

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small part of what He's doing in Arusha, Tanzania. To God be the glory!

As summer approaches, I have a special invitation for you! Please join my family and I at the Race For Soles event on June 25th by registering at the link below. It's going to be such a **fun** time together and I hope to see you there. :)

Sincerely in Christ,
Diane Studer
SFJ Founder/Director

Salome found Jesus!

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

Tanzania Mission Trip 2016

We praise the Lord for the incredible team that He assembled for this trip. After many months of prayer and preparation, it was a privilege to shine His love in the villages of Mswakini, Engotoite, and Makuyuni. Many heard and responded to the Gospel message for the first time, and we thank God for being with us every step of the way! We were also grateful to minister God's love in two orphanages in Arusha. Our lives are forever changed by the men, women and children that we met in these villages and centers. Please pray for the pastors, missionaries and leaders who are ministering throughout Tanzania, and that the Gospel will continue to spread in a mighty way. If you'd like to see more pictures from our trip click HERE.

Sign Up Today

Register Now

There's still time to register! Invite your family and friends to join us for a 5k or 2 mile run or walk on **Saturday, June 25th.** The event will start and end at the beautiful campus of Waukesha County Technical College and we'll enjoy a scenic route through the streets of Pewaukee. The morning will also include medals, prizes, refreshments, exciting games, and the opportunity to meet players from the Milwaukee Wave soccer team. We hope to see you there!

Watch our short RFS video! #RFS2016

Team Tanzania ready to wash feet in Mswakini Village.

World Missionary Press & PulseFM

We thank the Lord for our partnership with World Missionary Press (WMP) in New Paris, Indiana! WMP prints the Gospel booklets that we share with each pair of shoes in Africa, and we are thrilled to partner with them again for a special project! On June 11th, PulseFM will be LIVE at WMP during their open house from 11am-1pm—and SFJ will also be there to host a shoe drive. Please come and enjoy free tours, t-shirts, hotdogs and PulseFest tickets will be given away too. Then together, we are preparing a 40-foot ocean freight container for Guinea-Bissau. Half of this shipment will include 8,000 pairs of shoes and the other half will include thousands of Gospel booklets. Our ministry partner, Julio, is thrilled to be able to use these tools to share the life-changing message of the Gospel in remote villages. Thank you, World Missionary Press! You are continually in our prayers and we thank God for what you are doing to spread God's Word across the world. For more info, visit wmpress.org.

Special Thanks

SFJ South Africa- We sincerely thank our Soles For Jesus family in South Africa! Words cannot express our gratitude for our partnership with Grace Family Church and our appreciation for their recent shoe distribution in Kliptown, one of the poorest communities in South Africa. GFC has been mobilizing prayer into this community for more than a year and it was a highlight for them to share the Soles For Jesus ministry with these precious children. We thank John & Helen Smith for their leadership over this project, and also Pastor Sauls for allowing his church to be used for the foot washing and shoe distribution. We praise the Lord for the many lives that surrendered to Jesus, as the Gospel was preached and lovingly demonstrated. To view more photos from this distribution please click HERE.

Sweet smiles and children with their new shoes in Kliptown, South Africa.

Chick-fil-A Night- We also want to share a special thank you with all who joined us for dinner last week at Chick-fil-A! We had such a fun time visiting (and eating delicious chicken) with SFJ friends and family, and we thank Chick-fil-A for donating 20% of sales from this night to help support the SFJ mission.

One of the printing presses used at World Missionary Press. Millions of booklets are produced each month in over 340 languages.

Volunteers of the Month

Meet our Volunteers of the Month, Judy Mayer and Lewis Hartmann! These two have hearts of gold and we're excited to honor them. On a regular basis, they deliver shoes from Neat Repeats, a thrift store in Plymouth, Wisconsin, and they always arrive with a smile on their face. We asked them to share how they got involved with SFJ. Lewis shares, "We have known about Soles For Jesus for some time as my daughter Jen Hanson is on the board of directors. More recently, Judy and I have enjoyed delivering shoes to the warehouse which is a team effort. We would like to give a special thanks to the store manager, Laura, and to Cheryl for sorting and bagging the shoes before we deliver them to SFJ. We all feel called to this mission, to do the Lord's work and to help people come to Christianity." Judy and Lewis, thank you for your love and support. To everyone at Neat Repeats, thank you for helping impact lives in Africa!

Having fun at Chick-fil-A in Brookfield, WI.

Shoe Drives

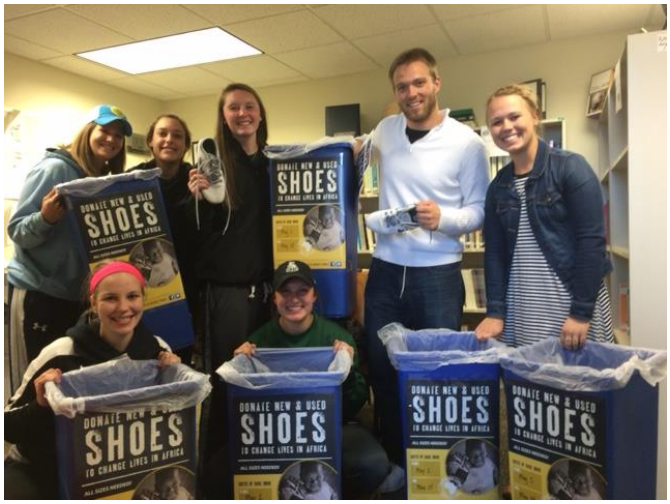
St. Norbert College- St. Norbert College held their first shoe drive this month, along with the help of the SNC Sports Ministry Team. Together, they collected over 200 pairs of shoes! Sarah Laufer, Co-President of the SNC Sports Ministry, shares, "The Soles For Jesus shoe drive was a huge success! From dropping off empty bins the first week, to needing help with carrying overflowing shoe bins the next, it was a rewarding experience to be a part of. It was amazing to see how generous and willing students and faculty were to donate their gently used and new shoes!" A special thanks to Kate Greener for her help in getting this collection organized. Great job guys!

Our Volunteers of the Month, Judy Mayer and Lewis Hartmann.

Shipment to Burundi

A shipment of 8,000 shoes left the warehouse for Burundi this month! Some of our volunteers joined us to pray over the shoes before they left. We're excited to work with Evariste, our EHC partner in Burundi. Please pray for a spiritual breakthrough, and for these shoes and the Gospel to spread hope in this nation. View pictures of this shipment HERE.

The SFJ Team & volunteers praying over the shipment.



Members of the SNC Sports Ministry Team.

Cedarburg Cub Scout Pack 3803- Check out these cute Cub Scouts below! They had a great time collecting shoes for those in need. They enjoyed it so much that they are going to continue collecting shoes at their Scout house. Their leader, Gena, shares that they are looking forward to a tour of SFJ when they deliver their shoes next month. Thank you for helping put shoes on so many feet in Africa!

Members of Cedarburg Cub Scout Pack 3803.

First Presbyterian Church of Tequesta- Our friends at First Presbyterian Church of Tequesta in Florida just wrapped up their shoe drive. They collected over 900 pairs of shoes and they also helped raise shipping funds. Praise God! Shannon, the Director of

Shipment to Burkina Faso

This shipment is expected to arrive any day now. We have been praying for open doors to this country for some time, and we praise God for this breakthrough! Please join us in praying for this shipment, for safe arrival in Burkina Faso, and for every individual who will soon receive shoes and hear about Jesus. View pictures of this shipment HERE.

Brittney, Mark, and Diane with the shipment.

Shipment to Zambia

We praise God for the safe arrival of this shipment in Zambia! What a blessing to partner with World Missionary Press and Every Home for Christ to meet the spiritual and physical needs of people in Zambia. Please pray for Richard and his team, and that each person who receives shoes will be receptive to the Gospel message of Jesus. View pictures of this shipment HERE.

Distributions in Guinea-Bissau

Please pray for a ripple effect of Jesus' love to take place in Guinea-Bissau, so that every person who hears about Christ will be passionate about Him and want to share Him with others. We pray that physical and spiritual needs will be met as Julio and his ministry team travel village-to-village, gifting shoes and sharing the Gospel of Jesus. View pictures of this distribution HERE.

Youth Ministries at FPCT, shares, "We picked Soles For Jesus as our shoe recipient because we like that each person who receives a pair of shoes also receives the Gospel of Jesus in their own language. All throughout the Bible we are taught to be the hands and feet of God, and that He uses us to help others and to teach them about Him. The kids had such an amazing time with all of it, learning how to be God's hands and feet." God bless you all!

The youth with the boxes of shoes, ready to be shipped to SFJ.

Pathways Church- The students at Pathways Church in Appleton did a fantastic job collecting shoes. Allison Godwin helped organize the drive and she shares, "It was a great experience! Some students really got into it and were excited that they could make a difference. It was a great project to expose them to needs outside of their little bubble. I definitely want to do it again in the future as we grow their hearts for missions!" We appreciate your support!

Children praying and receiving Jesus at a shoe distribution in Guinea-Bissau.

Distributions in South Sudan

18,000 pairs of shoes are in the hands of our partner, Fermo, and he has just begun to share these with people in need. Thousands of refugees will also receive these special gifts. Please pray for soft hearts for the people who will receive shoes and hear about God's love in the coming months. We look forward to sharing testimonies with you soon. View pictures of this shipment HERE.

Fermo's team organizing shoes in South Sudan.

Distributions in Swaziland

The youth from Pathways Church with their donated shoes.

Internship Opportunity

Soles For Jesus has a part-time internship available for this summer. If you, or someone you know, is interested in getting experience in a non-profit organization, please let us know. This is a non-paid position and hours are flexible. Please contact Brittney at bciciora@solesforjesus.org by Friday, June 10th if you are interested.

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Volunteer Opportunities

SOS Events (Sort & Organize Shoes) Join us as we gather at the Milwaukee, WI warehouse to prepare shoes for shipment to Africa! New volunteers are always welcome and we will have a brief orientation before each event. To set-up a time to come and volunteer, please contact Brittney at

Joseph in Swaziland shares about a recent shoe distribution, "People were so overcome with joy. They were smiling and the love of God was written on the faces of those who received shoes. We pray to God for more opportunities to reach those who haven't yet heard the Gospel." Please join us in prayer for Joseph and his ministry team, and for wisdom and guidance as they continue distributing shoes. View pictures of this distribution HERE.

People worshipping Jesus at a shoe distribution.

Distributions in Mozambique

Over 6,000 pairs of shoes have recently been distributed throughout this nation and many are responding to the invitation to have a relationship with Jesus Christ. Amen! Godfrey shares, "Wide grins were seen on the faces of many, as we washed feet and gave shoes to those in need. People feel so loved and valued through these distributions." We pray for the Good News to travel fast in this nation and that many will turn to Him for their needs. View pictures of this distribution HERE.

Bciciora@SolesForJesus.org or 414-365-1392.

We enjoyed serving with the students from Lake Country Lutheran High School this month!

June

Saturday, June 4, 9-11am
Saturday, June 11, 9-11am
Thursday, June 16, 6-8pm
Saturday, June 18, 9-11am
Monday, June 20, 10am-12pm
Wednesday, June 29, 9-11am- FULL

July

Thursday, July 7, 6-8pm- FULL
Saturday, July 9, 9-11am
Saturday, July 16, 9-11am
Thursday, July 21, 6-8pm
Saturday, July 23, 9-11am- FULL
Saturday, July 30, 9-11am

***You can choose a different date to serve! To learn more about this, read below.**

"Business Hours" SOS: Volunteers are welcome to come during weekdays to sort 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. Also, feel free to bring friends! Training will be provided, and SFJ staff will always be available to provide support. For more details about this opportunity, please contact Mark Ellefson at Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org or 414-365-1392, and please let us know 48 hours in advance that you're coming.

SOS Group Event: Schedule a special date to host your own group! Are you a part of a

Measuring feet in Mozambique.

Meet one of our Partners

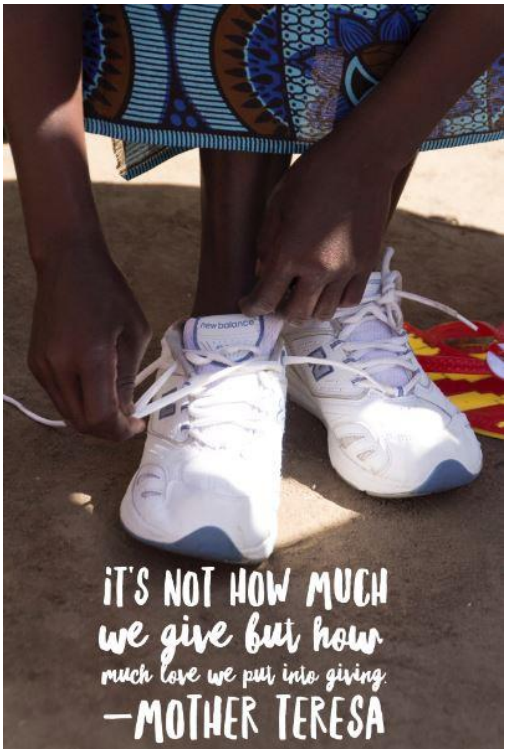
Meet our Every Home for Christ ministry partner in Namibia, Douglas Mudimba. Douglas is the EHC Director in Namibia. This year, he and his ministry team have plans to share the Good News of Jesus with 15,000 homes every month. Their target population is 200,000 people. Douglas shares, "By the end of this year, we hope that at least 5% of the people that we reached will say "yes" to a relationship with Jesus. This would represent 10,000 souls! With God, we believe this is possible."

Douglas and his wife, Vongai, are blessed with four children: Advent, Praise, Rejoice, and Timothy. Please join us in prayer for his family and for the following prayer requests:

- Strength and wisdom for Douglas to lead his ministry team.
- Open hearts to the Gospel in Namibia.
- An increase in ministry coverage and leaders.

Thank you for the Shoes

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 (12+ years). Please contact Brittney, our SFJ Office Manager, at Bciciora@SolesForJesus.org or 414-365-1392 to set up your volunteer group.



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First Presbyterian Church of Tequesta, FL
Friends of Jen Hanson, WI
Galon & Glenda Lambright, IN
Gretchen Weis, WI
Hershberger Family, WI
Jeanine Bly, WI
Jeffrey Sparks, WI
John & Sue Tegge, WI
Karen Simonson, WI
Lakeside Fitness, WI
Mary Borkholder, IN
Mary Ellen Simeth, WI
Mikolajewski Family, WI
Neat Repeats, WI
New Balance, IL
Oak Creek Assembly of God, WI
Pathways Church, WI
Portage UMC, WI
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