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

Dear Friend,

It's back to school time! As many of us are shopping for school supplies, clothes and shoes, there are kids in rural Africa struggling to gain access to education. What should be an exciting time of seeing friends and starting a new year of learning is quite the opposite. The lack of resources for tuition, school uniforms and shoes prevent many from being able to attend school; and the burden for parents and children is heavy.

I'll never forget the children that we met on our last mission trip to eSwatini in a village called Loyiwe. Hundreds of students lined

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### Shipment to Benin

Another shipment is on the way! Our partner in Benin, Avla, is making final preparations to receive the shoes in September. His ministry team is very excited because these shoes help create opportunities to share the Gospel. *"The distribution of shoes is a key part of our strategy for demonstrating the love of God and His people to villages throughout our nation,"* Avla shared. They are so grateful to everyone who has helped play a part in sending this shipment. View more photos [HERE](#).

up eagerly waiting for a pair of shoes. The headmaster shared several challenging situations with us that her students were facing, and the large amount of children that were orphans was staggering. But God's love came down on this special day, as He deeply loves the orphans! Each child received a new pair of shoes to begin their new year, and Hope began to rise in this schoolyard as the Gospel message was shared. One by one they raised their hand to invite Jesus into their heart for the very first time!

Another time that I saw the Lord's heart for the children and orphans was at the Great Commission Orphanage in Liberia. The headmaster of this school, Mr. Mulah, shared about many children who have severe disabilities and crippling challenges. When Sister Weeks arrived with her team to bring shoes, the children shouted with excitement and were overwhelmed with joy! The love of Jesus was present in



*Volunteers praying for the nation of Benin.*

## **Testimony From Congo**

Our ministry partner in Congo, Pastor Brice, recently shared that many are giving their hearts to Christ because of the distribution of shoes and Gospel literature. In one village, the local chief was not ready to make a public commitment to Jesus, but he is attending Bible studies and has been helping to organize local worship services. Everyone in the village has noticed that his life has changed since the ministry team shared the Gospel and helped meet the physical needs of the whole

a tangible way, as the children learned about their heavenly Father who deeply loves them.

These testimonies never get old when we hear of children coming to know and receive the unconditional love of God. Thank you for helping us send kids back to school with quality shoes that open doors to faith and opportunity. Your gift is making a way for many to know the love of Jesus! *"It is His lovingkindness that brings men unto repentance."* Romans 2:4

In Christ alone,

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



*School in Loyiwe Village,*

village. Lives are being transformed by the power of God! Pastor Brice sends his sincere thanks to all who help make this possible throughout Africa.

View more photos [HERE](#).



*Lives are being transformed in Congo.*

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

In Sao Tome, there are many villages where people live on less than one dollar per day. Our partner, Jose, has a heart to bless these locations and works hard to reach them with the Gospel and the gift of shoes. During a recent shoe distribution, he was



*eSwatini*

## Annual Luncheon & Silent Auction:

**\*Tables & Seats On Sale Now!**



Event sales are **LIVE** and selling fast, so get your tables and seats now! We are extremely excited about this event and you can purchase your table on our website or by phone at 414-365-1392.

**Buy Now**

**Early Access Bidding:** On Wednesday, November 10th, all registered guests (who submit their name & email address to SFJ) will receive a personal email to gain access to online

overwhelmed by the gratitude of the people. They were in awe that someone from their own nation would have the heart to reach out to them with such a kind and useful gift. Jose shared how the simple gift of shoes caused many to listen to the Gospel and ask questions, so they could understand more. Please continue to pray for people across this nation to put their faith in Jesus as their Savior. View more photos [HERE](#).



*Sharing the Gospel in a rural village.*

## Testimony From eSwatini

We don't usually think about it being cold in Africa, but in eSwatini (which is located in the mountains of southern Africa) cold is a reality for many during

bidding **three** days early! If you have registered as an Off-Site Bidder and provided your email address, you will have early access, too! There will be a photo of each item online, so you'll be able to see what it looks like. Please note that **each guest will need to provide an email address they can access from their phone on the day of the event.** If you don't have a smartphone, don't worry! We will have plenty of bidding assistants available again with tablets, and they will be happy to help you place as many bids as you'd like.

### **Event**

**Sponsorships:** Sponsorships are available now. As an event sponsor, your name or business will be recognized through printed material, social media, and company signage. You'll also receive one table with premiere seating for ten guests. If you're interested, please contact Diane Studer for information at [Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org).

this time of the year. When Joseph and his ministry team arrived in a village with shoes for everyone, there was great rejoicing. Everyone shared their thanks with the team for providing them with such a useful gift. The team also preached the Gospel and many hearts were touched by God's love. Please pray for a transformational work in the hearts of many in this nation. View more photos [HERE](#).



*Mrs. Tsabedze sharing her testimony.*

### **Meet One of Our Partners**

**Auction items:** We are also grateful for those who donate items to our silent auction! Fun packages like weekend get-aways and vacations, gift baskets, sports tickets and suites are all great items for guests to bid on. We also appreciate creative ideas for services, items or 'experiences' (i.e.: boat tours or gourmet dinners) as donations. Your business and item will be listed in our event program and we will acknowledge your tax-deductible donation after the event for tax purposes. Please contact Kris at [Kmonteen@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Kmonteen@SolesForJesus.org) if you are able to donate. Thank you for your support!



*Invite your family and friends!*

**Shoe Drives & Special**

Meet our Every Home for Christ (EHC) ministry partner in Liberia, Rev. Jonel Clark



Weeks. She is faithfully serving the Lord in her native country and has a strong desire to fulfill the OIKOS vision of reaching every home in her nation with the Gospel.

Jonel was led to Jesus as a teenager during an evangelism outreach and she's had a desire to reach people with the Gospel ever since. She has served in many ministry roles over the years and is currently the EHC Zonal Director of Anglo-West Africa. Jonel shared with us how she has seen first-hand what a blessing it is for people in Liberia to receive a pair of shoes, especially at the Ebola victims' orphanage, which was full of children who lost their parents to the outbreak. She also shared this testimony, "Through the evangelism outreach and the shoe distribution, a notorious armed robber's chief, (the head

## Thanks

**Christ Lutheran Church, Marshfield** - We love seeing children demonstrate great faith to invest into God's Kingdom! During their VBS week, everyone had an opportunity to donate shoes and/or funds. Every pair of shoes and dollar will go a long way to bless so many in Africa with the message of Jesus!



*Kids donating funds for SFJ.*

**Church Of Joy, Waukegan, Illinois** - The Church of Joy delivered a van full of brand new shoes! They certainly live up to their name, as each pair will bring great joy to the lives that will be impacted by these beautiful shoes. Thank you for

*leader of the criminals in the Thinkers Village), surrendered to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ! Now he serves as an usher in this village church."*

Jonel asks us to pray for the following:

- Health, favor and protection for Jonel & Verney and their children, Varnettie & Varney Jr.
- Continued passion for Jonel to win souls through evangelism, discipleship and prayer.
- The provision of motorbikes for the team to expand their evangelism reach, especially to areas that don't have roads to reach by car.
- Success for the Liberia EHC team in the OIKOS initiative as it enters year two of the effort to reach every home in Liberia. The focus this year is in Montserrado County.
- Deliverance for those battling substance abuse and other addictions in Liberia.



partnering with us and God bless you all!



*New shoes from Church Of Joy!*

**Shepherd Of The Hills, Pewaukee-** Thank you, John Thierfelder, for sharing during the "Mission Moment" at SOTH to kick off your fall shoe drive. We're grateful for your faithful partnership and for all of the shoes that have been given from your church community!

## **Volunteers of the Month**

We are thrilled to honor John and Sue Tegge as our August Volunteers of the Month! John and Sue have been serving at SFJ on a regular basis for seven years, and we adore these two! John and Sue are retired, and enjoy spending time with family and friends, volunteering, and going out to eat.

*Sue says, "We are committed to SFJ because this organization fills a big need to help people, and it spreads the word about the love of Jesus. It is a true blessing to know that our hands are the last ones to touch the shoes before they are sent to Africa. Before coming to SFJ, I did not know of the great need for shoes in Africa. Shoes are something that we take for granted, and many of us have more pairs than we need. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a blessing in the lives of others."*

Thank you, John and Sue, for your faithful service. God bless you!





*John sharing at SOTH-Pewaukee*

**USA Mrs. Lake Country-** A very special thank you to Mrs. Lake Country, Laura Swan, for collecting over 600 pairs of shoes with her fellow Queen Sisters. Hundreds of lives will be forever changed because of the shoes donated and the time given to sort and pack shoes!



*John and Sue Tegge*

## **Thank You for the Silent Auction Donations Received this Month!**

- A Stroke of Genius
- Babboni photography
- Boutique Bonita
- Breadsmith
- Brian & Amy Huber
- Brunch Restaurant
- Bubbas Frozen Custard
- Cynthia Zeckmeister
- Diane Studer
- FreshFin Poke
- Green Bay Packers
- InterArt Industries
- Jan Claussen
- Jennifer Heil
- Jennifer Miller
- Jewelry Works
- Juliann Behling
- Kris Monteen



*Mrs. Lake Country organizing a shoe drive.*

**Hamilton High School Reunion-** What a privilege to be included in the Hamilton High School All Class Reunion, going back even 50 years! Thank you for all of the shoes donated at this event, and we appreciate Roberta for making this delivery!



- Linda Keller
- Lake Geneva Canopy Tours
- Lake Geneva Cruise Line/Gage Marine Corp
- Mark Ellefson
- Marquette Spirit Shop
- Milwaukee Food & City Tours
- Morningstar Golfers Club
- Nothing Bundt Cakes
- Picaboo
- Roberta Pratt
- ROC Foundation
- Shalom Wildlife Zoo
- Silverspot Cinema
- Sky Zone
- Sparkle Spa
- Ted & Susan Jansen
- The Healing Place Farm
- Wicked Archery
- Wisconsin Athletic Club
- Wynne & Kent Loehrke
- Yenh Mikolajewski
- Zierath Restaurant Group

## Support SFJ While Shopping!

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

*HHS All Class Reunion and  
Shoe Drive!*

**Volunteer  
Opportunities  
SOS Events (Sort &  
Organize Shoes)**

Join us for a 2-hour SOS Event! You and your friends can volunteer at our Milwaukee warehouse to help prepare shoes for shipment.

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.

**September**

Saturday, September 4th, 9-11am

Tuesday, September 7th, 6-8pm

Saturday, September 11th, 9-11am

Saturday, September 18th, 9-11am

Wednesday, September 22nd, 9-11am

Thursday, September 23rd, 6-8pm

Saturday, September 25th, 9-11am

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!

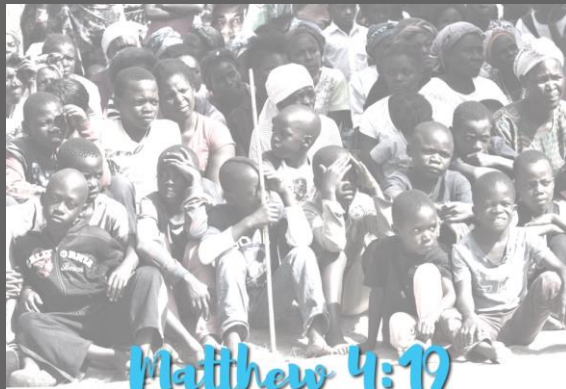
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**Matthew 4:19**

"COME, FOLLOW ME,  
JESUS SAID, "AND I WILL  
MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN."

## October

Saturday, October 2nd, 9-11am  
Saturday, October 9th, 9-11am  
Thursday, October 14th, 9-11am  
Saturday, October 16th, 9-11am  
Thursday, October 21st, 6-8pm  
Saturday, October 23rd, 9-11am  
Saturday, October 30th, 9-11am



*Thank you Holland Group for joining us!*

## **"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 be available to provide support. For more information, contact Mark at [Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org) (414)365-1392.

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**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 414-365-1392 to set up your group.

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