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

Dear Friend,

What an exciting start to the new year! Our very first shipment to Chad is on the way and this is a miracle in the making for many years. We praise the Lord for opening this new territory, as Chad is one of the poorest countries in the world and it is predominately Islam. The physical and spiritual needs in this nation are extremely vast, and this shipment will be a tremendous blessing to our ministry partners who are committed to making disciples among the unreached people groups.

I was so touched to receive this reply from Pastor Osee when he learned this shipment was finally on its way. *"I do not have the words to say but to God be the glory! I have not*

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A few months ago, we shared about an opportunity to help send shipments of shoes to kick-off the new year. We are thrilled to announce that you helped us reach our goal!

We sincerely thank each person who gave a gift, and we are so excited to send these important shipments

seen this kind of love and engagement before. May God bless your family, ministry and donors for these gifts that will help us share the love of Jesus!"

I can't thank you enough for your faithful support. We share in this work and we also share in the reward, until one day we hear Him say, "Well done good and faithful servant!" It's a privilege to link arms with those who are on the front lines; and I can feel His deep love for the people of Chad as I pray for them. May the Lord prepare every heart that receives shoes to also receive life-change in Jesus!

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer
Founder, Executive Director



Sharing Jesus in a remote village of Chad.

and to be a part of what the Lord is doing in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Chad, Guinea, São Tomé & Príncipe and more. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel across land, railway and the ocean; and for each person who will be receiving them. We can't wait to share photos and stories with you as soon as we have them. Thank you and God bless you!

Thank You, Mark Ellefson!

Please join us in thanking Mark for 9.5 years! Mark has faithfully served as our Director of Operations and he's been a big part of the growth of Soles For Jesus. Mark and Jenny are answering their God-given call to Burundi, Africa, along with their daughters, Ava and Grace. They will be moving to Burundi later this summer to pursue this new adventure.

We pray that the Lord will continue to lead and bless their beautiful family; and we honor Mark for all that he has done. The Ellefsons will always

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Crossway Church, MO -

Thank you, Cross Way Church, for including us in your "Christmas Shoe Tree" event. We were overjoyed to receive a full pallet of 500 pairs of shoes that will impact hundreds of lives in Africa. God bless you all!



Christmas Shoe Tree at Crossway.

Wisconsin Athletic Club, Greenfield - We are so thankful for businesses like Wisconsin Athletic Club in Greenfield, for donating over 500 pairs of shoes! They are committed to helping people reach their health goals and giving back to their community. These shoes will definitely make a difference for so many in Africa!

be a part of our SFJ family and we send them off with love and blessings!



Mark, Jenny, Ava and Grace

Update From Mali

Our partner, Elise, has been very busy with shoe distributions this past month. He and his ministry team have visited several villages and have been warmly greeted in each location. He shares that many people are seeking to follow Jesus and everyone is overwhelmed by the precious gift of shoes. The love of Jesus is being well received in this nation. Please keep praying for many more to put their faith in Him. View more photos [HERE](#).



**THANK YOU!
WAC- GREENFIELD**



Thank you, WAC-Greenfield!

Thank you, Kayla - We love it when our friend, Kayla, drops in to deliver shoes. She has been on two mission trips with us and she's seen first-hand the impact the gift of shoes has in sharing the love of Jesus! We're grateful for all of the donations that come in from the Appleton community and for our faithful supporters there!



Kayla delivering the shoes.



All smiles in rural Mali.

Shipment To Chad

We are blessed be able to send a shipment of shoes to our partner Osee in N'Djamena, Chad. This is yet another new nation that God has allowed us to reach. Chad is a highly Islamic nation and our experience has been that meeting physical needs in these places opens so many hearts to the Gospel. Please pray for a safe passage and a great work of the Lord in this nation. View more photos [HERE](#).

Luther Manor Shoe Collection Site - We appreciate Luther Manor for their faithfulness in donating so generously and for collecting at their facility year-round. They are a faith-based residential center for older adults and truly care about impacting lives. The shoes that continue to be donated will reach nations with the greatest need!



Collection Site at Luther Manor.

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

Join us by volunteering at a 2-hour SOS Event! You and your friends can help Sort and Organize Shoes at our Milwaukee warehouse to help prepare shoes for shipment to Africa.



**1st
Shipment
to Chad**

Praise God for opening this door!

**Update From D.R.
Congo**

In the war-torn region of Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo our partner, Sagesse, continues to bring joy and hope by sharing the Gospel and freely distributing shoes to many families in need. He is being with met with open arms in each village. The Gospel is being accepted and he is seeing the local church rise up to help find the neediest in their area, so they can benefit from the shoes and experience God's love. Please pray for the peace of God to rule in this region of Africa. View more photos [HERE](#).

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.

February

Thursday, February 3rd, 9-11:30am
Saturday, February 5th, 9-11am
Saturday, February 12th, 9-11am
Thursday, February 17th, 6-8pm
Saturday, February 19th, 9-11am
Saturday, February 26th, 9-11am

March

Saturday, March 5th, 9-11am
Thursday, March 10th, 6-8pm
Saturday, March 12th, 9-11am
Saturday, March 19th, 9-11am
Thursday, March 24th, 9-11am
Saturday, March 26th, 9-11am



Thank you, Honey Creek Church!



Reaching those who need help the most.

Meet One of Our Partners



Meet our Every Home for Christ (EHC) ministry partner in South Africa, Hebert Mahuni. Hebert grew up in an environment of traditional African worship and he did not know about Jesus. Hebert's life changed at the age of 12 when he was exposed to the knowledge of the saving grace of Christ. As he was walking along the shops in rural Zimbabwe, Hebert passed through an open-air crusade. The pastor was preaching loudly over a sound system and God drew Hebert closer to listen. As the

"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.

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 or by calling (414)365-1392 to set up your group.

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preaching went on, Hebert realized that he was a sinner and needed God's forgiveness. Hebert joined the alter call at the end of the service and his life was changed.

Hebert's ministry goals this year include mobilizing 300 actively participating churches all over South Africa and overseeing the planting of 1,000 new missional and evangelical churches. The Bible verse that encourages him in his ministry is Psalm 144:1-2, *"Praise be to the Lord my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle. He is my loving God and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield, in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me."*

Hebert asks us to pray for the following:

- Health, favor and protection for Hebert, his wife and their children, Tshegofatso, Talia and Asriel
- For financial provision, as they are trusting the Lord for a home of their own
- For Hebert's complete healing from diabetes

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- For God to provide strength, wisdom and understanding for the EHC team

New Year for Collecting Shoes!

It's a new year and we can't wait for all God has planned for 2022! Our shipment schedule is set for the nations we plan to send shoes to and your help is needed by collecting shoes. Your donations are fulfilling a big need and will be used as door-openers for sharing the Gospel. Please email us to get started at Info@SolesForJesus.org!



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