Soles For Jesus Newsletter

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

Dear Friend,

I am thrilled to share that our first shipment to Mali just arrived! It's so exciting to reach a new nation and to walk through open doors together. Mali is a predominantly Islamic nation; however the Lord is moving in power and eyes are being opened to the truth! Pastor Elise is extremely grateful for this shipment of shoes, Bibles and gospel literature (printed in their language) that will help him serve the physical and spiritual needs of his people.

The Lord has also opened doors to orphanages and schools in Mali, where children desperately need shoes and the love of Jesus. Please join us in prayer for Pastor Elise and his team as they minister God's love as shared in 1 John 3:18, "Let

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Start Bidding 3 Days Early on November 10th!



*ANYONE can bid online, if you register ahead of time.

Online bidding will open 3 days before our 12th Annual Luncheon & Auction! Whether you are attending in person or bidding from home, you can register HERE.

us not love merely with words or speech but with actions and truth."

I want to invite you to join me on Saturday, November 13th. This luncheon is going to be special and you don't want to miss the music by Brent Taylor and the new videos and testimonies from the field. Please gather your friends and purchase your table today, if you have not yet. I am so grateful for your faithful support in many ways and to God be the glory!

In Christ alone,

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





Pastor Elise with our first shipment to Mali!

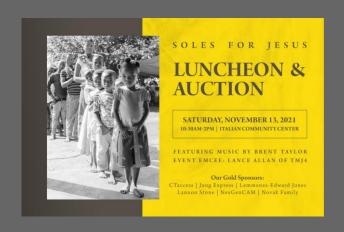
On Wednesday, November 10th, each person submitted their name and email address, will receive a personal email to gain access to online bidding! There will be a photo of each item online, so you can see it prior to bidding. Please note that each attending guest should also provide an email address by Nov. which they can use for early bidding and also access on the day of the (Gift certificates event. can be mailed but larger items and baskets must be picked up at SFJ.)

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.

We look forward to having you join us and a list of auction donors from this month is included at the end of this newsletter.

Annual Luncheon & Silent Auction:

*Tables & Seats On Sale!



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

Buy Now

Auction Items are DUE October 15th! We are so grateful for those who donate items for our Silent Auction. Fun packages like weekend vacations, gift get-aways and baskets, sports tickets and suites are all great items for guests to bid on. We appreciate creative also for services, ideas items or 'experiences' (i.e.: boat tours or gourmet dinners) as May God bless each of our generous donors!

New Building Dedication & Prayer

We were honored to have some of our local Monthly Partners join us for a special evening of prayer to dedicate our new building to the Lord! We would not be able to further this mission without the help of these and many more, sowing into the Lord's work.

We move into this new season rooted in prayer for, "Unless the Lord builds the house we labor in vain," and we'll continue to follow Him for many years to come!

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 if yo u are able to donate. Thank you for your support!

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.



Join us for an amazing Silent Auction!

Shoe Drives & Special



Dedicating our new building to the Lord!

Testimony From Congo

Throughout Africa, people who belong to one of the Pygmy tribes are often socially marginalized simply because they are from a tribe that is short in stature. Knowing this, our partner intentionally went to one of villages to demonstrate Christians that are different and that God loves everyone the same. As usual, Pastor Brice and the ministry team shared salvation in Jesus gave each person a Gospel booklet as well as a pair of shoes. There was great joy among everyone that

Thanks

Shepherd Hills, Of The Pewaukee - Over 750 pairs of others to come and join collected shoes were by family's this wonderful church recent shoe drive. We are SO blessed by their faithful support and admire how they love Jesus and others so well! Thank you for advancing God's Kingdom alongside us.



SOTH friends packing shoes for Africa.

Dickson Hollow & **Avalon Square Centers -** This sweet and It joy-filled group delivered a huge load of shoes and helped pack hundreds more for Africa. How wonderful to see this generation demonstrate that you can serve at any age!

day. Many have now joined a Bible study group they are inviting and them. Please pray these new believers and that the message of God's love would also spread to other villages. View more photos HERE.



Rejoicing in God's love for their village.

Shipment to Mali

is verv exciting that our shipment to Mali has arrived safely. Praise God for His blessing and protection this over journey. Soles For Jesus has now sent shipments to 28 African nations. Our partner, Pastor Elise,



Thank you for serving with such joy!

AJ Ellis- Thank you for coming to tour our new building and for delivering bags of quality shoes. We appreciate your ongoing support over the years and may God bless your family!



AJ Ellis donating shoes at our new office.

Bridge Church, Waukesha- We shoe distribution in the are truly thankful for churches who village of Sidja.

very excited about the opportunity to reach people with the Word of God and to be able to share gift with person as well. Please continue to pray for the Lord to open other nations that we have not reached vet. We are currently working with several other partners to determine how to get a shipment to their nations as well. View more photos HERE as receive them.



Arrival of shoes in Mali for the first time!

Testimony from Guinea Bissau

Our partner, Pastor Julio, shared the following testimony from a recent shoe distribution in the village of Sidja.

collect shoes year-round and for those who are committed to delivering them, just like Allen! Thank you, Bridge Church, for being a faithful collection site. The lives that you've impacted for eternity is immeasurable!



Thank you for another delivery,
Allen!

Melissa Iowa State Rep, Reams— Thank you to the family and friends of Melissa Reams for another 450 of donating pairs We appreciate her shoes! being granddaughters for huge helpers, as the entire community gets involved. Special thanks to Bill Smith for transporting the shoes from Iowa to Wisconsin. God bless you all for this beautiful Kingdom

"During a very hot day, a crowd of people waited to receive shoes. The most extraordinary outcome of the distribution was that many made the decision to receive Jesus as their Savior! Many shared that hearts their were touched by God and that happiest the part of their day was to know that God loves them and will be with them, since they have repented and decided to live for Him," Julio shared.

Julio was elated to hear that the people realized that what they received spiritually overshadowed the physical gift of shoes. Please pray for these new believers to help lead others in their community to salvation in Jesus as well. View more photos HERE.

teamwork!



We are grateful for more shoes from Iowa!

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.

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



The love of Jesus is changing lives.

Testimony From D.R. Congo

Recently in the eastern region of Goma, there was a volcanic eruption which thousands caused of people to suddenly flee from their homes. The shipment of shoes from Soles For Jesus arrived days after this event and our partner, Sagesse, has been working hard to share God's love bv helping to meet the needs of those who lost so much.

One person who received shoes is Maria and she said, "I have no words to express my joy and thanks to God for these gifts of shoes. Now my children and I can walk

date and time.

October

Friday, October 1st, 9-11am FULL Saturday, October 2nd, 9-11am Saturday, October 9th, 9-11am Monday, October 11th, 6-8pm FULL Saturday, October 16th, 9-11am Thursday, October 21st, 6-8pm Friday, October 22nd 2-4pm FULL Saturday, October 23rd, 9-11am FULL

Saturday, October 30th, 9-11am *FULL*

November

Thursday, November 4th, 9-11am Saturday, November 6th, 9-11am Thursday, November 18th, 6-8pm Saturday, November 20th, 9-11am Saturday, November 27th, 9-11am



Thank you for serving, World Impact Ministries!

"Business Hours" SOS: Volunteers can also come during weekdays to pack shoes (Mon-Fri, safely everywhere we need to go. This act of love towards us is overwhelming."

Please continue to pray for this area as many people need to restart from nothing. View more photos <u>HERE</u>.

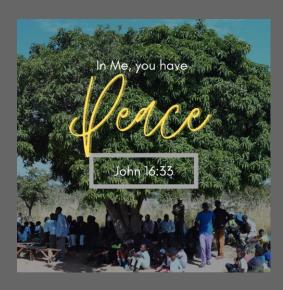


Praise God for the arrival of shoes.

Meet One of Our Partners

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 (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. 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.



Meet our Every Home for Christ (EHC) minist



rv partner in Zambia, Albert Muleya. Albert was raised by his mother and had a very poor His upbringing. mother taught him about God, but he never learned about the gift of salvation. As he grew older, Albert joined gangs for survival. While he was in 9th grade, an evangelist came to school and preached about the love of Jesus Christ. Albert went to this event with the intention mocking those that were there to hear the Word of God. But as he listened to the evangelist, he reminded of the Bible stories that his mother had taught him and he felt the tug on his heart. By the time the evangelist made an altar call, Albert jumped to his feet and welcomed Jesus

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Soles For Jesus 8835 W. Heather Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53224 (414) 365-1392 into his heart. The Lord filled him with His spirit and now Albert spends his life doing the same for others as that evangelist did for him.

Albert asks us to pray for the following:

- Health, favor and protection for Albert, his wife, Ezima, and their children, Ruth, Adlai, Zebai, Steyn, Joy and Ezbai.
- Pray that the entire family will continue serving God and that no one will turn away from loving Jesus.
- That Albert is able to help plant life-giving churches and raise Spirit-led leaders in all 114 Districts of Zambia within 10 years.
- That Albert is able to open EHC Centers in 6 of the 10 remaining provinces of Zambia and identify 6 leaders with a very strong desire to see their provinces reached

with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Volunteer of the Month

We are thrilled to honor Laura Swan as our September Volunteer the Month! Laura learned about SFJ while searching for opportunities serve in the to community. She signed up a SOS Event for brought her kids along. The experience was so much more than she'd expected and she knew Jesus had brought there to do more.

"I knew I was going to plan a shoe drive and a packing event within my pageant network and invite all my sister queens and their families to experience serving at SFJ as I had, knowing we are helping to change lives. We collected over 600 pairs of shoes from across the country and came together in August at my

first Soul Sisters for Soles For Jesus Event, to pack them. And we have another one planned already," Laura shared.

Laura is the current United States of America Mrs. Lake Country, and has a passion for community service and uniting women to make a difference in people's lives.

Thank you, Laura, for your faithful service and for bringing your pageant community with you. God bless you!



Laura Swan with shoes!