#### **Soles For Jesus Newsletter**

# February 2022





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

#### Dear Friend,

"It is necessary to help the weak and to keep in mind the words of Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

Jesus was our perfect example of generous living. As we follow His example we get to experience the joy that comes from giving to others. One thing that I love about SFJ is that you can give and impact lives, even if you can't go to Africa!

We have an exciting new way that you can collect shoes this spring. In recent а staff meeting, we were discussing the effective food drives led by the boy scouts. Flyers routed are throughout a neighborhood to let everyone know the pick-up

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#### **Welcome Grant!**

We are thrilled to introduce our new Operations Manager, Grant Niemann. Grant and his wife, Tammy, are youth pastors and have been bringing groups of students to volunteer at our SOS events for years. He has also been on mission trips where he's seen first-hand needs the and of impoverished challenges people around the world.

Grant was moved by compassion to join the Soles For Jesus team and to help further our mission. Grant and Tammy have two teenagers,

date time; and then participating families simply of donated bag groceries by their front door. The kids have fun driving past the homes and picking up the of food for the local baas pantry. We love this idea and we've created a flyer just for you to collect SHOES in your neighborhood! Simply add your own name, date, and pickup time - and have fun filling your car with shoes for Africa!

I'd like to invite you to host a, "Front Porch Shoe Drive" in your neighborhood! A shoe drive is great а way to with impact lives in Africa God's love and it's exciting to see how many people will join Just email us you. at Info@SolesForJesus.org for more info.

Thank you for being a part of what the Lord is doing through Soles For Jesus. His blessings are coming through the hearts and hands of many just like you. May the Lord bless you for shining His light in places that will never be the same again!

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer Founder, Executive Director Charlie and Audrey. As a family they enjoy spending time together outdoors; skiing, hiking and swimming. We are grateful that Grant has joined our team and that the Lord is using his experience and talents to make an eternal impact for the Kingdom!



Welcome to the SFJ team, Grant!

#### **We LOVE Our SOS Leaders!**

We thank the Lord for these leaders who amazing host volunteer groups in our "Sort warehouse to, & Organize Shoes," for our shipments to Africa.

It was a joy to honor and appreciate them at a special dinner this month. Each of these leaders is a huge

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Your shoes will impact boys like these in Benin!

## Save the Date! Stroll For Soles on June 25th

Join us for our 2nd Annual, "Stroll For Soles," at Fox River Park in Waukesha. You can walk, roll or push a stroller in honor of the lives we are signs will serving; and posted along the 1 or 2 mile route to help explain shoes are so valuable in Africa. Fun activities for kids and food trucks are also included in this fun event. Stay tuned for more info!

#### **Sponsorship Opportunity -**

Are you an individual, business, or organization that would like to help sponsor the, "Stroll For Soles?" There are several options to choose from and it's a great way to promote

blessing to us and we could not send a shipment of 8,000 pairs of shoes every six weeks without them! We missed those who couldn't make it on this snowy night and we pray God's blessings over each of your families. Thank you for serving the Lord and others so faithfully!



We're so thankful for these leaders!

#### **Letter From Lesotho**

We received a wonderful update from our partner in Lesotho, Josias. "A very warm and special greeting from the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho! It is with great joy and honor that I report we finally received your container and shipment of shoes. I am humbled and

your business and show your support. To learn more about sponsorships, available contact Grant at 414-365-1392 or Gniemann@SolesForJesus.org.



Fun for the whole family!

## Shoe Drives & Special **Thanks**

Church, Crossway - Julie Germantown loved sharing the SFJ mission with the Youth Group at Crossway Church in Germantown. It's an honor to with this partner church and we're thankful for the many students who also came to serve in our warehouse this month!

grateful to receive this special gift of love, which I stronalv believe will the transform lives of vulnerable people and extend the Kingdom of God. I also thank you so much for the special gift of Bibles! God bless you with more resources so that you will be able to continue blessing the nations here in Africa."

View more photos HERE.



Praise God the shipment has arrived!

### Love In Liberia

Our partner in Liberia, Jonel, has been welcomed by the people of Margibi County. She shared a testimony of one little girl who was so excited to receive a pair of shoes that



Julie sharing at Crossway Church.

Life School, Christian Kenosha - What an amazing outpouring of shoes collected by the students and families of Christian Life School! Janet and Jon arrived with a huge van and trailer packed with shoes, and we could not be more thankful for the support and love from this school! You will never know the full impact that you are making to change lives for eternity and may God bless you all!

she ran to climb a nearby tree and picked some rambutan fruit (monkey apples) for the ministry team. As she ran she was shouting, "Thank you for my shoes!"

View more photos HERE.



Blessings on this beautiful child!

# **Shipment To Guinea Bissau**

Our fifth shipment of shoes to Guinea Bissau is on its way to Africa. We give thanks to Lord for the beautiful work that He is doing in this nation, and to each person who has donated and helped pack these 8,000 pairs of shoes. We could not



Thank you, students & families of CLS!

#### Calvary Chapel, Milwaukee -

We are thankful to this church for inviting Craig to share about the SFJ mission and his experience on our last mission trip to eSwatini. We are excited for all of the shoes that will come in from this shoe drive and partnership! do this without your faithful support.

Please join us in praying for the harvest as our ministry partner, Julio, and his team share the Gospel message and distribute these shoes. We pray God's blessings over them and that all of their efforts are fruitful.

View more photos **HERE**.



Shoes & Bibles sent with love & prayers!

# Meet One of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ (EHC)



ministry partner in Zambia, Albert Muleya. Albert was raised by his mother and had a very poor upbringing. His mother taught him about God,



Craig sharing at Calvary Chapel.

Student The Union, Cedarburg - Thank you to Jen who organized a community shoe drive in the Cedarburg area and for bringing in this group from fantastic The Student Union. They believe in the empowering next generation to make an impact and they certainly have done so through their service!

but he never learned about the gift of salvation. As he grew older, Albert joined gangs for survival. While he was in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, an evangelist came to his school and preached about the love of Jesus Christ. Albert went to this event with the intention of mocking those that were there to hear the Word of God. But as he listened to the evangelist, he was reminded of Bible stories that his the 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 into his heart. The Lord filled him with His spirit and now Albert spends his life doing the same for others as 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



TSU serving in our warehouse.

Volunteer Opportunities
SOS Events (Sort &
Organize Shoes)

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

#### March

Saturday, March 5th, 9-11am

- 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.

# Join Our Prayer Team From Your Home!

We would love to have YOU on our prayer team! Just send an email to Info@SolesForJesus.org, and we will send you our prayer newsletter. You can join us in united prayer from the comfort of your home and you'll also bi-monthly receive а written devotional bv our Kristen of Prayer, Director Adam!

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24 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

#### **April**

Saturday, April 2nd, 9-11am Tuesday, April 5th, 6-8pm Saturday, April 9th, 9-11am Thursday, April 21st, 9-11am Saturday, April 23rd, 9-11am Saturday, April 30th, 9-11am



Thank you, BCS 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 please feel free to bring friends! Training will be provided and SFJ staff will be available to provide support.



We count it a privilege to pray!

#### Your Donation Impacts Lives

# **Donate Online Now**

#### **Mail Your Donation:**

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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. community? or Volunteering together organize and pack shoes for Africa is a rewarding, 2-hour, team building opportunity for vouth and adults. Please contact Yenh@SolesForJesus.org or by calling (414)365-1392 to set

up your group.

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