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

Dear Friend,

It's that time of year again! Kids are going back to school and many of us are buying new shoes. Even though mine are in college, they still like to buy new shoes. It's always fun to see what they choose, but can you imagine if you were not able to buy even one pair of shoes for your child? This is a reality for many children across Africa who are not able to attend school without shoes.

I just received the photo below from Pastor José in São Tomé and Príncipe. These children belong to a school that works with street kids who are orphaned. They come for a few hours each day to receive some education, learn about Jesus, and play

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Annual Luncheon & Auction

***Tables & Seats On Sale NOW!**

SOLES FOR JESUS
LUNCHEON
and **AUCTION**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022
10:30am - 2:00pm | Brookfield Conference Center

MUSIC BY RECORDING ARTIST HANNAH KERR
Key Note: Dr. Cleopas Chitapa, EHC Africa Director
Event Emcee: Lance Allan of TMJ4

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Event tables are **LIVE** and selling fast! Thank you to all

soccer. They live in a community of extreme poverty, where even the small cocoa farmers struggle to get daily food.

Our partner, Pastor José, made a special trip to serve these kids with the love of Jesus and shoes; and many gave their hearts to the Lord! After this, the news spread quickly about another free shoe distribution at an open air service—and five villages showed up! **For three days** our ministry partners shared God's love with widows, orphans, adults and children. On the first day, 128 people gave their lives to Jesus Christ and also signed up to receive discipleship! Hundreds more responded to receive Jesus over the next two days and each person was also given a New Testament printed in their language.

To God be the glory! As I look at these photos and faces, I often pause to pray over their lives. Encountering the love of Jesus is life-changing and these communities will never be the same again! Thank you for your partnership for the Kingdom and God bless you.

who have helped fill 400 seats already and we are so grateful for your support! We are thrilled that recording artist, Hannah Kerr, will be performing live and Dr. Cleopas Chitapa will be our special keynote speaker. Purchase your table or seats today by clicking the button below, or by calling us at 414-365-1392. We can't wait to see you there!

Buy Now



Event

Sponsorships: Sponsorships are available! 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 a warm 3-course meal for ten guests.

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer
Founder, Executive Director
Soles For Jesus

P.S. This is a great time to clean out your closets with the shoes you no longer need, and we'll gladly send them to Africa!



*Saying "YES" to Jesus in São
Tomé & Príncipe*

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Eli's Shoe Drive in PA - Meet Eli in Pennsylvania! Our State Representative, Michelle Simon, shared that Eli has been a faithful shoe sorter for many years and he just did a community shoe drive at his school for SFJ. Thank you for serving, Eli! Your support is bringing hope and life change

Please contact Diane for more information
at Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org

Early Access Bidding: On Wednesday, November 9th, all registered guests (who submit their email address) will receive a personal email to gain access to online bidding **three days early!** There will be a photo of each item in the online catalog. Each guest will need to provide an email address they can access from their phone on the day of the event. If you do not have a smartphone, don't worry! We will have plenty of bidding assistants available again with tablets to help you place as many bids as you would like. If you register as an off-site bidder, you will have early access too!

Auction Items: We are grateful for those who donate items to our silent auction! Fun packages like weekend getaways or vacations, gift baskets, and sports tickets are all great items for guests to bid on. We also appreciate creative ideas for services, items, or "experiences" as donations. Your business and

to many, and we are grateful for your compassion to serve those in Africa!



Thank you, Eli!

Total Health Nutrition is a NEW Collection Site - We are grateful for businesses who partner with us by displaying a collection box year round. Thank you, Total Health Nutrition, for collecting shoes at both of your locations in Menomonee Falls and New Berlin. You can also check out their great store when you drop off your shoes!

item will be listed in our event program and we will acknowledge your tax-deductible donation after the event for tax purposes. Please contact Nicole Jenkins at NJenkins@SolesForJesus.org if you are able to donate. Thank you for your support!

Open Doors to Jesus

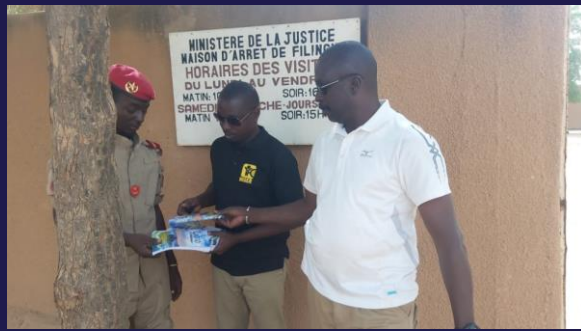
Our ministry partner in Niger, Pastor Ali, has been distributing shoes and sharing the Gospel in the high security prison of Filigue. The powerful ministry taking place during these shoe distributions has led to the **birth of a new church here!** Please join us in praying for the prisoners, along with Pastor Ali and his team. We pray God's blessings over them and that their efforts continue to be fruitful for the Kingdom.

View more photos [HERE](#).



New Collection Site at Total Health!

Shoes from Michigan to Wisconsin - We are blessed by Susan in Michigan who invited her Bible Study Group to join her in collecting shoes. Her daughter, Carrie, leads SOS groups in our warehouse and offered to meet her halfway to bring them to SFJ. What a special mother/daughter team and may God bless them for their kindness to touch many lives in Africa!



Sharing the Gospel in Niger!

São Tomé & Príncipe Distribution

The people of Agostinho Neto Roça live in very poor conditions where there are high levels of alcoholism, even among children. Many people gathered for the shoe distribution service led by Pastor Carlos, and they were deeply touched by God's love and the preaching of His Word. Praise the Lord that 68 people gave their lives to Jesus Christ on that day. Soon after, more communities were invited to come and watch the Jesus Film and to hear the Gospel message too. God is moving and many hearts are receiving new life in Jesus!

View more photos [HERE](#).



Carrie with the shoes from Michigan!

Once Upon A Child - Brookfield

We love these beautiful kids shoes from Once Upon A Child in Brookfield. We know that many children in Africa will be jumping for joy when they receive these gifts of hope! As your student(s) head back to school, consider donating the shoes you no longer need. Kids in Africa will be so grateful and we thank you!



God is moving in São Tomé & Príncipe!

Homelessness in Niger

Shoe distributions create evangelistic opportunities that have led to many salvations among the homeless in Niger. We are so grateful to partner with friends like Pastor Ali, so that he can minister to the needs in his community from his local church! He reports that, "Mistrust of the population is decreasing and giving way to the acceptance of Christianity and a curiosity to know the Gospel of Jesus Christ." Praise the Lord that we can help him meet the physical and spiritual needs of his community. May the Lord continue to bless and guide Pastor Ali and his team.

View more photos [HERE](#).



Kids Shoes!

Shoes from Once Upon A Child

Dan Vechart from Appleton, WI -

It's always a great day when our friends from the Appleton-area come down to deliver shoes. Thank you, Dan, for making the trip with a full load. We appreciate your family and friends for donating shoes for over ten years and counting!



Shoes
from
Appleton!

Thank you, Dan and Aimee V!



God's love changes lives!

Update from Lesotho

We thank the Lord for our ministry partner, Pastor Josias, and his team. They continue to travel house to house, village to village and every permitted place to communicate God's Word and distribute shoes. People appreciate the blessings of their services, both spiritual and physical. We praise the Lord for the positive decisions many people made after hearing the Word of God. Please continue to cover them in your prayers.

View more photos [HERE](#).

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 Yen at (414)365-1392 or Yenh@SolesForJesus.org to reserve your spot(s) and to sign-up for a date.

September

Saturday, September 10th, 9-11am
Thursday, September 15th, 9-11am
Saturday, September 17th, 9-11am
Tuesday, September 20th, 6-8pm
Saturday, September 24th, 9-11am

October

Saturday, October 1st, 9-11am
Saturday, October 8th, 9-11am
Tuesday, October 11th, 6-8pm
Saturday, October 15th, 9-11am
Thursday, October 20th, 9-11am
Saturday, October 22nd, 9-11am
Saturday, October 29th, 9-11am



*God bless the people of
Lesotho!*

Meet One of Our Partners

Meet our Every
Home for
Christ ministry



partner in Liberia, Rev. Jonel Weeks. She and her team are working to bring the Good News of salvation in Jesus to soldiers, youth, and remote communities in Liberia. Jonel shares a beautiful story of God's hand at work through the distribution of shoes in rural Lorhn Village.



Thank you Blessed Savior Youth Group!

"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

The village chief thanked the team for coming, noting that because of long distances, poor road conditions, poverty, and demonic traditional practices, they do not receive visitors often. On that day, **the chief along with 48 others gave their lives to Jesus Christ** and also donated a parcel of land to be used to build a church! Jonel shares, *"Praise God that today, the village of Lorhn now has a church and many like Chief Gargue Zeon have been delivered and saved through the grace of God!"*

Jonel and her husband Varney Sr. have been married for 21 years and are blessed with two children, Varnettie and Varney Jr. Jonel has been involved in ministry for over two decades. Of her faith, she says, *"I'm truly grateful that Jesus Christ died for me and for the opportunity afforded to me to live as a believer in Christ. [...] I am passionate and zealous for the propagation of the Gospel and winning the lost or unreached. Sharing God's love with others brings me joy."*

Jonel asks us to pray for the following:

- Access to a ministry

Yenh@SolesForJesus.org or by calling (414)365-1392 to sign-up.

Volunteers of the Month!

We are thrilled to honor our August Volunteers of the Month, Jen and Brian Lane! Brian works in the therapeutic footwear industry and learned about Soles For Jesus as a way to donate quality shoes that would otherwise end up in a landfill. The entire Lane family has since become involved by organizing several events to collect shoes in their community.

To others who may be considering involvement in SFJ through volunteering, hosting a shoe drive, or cleaning out their closet, the Lanes offer this advice: *"Just do it! It is a very rewarding experience – especially going to pack shoes and learning about the needs of people in Africa. The most impactful part of this entire program is that through shoes, SFJ is spreading the gospel and the good news about Jesus Christ!"*

vehicle to help enhance the movement of their team for outreaches and distributions

- Open doors to obtain approvals to take the Word of God to unreached groups – including the military barracks that have restrictions

Where in the World is... Liberia?



Liberia is a nation of over five million people on the West African coast. Roughly the geographical size of Virginia, Liberia lies along the Atlantic Ocean and is bordered by the countries of Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast). The land is rich

In addition to working with SFJ, Brian and Jen are active in the youth group at Alliance Bible Church in Mequon WI and also work with students who have disabilities. We are thankful for the many ways that the Lane Family is sharing their gifts and talents with SFJ and their community!



Brian & Jen Lane

Thank You for Auction Donations Received This Month!

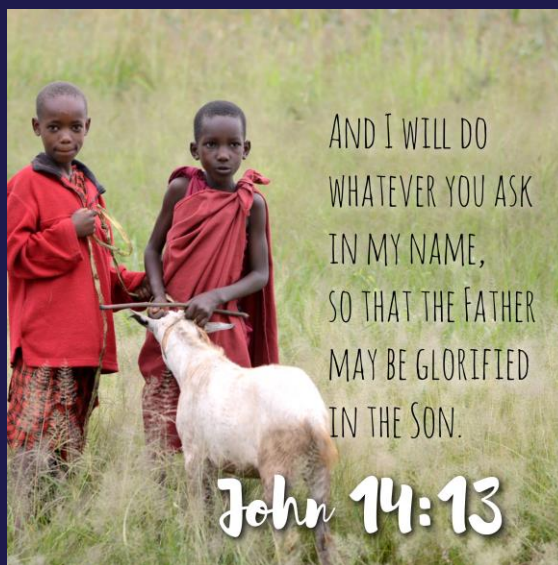
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in natural resources, however civil war in the 1990s and early 2000s disrupted most industries which have been slow to recover. Over 40% of the population is under the age of 15 and life expectancy is about 57 years for males and 60 years for females. The majority of the population identify themselves as Christian, however some people also incorporate traditional beliefs into their practices.

Join our Prayer Team at 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 bi-monthly Prayer Newsletter. You can join us in united prayer from the comfort of your home and you'll also receive a devotional written by our Director of Prayer, Kristen Adam!

- Babboni Photography
- Benihana Restaurants
- Bill & Carol Becwar
- Brian & Amy Huber
- Bubba's Frozen Custard
- Cindy Krueger for Zyia Active
- Claire Keck for Usborne Books
- Discovery World
- Green Bay Packers
- Happy Bellies Bake Shop
- Kendra Scott
- Lake Geneva Cruise Line
- Langers Auto Spa
- Melissa Smith
- Milwaukee Brewers
- Milwaukee Food & City Tours
- Minuteman Press Brookfield
- Morningstar Golfers Club
- North Cape Lutheran Church
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- Thomas William Furniture
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