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

Dear Friend,

We are blessed with wonderful ministry partners in Africa. These men and women are fully committed to bringing the love of Jesus to every person and home. You've seen us share photos of large crowds who gather for shoe distributions — but our partners also go on foot to reach every home and each person who lives there. Below are some recent photos from Rev. Evariste in Burundi that touched my heart. I was moved by how far they are willing to walk just to reach someone who needs to hear about the life-saving love of Jesus.

Do you remember when Jesus called out to Zacchaeus when he was in a sycamore tree? The first photo below reminded me of that! This field missionary left no

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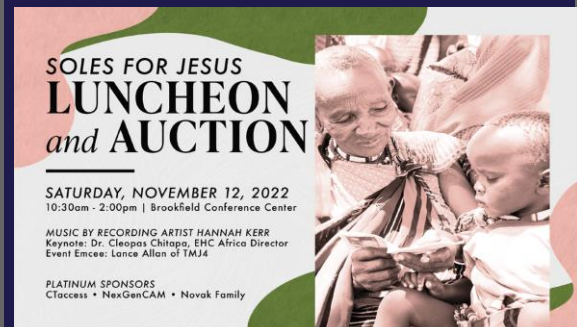
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Annual Luncheon & Auction

*August 18th - Ticket Sales go LIVE!



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Please mark your calendar!
Event sales go LIVE on
Thursday, August 18th at

one behind and he even noticed the child in the tree and took time to share Jesus with him. In these photos you'll see Jeremiah, Eliazer and Jonas going the extra mile to seek souls in places where most are not willing to go. The next photo shows a woman who is over 100 years old. She still has a good memory and was overwhelmed with a visit to her home. She shared, *"This is my home and we don't have visitors here. Thank you for coming to find me and for praying with me. Few people come here and God must be the author of your visit. We have been forgotten but God is all powerful because he sent you to tell us about Him."*

Reaching people in trees and in the margins moves the heart of God - and it moves mine too. This is why we exist and we must share Jesus with everyone! Thank you for being a part of what the Lord is doing and it's such a privilege to share Him with others.

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer
Founder, Executive Director
Soles For Jesus

8am, and we hope that you can join us! We are thrilled to announce that recording artist Hannah Kerr will be our musical guest; and Dr. Cleopas Chitapa, EHC Africa Director, will be our keynote speaker! We are also excited that Lance Allan from TMJ4 will join us as our emcee and this will be a wonderful event that you won't want to miss. Secure your table or tickets on our website [HERE](#) or via phone at 414-365-1392.

Event Sponsorships are also 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 lunch for ten guests. Please contact Diane for more information at Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org

Silent Auction Wish List

We often hear that people would like to donate to our



Sharing Jesus in Burundi!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

First United Methodist Church, Green Bay - It was our joy to have First United Methodist Church in Green Bay and the Heil family join us again in our warehouse! They arrived with a trailer full of shoes and they have hosted a shoe drive every year since SFJ began! They packed 626 pairs of shoes on this day; and we are overwhelmed by their genuine compassion to donate shoes and funds, and to serve with the love of Jesus!

Silent Auction but they do not know which items are helpful. So, we put together a wish list just for you!

Here are some of the items that we'd love to have available for bidding this year. If you would like to donate, or if you know of a business or family who would like to contribute to our auction, please contact Nicole at Njenkins@SolesForJesus.org. Thank you in advance for your support!

Wish List

Vacation Rental Stay
Sporting Event Tickets
Date Night Babysitter
Fire/Police/TV Station Tour
Annual Passes
Home Cleaning Services
Swim, Dance, Music Lessons
Theater Tickets

Shipment to DRC-East

Our 2nd shipment of shoes



FUMC- Green Bay Youth Group

GE Faith Forum - Over 525 pairs of shoes were collected by the GE Faith Work Forum and they also came to help pack shoes for Africa! Special thanks to Cynthia Z. for coordinating this effort and to the many volunteers who joined her by donating or serving with us. We truly appreciate this group for their amazing partnership!



GE Faith Forum Shoe Drive

Gabe's Neighborhood Shoe Drive- Thank you, Gabe, for

to the eastern side of the Democratic Republic of the Congo is on its way. We thank the Lord for opening this door and for each person who donated, packed or helped send these 8,000 pairs. We are thrilled to send this in partnership with World Missionary Press who provides the printed literature that is shared with each pair of shoes.

Join us in praying for the safety of our ministry partner, Sagesse, and his team. We pray God's blessings over them and that their efforts are fruitful for the Kingdom.

View more photos [HERE](#).



Shoes & Gospel booklets in route to DRC!

going door to door in your community to collect shoes for Africa. We are blessed by this young man, a student at Marquette High School, for hearing about our cause and using his summer to give back in a big way. Thank you for your kindness and for collecting over 200 pairs that will touch many lives!



Thank you, Gabe, for your service!

Iowa State Rep. Melissa - Melissa represents SFJ in Iowa and she's been an amazing supporter in collecting shoes. Melissa has been on two mission trips with us and has seen first-hand the power of shoes and the way it draws many to know Jesus. We are thankful for over 400 pairs that will bring hope to others. We also want to thank our dear friends, Bill and Kathy Smith, for making the

A Thank You from Lesotho

"We thank God for this gift of shoes! Sometimes the Gospel is able to be accepted easier when people receive tangible things that they need for their lives. We will be able to tell our children that there are blessings that go along with serving God, and they will see the food and pairs of shoes that you have given us. We will be able to share our testimonies to encourage them about the Lord. Thank you for showing us God's love!" Maithabeleng

View more photos [HERE](#).



God is moving in Lesotho!

roundtrip delivery!



**Shoes
from Iowa!**



Melissa with her grandkids and the Smiths getting ready to head back to WI.

Ellenbecker Shoe Drive, Pewaukee -

Thank you, Ellenbecker Investment Group, for your collection of over 500 pairs of shoes that will bring life and hope to many in Africa! Your global impact is greatly appreciated and we thank you for partnering with us.

Thank You
ELLENBECKER



Shoes to Widows in Niger

We thank God for our partners in Niger as they continue to distribute shoes to the widows and orphan victims of terrorism. Many of these disadvantaged people are unable to walk to the local markets or school without these shoes. We pray that many will continue to receive hope and salvation in Jesus.

View more photos [HERE](#).



God's love changes lives!

Shoes to Orphans in Niger

Thank you Ellenbecker Group!

Volunteers of the Month!

Please join us in honoring our Volunteers of the Month, Bill and Kathy Smith! We are so thankful for the many ways they serve SFJ – near and far! Bill has driven from Wisconsin to Iowa several times to pick up shoes, as well as many places in Wisconsin. Kathy was a special part of one of our mission teams to Tanzania, and their willingness to go where the Lord leads them is a blessing to many!

Bill and Kathy first learned of Soles For Jesus when Diane spoke at Spring Creek Church in Pewaukee during a shoe drive. The mission of bringing shoes and sharing the Gospel in Africa resonated with them and they decided to begin collecting and sorting shoes to help the ministry. In speaking about her 2016 trip to Tanzania with SFJ, Kathy said, *"It was such a humbling experience to spend time with the people of Tanzania – washing their feet, finding the perfect shoes for each, praying with them, and sharing the Gospel. My heart was overflowing with love for those people".*

Please pray for our partner, Rev. Ali, in Niger as he continues shoe distributions to orphanages. Some orphanages are Christian and others are Muslim but they all are open to hear about Jesus. These children often injure themselves by walking barefoot on broken bottles, and this often leads to infections that keep them from participating in school and work. Please keep them in your prayers as we know how much the Lord loves the widows and orphans! James 1:27

View more photos [HERE](#).



God bless the children of Niger!

Meet One of Our Partners

Bill and Kathy enjoy being able to help bring the love of Jesus to people who have never heard His name, through their time volunteering at Soles For Jesus. We express our love and gratitude to this wonderful couple and may God bless you!



Bill & Kathy Smith

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

Meet our
Every
Home for
Christ
(EHC)
ministry
partner in
Mozambique, Godfrey
Bhodyera.



Godfrey grew up in a Christian home, where he participated in family devotions. To Godfrey though, doing these devotions were more about customs than a personal relationship with Christ. During his last year of college in 2006, Godfrey listened to a guest preacher during a midweek service. *"As he preached, I saw my life as formless and void. I really felt that I was not in the Kingdom of God. I felt so pained by my life. I started to reflect on my life and discovered that God had been protecting me all these years. I wept uncontrollably and I stood up and walked to the stage where the preacher was. There was silence in the whole room, and I asked the preacher to help me receive Christ. I surrendered my life to Christ*

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

August

Saturday, August 6th, 9-11am
Saturday, August 13th, 9-11am
Thursday, August 17th, 9:30-11:30am
Saturday, August 20th, 9-11am
Friday, August 26th, 1:30-3:30pm **FULL**
Saturday, August 27th, 9-11am

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



*Thank you, Life Community Church
in Indiana, for serving with 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

that day and I promised to serve Him the whole of my life," Godfrey shared.

Godfrey's goals for the ministry are to expand to new areas and increase the capacity of their mobile Training Center so that many leaders will receive training. The bible verse that encourages Godfrey in ministry is Isaiah 43:19, *"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."*

Godfrey asks us to pray for the following:

- For the ministry to expand in Cabo Delgado, Maputo, Niassa, Nampula, Gaza and Inhambane. Cabo Delgado is the home of Islamic extremists and there is a political insurgency there. Pray that the Lord will provide all of the resources needed to reach these people.
- Pray for the continued recovery and healing of the nation after Cyclone Idai ravaged

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 sign-up your group.

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Mozambique in 2019.

- Pray for more volunteers to come on board this year as Godfrey seeks to expand the work.
- Pray for God's protection on the volunteers who work in very dangerous places that expose them to malaria, waterborne diseases, etc.

Where in the World is... Mozambique?



Mozambique is located in southeastern Africa. Bordered by Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, and Eswatini,

this coastal country lies along the Indian Ocean and is separated from the island of Madagascar by the Mozambique Channel. With an estimated population of 31 million people, the World Bank reports that 63.7% of the population lives at a poverty level of less than \$1.90 per day. The land is rich with natural resources and the majority of the population lives and works in rural areas.

As Brother Godfrey shared above, the country was struck by two cyclones in 2019 which resulted in devastating floods that affected crop land, destroyed thousands of homes, and claimed the lives of over 600 people. Please keep the people of Mozambique in your prayers!