Soles For Jesus Newsletter

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

Dear Friend,

It's been another great month at **Donate Now** Soles For Jesus and to God be the glory! There are many days that I still can't believe we get to this. From do our city Milwaukee, we get to partner with so many of you across our make country to an eternal villages impact in across the continent of Africa. What a privilege! I just received these photos below and large groups of people continue to come when they hear about free shoes. And our ministry partners continue to share salvation in Jesus! You'll notice in the photo that the wash basins are ready to and that's a life-changing experience in itself.

Two weeks ago a distribution took place in the village of Binar in Guinea Bissau.

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Annual Luncheon & Auction

*Last Call for Tickets!



(Click on image for more event info)

shoe Time is running out to reserve your seats for this year's luncheon and we still have The event began with worship and the preaching of the Word; and when there was an invitation receive Jesus 52 people said, "Yes!" The local pastor shared, "Demonstrating God's love tore down the walls and barriers! This shoe distribution helped us preach the gospel to villages that are further than our usual reach. In the past, few responded people to our evangelism campaigns but with the distribution of shoes now combined with evangelism many more people responded. God moved on hearts with the worship, preaching and washing of feet. We thank you for your partnership to help make disciples and that is what we are experiencing now!"

These testimonies of salvation never get old and I thank you for your Kingdom partnership. I can't wait to celebrate this and more on November 12th and I hope that you can join me in person or online!

Sincerely in Christ,

Diane Studer Founder, Executive Director Soles For Jesus some spots left! Ticket sales will close on **Tuesday, November 8th**. You will not want to miss special music by Hannah Kerr and a timely message from our keynote speaker, Dr. Cleopas Chitapa!

Purchase your table or seats today by clicking the button below, or by calling 414-365-1392. We are looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, November 12th!

Buy Now



Early Access Bidding Online bidding for all auction items will start on Wednesday, November 9th, three days prior to the luncheon! There will be a photo of each item, so you can see it prior to bidding. Please note



Saying "Yes" to Jesus in Guinea-Bissau!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Shoe Drive at Trinity Lutheran - IL

We appreciate these teachers from Trinity Lutheran in Hoffman, Illinois for making a delivery of over 500 pairs of shoes! Their school's theme was "Walk Like Jesus" and they have truly demonstrated His love and compassion by donating so many shoes that will touch lives in Africa!

that gift certificates can be mailed, but larger items and baskets must be picked up at the SFJ office.

Don't forget to **register email addresses** for yourself and your guests by **November 8th.** Emails will be used for auction bidding, as well as to receive important updates about the luncheon.

Thank you, October Auction Donors!

We are so thankful for the many generous businesses and individuals who have contributed to the auction this month! Please **CLICK HERE** to view the complete list of October Donors.

Shipment to Ghana

Our third shipment to Ghana is on its way! We thank the Lord for each person who has donated shoes, funds or helped prepare them for shipment. 8,000 lives will be impacted with the love of Jesus and we could not do this without your faithful support. Join us in praying for our ministry partner, Pastor Ebow,



Teachers from Trinity Lutheran

Jenkins Family Neighborhood Drive -We love seeing kids of all organizing community ages drives from their front porch. Thank you to the Jenkins family and Sussex community for sharing your shoes with people in Africa. Many kids in Africa will be so excited to receive your shoes!



Jenkins kids collecting shoes!

5K Run at Calvary Chapel, Racine -

and his team as they minister and distribute these shoes. We pray God's blessings over them and that all of their efforts will be fruitful!

View more photos <u>HERE</u>.



May God Bless Ghana!

Update from Congo

ministry Our partner in Republic of the Congo recently visited the villages of Bouenza & Jean des Iles. The families in these villages are facing very difficult situations and thev struggle to find hope. We praise God that many people gave their lives to Christ after seeing the manifestation of His We are so blessed by everyone Calvary Chapel at who participated in a 5K event to raise funds and help spread the mission of Soles For Jesus! Thank you to each person who organized, attended supported this fantastic event that will impact many lives in Africa!



5K event at Calvary in Racine.

St. John's Lannon Shoe Drive

- We are so thankful for these amazina students who did a drive large shoe and came to volunteer in our warehouse. Over 750 pairs were packed for this shipment and many lives in Africa. Touching people's lives Africa will be impacted because of their compassion!

love through the distribution of shoes and hearing the Gospel. God is moving and a hunger for truth is rising as lives are being changed for eternity!

View more photos HERE.



God is moving in Republic of the Congo!

A Message From Guinea-Bissau

"Grace and Peace be to you all. My name is Matchu Té and I am a pastor here in Nhacra, Guinea-Bissau. I would like to thank Soles For Jesus for doing great work in this remote area with a pair of shoes is a huge blessing to us. This shows a real love for every one of us. We accept these shoes with great joy not



Students from St. John's Lannon.

Missions Fair at Hales Corners Lutheran Church - Diane and Yenh enjoyed being a part of the Mission Festival at Hales Corners Lutheran. We appreciate their partnership and passion for spreading the love of Jesus both locally and across the world. Thank you for inviting us to be a part of this wonderful event!



HCL Mission Festival

only because we received a pair of shoes, but also because we have received a more precious gift which is the word and love of God. We will keep you all in prayer so that you will continue to change the lives of tens of thousands in Africa."

View more photos HERE.



God's love changes lives!

Praise Report From São Tomé

Agua Grande The District in São Tomé is an area with high rates of violence, crime, abuse and alcoholism. Our ministry partner has been praying for this area and after his team shared the Gospel and distributed shoes in one school, 17 teenagers and over 100 children accepted Jesus as

Community Shoe Drive

Thank you to the Piessig family for reaching out to family and friends in their community once and for collecting again over 400 pairs of shoes. They love serving as a family and continue to provide shoes for so many in Africa. We are thankful for their generous hearts to faithfully serve and God bless you all!

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Corey delivering their shoes.

their Lord and Savior! Many parents expressed their thanks and they were amazed with the change they saw in the lives of their children. This is just the start as there will many more shoe distributions. Please pray with us that many more children and adults will find Jesus as their Savior throughout São Tomé.

View more photos **HERE**.



God bless the people of São Tomé!

Volunteers of the Month!

Please join us in honoring October's Volunteers of the Month, Nick & Missy Kaun! Many years ago, Nick saw a collection box at Silver Lake Intermediate School and decided to find out

Meet One of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ ministry partner in São Tomé and Príncipe, José Carlos Té. José Carlos leads a team of pastors and continues to seek more about the organization that brought together his love for Jesus and love for shoes! He searched online find to an address and came to the Soles For Jesus warehouse for a tour. Soon he began volunteering in our warehouse, serving as a SOS leader, and he even joined the Tanzania Mission Team in 2016! When Nick met Missy, she him started joining at SOS Missy says, "Once I events. started volunteering, I felt like I part of something bigger was thought and the mission *aettina* shoes to people who don't have any was SO important."

Nick & Missy both encourage new volunteers to join a two-hour SOS Event (to Sort and Organize Shoes) as a way to get involved and even serve alongside family and friends. They share, "It is so awesome to know that you will be the last person who gets to touch those until the shoes person in Africa receives them!" Missy were recently Nick & married and enjoy spending their free time making memories with their families. We are thrilled to celebrate these newlyweds and thank them for their dedicated service!

more volunteers and partner churches to join them in doorto-door evangelism across the island nation. When he was 14 years old, José Carlos left his village for the city and moved in next to the home of a local He received pastor. invitation to attend church with his new neighbor, and at that service he gave his life to Jesus Christ. He praises Jesus as his Deliverer and now he desires to share the Gospel message with every home in São Tomé and Príncipe!

During a shoe distribution in Alegria, Porto José Carlos encountering recalls an old woman who had lost her son and was now caring for her granddaughter. She had been unable to afford shoes for the young girl, and upon receiving shoes that day when thev needed them she most, tearfully shared with the team that she "was overcome by this miracle of God she had witnessed". She gave her life to Jesus Christ and José Carlos described the change in her, saying "you could see the spark of new joy on her face". Praise God!

Please join us in prayer for the



The Kauns

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 date.

November

Thursday, November 3rd, 6-8pm Saturday, November 5th, 9-11am Thursday, November 10th, 9-11am Saturday, November 19th, 9-11am **FULL**

following:

- Blessing over José Carlos, his wife (Zinaida), and their three young sons (Joseina, Josiana, José Carlos Junior)
- Prayer for financial resources to obtain a vehicle to facilitate travel and field visits to rural areas.
- Prayers for the people of São Tomé and Príncipe who are affected by poverty. José Carlos reports many families are living in extreme poverty and finding it difficult to get food from day to day.

Where in the World is São Tomé and Príncipe?

December

Saturday, December 3rd, 9-11am Saturday, December 10th, 9-11am Tuesday, December 13th, 6-8pm Saturday, December 17th, 9-11am Thursday, December 22nd, 9-11am



Thank you, Andrea, for celebrating your 50th Birthday 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 feel free please to bring friends! Training will be provided and SFJ staff will be available to provide support.

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 the high costs of goods for citizens already living in poverty. Over half of the population identifies as Roman Catholic with traditional cultural influences, while another 20% of residents identify as non-



The country of São Tomé and Príncipe is made up of two main islands as well as smaller land formations. Located in the Atlantic Ocean off the western coast of central Africa, this island nation is Portuguesespeaking and home to 215,000 economy people. The historically been agriculturally focused, with cocoa beans as the primary export crop. The limited number of workers on the islands prevents São Tomé and Principe from producing the volume products of necessary to meet the needs of local markets, often resulting in the high costs of goods for already citizens living in Over the poverty. half population identifies as Roman influences, while another 20% of residents identify as nonshoes 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 signup.

religious. Please continue to lift up in prayer our brothers and sisters of São Tomé and Príncipe. May their nation be saturated with the Good News of Jesus Christ!