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

Dear Friend,

I am excited to share this new video with you! "Live from Benin" includes a special message of thanks for you; and you'll be able to see and hear how the Lord is pouring out His Spirit in the nations. The testimonies are incredible and I'm so grateful for your partnership in reaching souls with the love of Jesus.

I am also excited to share about a new partnership to reach villages by air! Here is a [LETTER](#) that shares more about this and how you can be a part of it. The Lord continues to do new things and serving Him is not boring! I'm amazed by the creative ways He allows us to share the Gospel and how He continues to lead us to new territory.

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Supplies Needed!

We are currently packing shoes and supplies for our 2023 mission trip, and we are in need of the following:

- 50 Full-sized bath towels
- 36 Wash cloths
- 24 Bar Soap
- 4 Tarps (16'x20')

If you would like to donate any of these items, please drop them off at our office by December 20th. Call or



For the last 18 months, we have sent a shipment every month (instead of every six weeks)! Even though shipping to Africa is more difficult and costly than ever, the Lord is doing it through so many of you! I can't thank you enough and I often think of Isaiah 43:29 when I see what the Lord is doing. *"I will make a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert."*

May the Lord bless you throughout this holiday season and I thank you for being a part of our family. So many amazing people make this mission possible and the Lord has faithfully provided through many of you. We can't slow down now as the harvest is ripe and I'm thankful for your partnership!

Sincerely in Christ,

Diane Studer

Founder/Executive Director
Soles For Jesus

email us with any questions at Info@SolesForJesus.org or 414-365-1392. Thank you for your support!

Ministry in Guinea Bissau

We praise the Lord that Pastor Julio and his team were recently able to hold ministry services in the village of Bumine. With the help of shoes opening the door, they were able to preach the Word of God and demonstrate the love of Jesus with foot washing. Many people were deeply touched to have their feet washed and they opened their hearts to receive Him as their Savior! The need for shoes is great in this area and the people of Bumine expressed their gratitude for traveling so far to reach them.

View more photos [HERE](#).





Click on image to PLAY the video!

13th Annual Luncheon & Auction

We express our gratitude to each person who joined us for this year's luncheon and auction! We praise the Lord for blessing this event in such a special way. Hannah Kerr led us in a beautiful time of worship and we were touched by the powerful message from Dr. Cleopas Chitapa. Diane also shared her vision for the coming year and the new videos were moving as well. Please mark your calendar to join us next year on **November 11, 2023!**

Click [HERE](#) to view the full recording of this year's luncheon. View our event photo album [HERE](#).

*Demonstrating God's love
in Bumine!*

Update From Liberia

Our Ministry Partner, Sister Jonel Weeks, and her team recently spent time ministering in the King's Farm Community and surrounding villages in Liberia. This community is densely populated and there are many orphans and teenage moms who haven't been able to receive an education.

They also visited the Liberia Christian Youth Mission which is an orphanage that houses 55 kids who are struggling due to poverty. The children are taught how to plant gardens and they sell the products to feed everyone at the home. The director was so happy because he didn't have money to buy shoes for the kids. The gift of shoes from Soles for Jesus was timely and a great blessing and many opened their hearts to receive salvation in Jesus! Please pray for these children as they grow in their faith and for all who have been ministered to during the ongoing shoe



*Dr. Cleopas Chitapa, Hannah & Jason,
and the SFJ Event Team*

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Living Word Lutheran Church-

Special thanks to Owen for making a delivery with his truck filled with fantastic shoes! We are grateful for the partnership with this wonderful church to touch lives in Africa.

distributions in Liberia. We praise the Lord for the harvest of souls and for the faithfulness of Sister Weeks and her team!

View more photos [HERE](#).



God is moving in Liberia!

A Child's Testimony

We received the following testimony from a child named Nthatsi in Lesotho. *"I thank Jesus very much who showed me His love. My heart was so bitter that at times I could not be happy or laugh but when I came to the shoe distribution and listened to the man talking about Jesus my heart changed. I am happy to be given a pair of shoes and the booklet that teaches me God's Word".*

Nthathisi's name means, "a pioneering spirit" and he is a



Owen delivering shoes to our warehouse.

Edward Jones - We appreciate businesses who give back to partner with us. Thank you to Michelle for organizing this collection of 1400 pairs of shoes and for bringing a great group to pack their shoes for Africa. Your support is giving people opportunities as they receive quality footwear!



Edward Jones group packing shoes.

Sandy Vigo's Community Shoe Drive -

natural born leader who is leading others to follow to Christ. Please keep him in your prayers, as well as Pastor Josias and his team in Lesotho.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these". Mark 10:14

View more photos [HERE](#).



God's love changes lives!

Blessings in Benin

In the community of ZÈ in the south of Benin there are many young people who have wounds on their feet that often lead to

We love seeing Sandy deliver shoes on a regular basis throughout the year. She always shares about the mission of SFJ with friends and neighbors and it's amazing how many shoes she brings from her local community!



Sandy delivering shoes.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Over 275 pairs of shoes were collected from St. Paul's Lutheran in Muskego! Thank you to all of the students, teachers and families who donated shoes to change lives in Africa. Your support is making a difference for many to receive quality shoes and the message of Jesus!

infections. Many people here walk barefoot to school and also to work in farms. By the grace of God our ministry partner, Pastor Sunday Avla, was able to preach God's Word and also distribute shoes.

This act of love paved the way for the Gospel to be preached and many hearts were softened to receive the gift of salvation in Jesus. Please keep Pastor Sunday and his team in your prayers as they have exciting outreach plans for the Christmas season.

View more photos [HERE](#).



Hearts responding to Jesus in Benin!

DRC East Shipment

We are thrilled to share that our shipment to the



Thank You
St. Paul's shoe delivery.

Shoe Drive from Northern WI - We appreciate Jean for collecting shoes from family and friends in Northern WI. Jean was a part of Team Zambia in 2018 and she's seen first-hand the impact of shoes and the Gospel in radically transforming lives. We are inspired by how she doesn't slow down at her age and she keeps moving forward to bless others any way that she can!



Jean's collection of shoes.

Democratic Republic of the Congo East has arrived! Our ministry partner, Pastor Sagesse, is ready with his team to begin shoe distributions. The Lord has given him a strategy to reach villages and places in great need of God's love and shoes. We look forward to sharing how this nation will be impacted for eternity!



Praise the Lord for this safe arrival!

Meet One of Our Partners



Meet our Every Home for

Volunteer of the Month!

We are thrilled to celebrate November's Volunteer of the Month, Roberta Pratt, during her Milestone Birthday Month. Congrats on 60 years! Roberta is a longtime, faithful supporter and we are so thankful for the many ways she shares her time, treasure, and talents with this ministry. It was so thoughtful of her to do a SFJ Facebook Fundraiser for her birthday and she also plays a huge role on our auction team each year.

By God's plan, Roberta met Diane after photographing her son at a youth basketball game many years ago. They connected on Facebook, which led Roberta to learn more about Soles For Jesus. She has been volunteering with SFJ for over seven years, collected thousands of pairs of shoes and has gone on two mission trips to Zambia and Tanzania! She will return to Africa again as part of our 2023 Botswana Mission Team. Roberta encourages others to consider hosting a shoe drive with their family, church, neighborhood or school as a fun and easy way to get involved.

Christ ministry partner in the Cabo Verde Islands, Emanuel Tavares Lopes Monteiro. He and his wife, Diva, have three children: son Emanuel and daughters Raquel and Jael. Emanuel is currently praying for more partners to join his team in mobilizing resources to expand the Kingdom of God in Cabo Verde. In the coming year, he hopes to train 44 new leaders who will plant the same number of new churches in rural areas. He sees these communities to be of greatest need but the most challenging to reach.

Recently, Emanuel and his team distributed shoes to a group of men who were picking through garbage at the local trash dump. They preached the Gospel to these men, and two of them accepted Jesus as their Savior. The gift of shoes allowed them to hear the message of Christ as they saw their needs met in a time of financial difficulty. As Emanuel so eloquently writes, *"They were seen as the rubbish of this world, but Christ made them children of the Most High God."*

In addition to volunteering regularly for SFJ, Roberta also gives her time to her local school district, as Sussex Hamilton High School's volunteer sports photographer. Photography is her passion – she especially loves photographing football games and having the opportunity to be on the sidelines, close to the action of the game. But perhaps her favorite person to take pictures of these days is her grandson, Greyson. Proud Grandma Roberta is certain that Greyson is the cutest grandson ever! God's blessings be upon you, Roberta!



Roberta & Greyson

Volunteer Opportunities SOS Events (Sort & Organize Shoes)

Join us by volunteering at a 2-hour SOS Event! You and your

Emanuel asks us to join him in prayer for the following:

- The conversion of his family members to become followers of Christ
- For the Lord to bring rain to Cabo Verde, as they continue to experience drought for almost 3 years
- For the successful completion of his wife's current education as well as construction of a school for children from poor families in their community
- Additional workers to expand the reach of the Gospel
- The health of their family and Emanuel's mother

Where in the World is Cabo Verde?



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.

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

January

Saturday, January 7th, 9-11am
Tuesday, January 10th, 6-8pm
Saturday, January 14th, 9-11am
Thursday, January 19th, 9-11am
Saturday, January 21st, 9-11am
Saturday, January 28th, 9-11am



Thank you, Grace Lutheran Ministries!

The country of Cabo Verde (Cape Verde) is made up of ten islands located off the western point of mainland Africa. The islands were previously uninhabited until colonized by the Portuguese in the 15th century. The nation gained independence from Portugal in 1975. Due to limited natural resources, the economy is mainly focused on services. The total population of the Cabo Verde islands is about 484,000 people of mixed African and European heritage, with the majority identifying as Roman Catholic.

While Cabo Verde is known to be one of the most developed and democratic African countries, EHC Ministry Director Emanuel Monteiro describes the affects of recent events on local families. *"Unfortunately, the issue of Covid-19, the war in Ukraine and almost 3 years of drought have greatly affected the people in the acquisition of food. Many families are in a food crisis with rising prices, rising anxiety, depression, and suicide. Not to mention that many divorces have taken*

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

place in the midst of all this."

We give thanks for the work Emanuel and his teams are doing to bring the love of Christ to those who are struggling, and we pray alongside them for redemptive healing.



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