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

Dear Friend,

As 2022 comes to a close, I want to give all glory and honor to our faithful God. He has done incredible things this year and we just sent our final shipment for a record-breaking year! Each soul saved is worth it and when someone encounters Jesus, everything changes. Only God can cause the leader of a voodoo village to donate his land for a Christian church to be built. This is happening right now and to God be the glory!

As we get ready to welcome in 2023, we are expectant for the New Year. We are filled with an urgency to keep following His lead regardless of how things look in the natural. This is not the time to cower in fear or doubt, but to stand firm on His

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Happy New Year From SFJ!



We wish you a blessed and fruitful 2023! May the peace of God guide you throughout this new year, and we look forward in joyful anticipation to all that He has planned.

"The steadfast love of the

promises. *"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea."* Be encouraged that regardless of what the future holds, He is holding you and He is trustworthy!

I invite you to watch our "2022 Year in Review Video" below to see how He is moving both here and throughout Africa. It is such an exciting time to share the Hope that we have and I thank you for being a part of this mission. We could not do this without the help and support of so many, and I sincerely thank each person for giving to the Lord. May God bless and guide you throughout this new year!

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer
Founder/Executive Director
Soles For Jesus

LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23



Some of our favorite photos from 2022!

Prayers For DRC

Please join us in prayer, as we lift up our dear partners in DRC East. They are currently experiencing turmoil and unrest in their country, as more and more people are fleeing their homes in North Kivu province due to persisting armed conflict.

We thank the Lord that the shoe distributions and outreaches are having a big impact and providing hope for the refugees. It was a great blessing for them to receive



Click on image to PLAY the video!

Year-End Giving: There Is Still Time!



Thank you to each person who has already given a gift this season! We are so grateful for your generosity and may God bless you abundantly.

To ensure 2022 eligibility for your gift, please remember the following:

- Donations made by Credit or Debit Card must be completed by 11:59PM on 12/31.
- You can donate online by visiting SolesForJesus.org, or clicking [HERE](#).

such an unexpected gift of shoes and to hear the message of God's love during this difficult time. The people were deeply moved by the compassion shown in the midst of such violence. Many of the new believers thanked the team for remembering them and asked to be water baptized when they heard it was the next step after salvation. Let us pray that the peace of God would reign over this nation and that many will continue to find Him as their Savior.

"He will respond to the prayer of the destitute; He will not despise their plea." Psalm 102:17

View more photos [HERE](#).



Let us pray for peace in DRC.

Thanks From Mozambique

- Mailed checks must be postmarked by tomorrow (12/31). You can also drop off your donation at our office until 5:00pm TODAY.

Thank you and God bless you!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Spring Creek Church- We are so grateful for the faithful support and partnership of Spring Creek Church in Pewaukee. Diane was invited to share during their missions window and was **surprised** with a check to cover our first shipment in 2023! What an incredible gift and encouragement. Lives will be changed for eternity because of their generosity and to God be the glory!

Godfrey Bhodyera, our Ministry Partner in Mozambique, shares:

"I would like to express our sincere gratitude to SFJ for the continued support they have given us over the years. The shoe distributions are a practical demonstration of the LOVE of Christ and this reaches across all political and cultural barriers. These demonstrations are engraved on people's hearts and have a ripple effect as they spread across the country winning communities for Christ. We thank all who support SFJ for your generosity and for making this a reality. I also love it when I see shoes with a hand-written note inside and this melts my heart. Please pray for us as we continue to reach out to the furthest and darkest parts of our nation transforming people one heart at a time. May the LORD bless you all and your households."

View more photos [HERE](#).



Diane sharing at Spring Creek Church.

Hamilton Boys Soccer Shoe Drive- Much thanks to the Sussex Hamilton Soccer Boys for the shoes they collected and congratulations to the team on a great season! Special thanks to Brenda for inviting other teams to join them and for organizing this shoe drive in honor of our friend, Roberta. They filled our warehouse bins with hundreds of pairs that will make a big difference for kids and adults across the globe!



God is moving in Mozambique!

Testimony From Benin

Living with a disability in rural Africa can be very difficult. Blind people are often abandoned by their families and must live in a "Blind Camp" where they are isolated and lose hope. December 3rd is known as the "International Day of Persons with Disabilities" and our partner Rev. Avla visited one of these camps in Benin to share a Christmas message of hope in Jesus Christ and to distribute shoes. The precious gift of shoes brought great joy in the midst of despair, as this was the first time that many of these men and women have felt the love of God. Please pray that many more will continue to put their faith in Jesus.



Thanks Sussex Hamilton Boys Soccer!

Waukesha Sports Cards Shoe Drive -

Thank you to our dear friend, Becca, for organizing a shoe drive at Waukesha Sports Cards. Becca joined us on our eSwatini mission trip and she knows how effective shoes are in sharing God's love. Over 280 pairs were donated and we're so grateful for their community support!

View more photos [HERE](#).

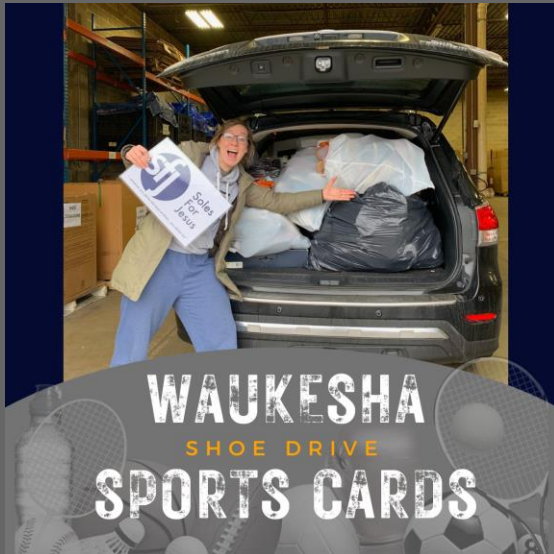


Sharing God's Love with ALL in Benin!

The Gift of Jesus in Burkina Faso

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father." James 1:17

What is better than the gift of Jesus? Our partner in Burkina Faso, Pastor Lompo, recently shared the gift of Jesus along with shoes in a village called Sakoula. Many people from the surrounding area came to the outreach, including people with various religious backgrounds. A young Muslim man was surprised that the message of Jesus and the gift of shoes was shared with each person,



Becca delivering shoes at our warehouse.

Crossroads Christian Fellowship Reformed Church in Iowa

- We are so thankful for this Father/Son team who continues to make a great impact! Shawn organized a shoe drive and collected 375 pairs of shoes from his church in Iowa; then Craig made the delivery to our warehouse in Milwaukee. Thank you both for your teamwork and every pair of shoes will be a true gift of hope as Jesus is shared!

without distinction, and that nothing was required in return. This kind of love softened even the hardest of hearts and many received salvation in Jesus! Please pray for the church in Sakoula, and that God would strengthen their faith and increase their number daily.

"Freely you have received, freely give." Matthew 10:8

View more photos [HERE](#).



Hearing about Jesus in Burkina Faso

Meet One of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ ministry partner in Ghana, Rev. Ebow Godsaye-Simpson.

As an adolescent, Ebow was



Shawn with the shoes in Craig's truck.

Thirsty Duck Annual Christmas Shoe Drive -

Thank you to the Thirsty Duck in Sussex and the Band for hosting their Annual Charity Shoe Drive. We are thankful for the 160 pairs of shoes collected to touch lives in Africa. Your contribution is making a difference!



led to Jesus by a mentor during a difficult time in his childhood. *"I was a bitter and angry young boy because I was mocked continually by my siblings for my poor performance in school. Though I was quiet and reserved, an older student decided to mentor me. It was through this relationship that he shared the Gospel with me and subsequently helped me grow to know and love the Lord."* Much like how his own life was changed by a great mentor, Ebow has since sought to grow his ministry in Ghana to become a place for discipleship teaching - with the goal of then *"releasing gifted men and women for the great harvest of souls!"*

In the coming year, Ebow plans to conduct an evangelism conference in six of the 16 regions of Ghana. He desires to engage these trained discipleship volunteers to help the poor and needy in deprived communities around their country. He recalls one such encounter with those in need after distributing shoes in Asasekokor, a rural farming village. *"On our way back, we saw two children -- one had*

Thank you all for making an impact!

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.

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

February

Thursday, February 2nd, 9-

slippers as shoes and the other had no shoes on her feet at all. We shared the message of God's Love in a simple way that they would understand and then blessed them with a gift of shoes. We were even able to select a pair of shoes that matched the color of the little girl's dress." We give thanks to God for providing us with opportunities to show love and dignity to all people of all ages!

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

- That his children who are studying abroad will continue to serve the Lord and walk diligently with Him during this time.
- For God to open more avenues for partnerships with churches in all 16 regions of Ghana
- That God will provide for the basic needs of those in Ghana during a time of rampant increases in food prices and costs of living

We pray God's blessing over Ebow, his wife Camilla, their three adult children (Kuby, Hallel, Kobby), and his team

11am **FULL**

Saturday, February 4th, 9-11am

Saturday, February 11th, 9-11am **FULL**

Thursday, February 16th, 9-11am

Saturday, February 18th, 9-11am

Saturday, February 25th, 9-11am



*Thank you to Journey Church
for serving!*

"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

at Every Home for Christ
Ghana!

Where in the World is Ghana?



The Republic of Ghana is located in West Africa, along the shores of the Atlantic Ocean. It is bordered by the countries of Togo, Ivory Coast, and Burkina Faso. Lying near the equator, Ghana has a warm climate with coastal, forest, and savanna landscapes. Ghana is home to nearly 31 million people, and more than half of the population is employed by the agriculture, forestry, and fishing industries. High-quality cacao is a major export for the growing economy, along with mining of minerals such as gold, diamonds, manganese, and bauxite (an aluminum

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.

Join Our Prayer Team!

If you would like to be a part of our Prayer Team, email us at info@SolesForJesus.org.

We will send you our bi-monthly prayer newsletter, so that you can join us in united prayer from the comfort of your home! The new year is a great time to join us and you'll be blessed by the devotionals as well.

ore). Ghana has developed a strong education system and about 75% of the adult population is literate. Religions of the area include Christianity, Islam, and mixed traditional practices.

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