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

Dear Friend,

The Lord continues to do incredible Donate Now amazing Contact Us things through our Ministry Partners. These men and women are fully committed to taking His Word to those who need it most. I just received reports and Weeks videos from Sister Liberia and their Christmas Outreach project. I want to share one video with you (below) that provides a great snapshot of all that is happening here.

Sister Weeks shared, "During the project period of October January, we reached over 6,000 Liberians with the Word of God and shoes, including less privileged orphans and the most vulnerable citizens in hard-to-reach villages & communities. Most parents do not have money to buy shoes and many kids and adults were suffering from feet sores and pains.

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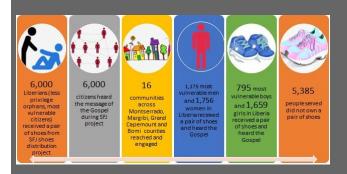
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SAVE the Date! 11/11/23



We are excited to announce our 14th Annual Luncheon & Auction will take place on Saturday, November 11th, Brookfield **2023** at the Conference Center. Please add this date to your calendar and we would

5,385 served did not own a pair of shoes. 1,175 of the most vulnerable men and 1,756 women were served, along with 795 most vulnerable boys and 1,659 girls all received a pair of shoes and heard the Gospel during these Outreaches.



Many gave their hearts to Jesus and continue to come to church! The project covered a total of 16 communities across Montserrado, Margibi, Grand Capemount and Bomi counties. God is moving in these villages and we pray God's blessings over Soles For Jesus and all who gave to help bring the precious gift of shoes to our Christmas Outreaches!"

To God be the glory and thank you for helping people find new life in Jesus! This is what motivates me every day and it's a joy to partner with you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Diane Studer Founder/Executive Director love to see you there! It is promised to be a special day of worship, testimony, and celebration of all that God is doing here and in Africa.

VIEW our Highlight Video from last year's event by clicking on this photo:



Click on photo for Video

Botswana Is On The Way

Praise the Lord that our Botswana mission trip shipment is on its way! A few weeks ago, members of our Mission Team were able to come together and pray over this shipment before its departure. This crew has been patiently waiting for several years, and we believe that God has extraordinary plans to bless the people of Botswana. We can't wait to see how God will use this team to share His love!

View more photos **HERE**.



Click on image to view video!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Spring Creek Church "Kids Creek"-

We'd like to give a big shout-out to our KidsCreek friends who created these beautiful cards to send with shipment our going Mozambique! The messages are written in Portuguese so that each person who reads them will reminded that they are loved Jesus. May God bless these young artists and the people beautiful of Mozambique.



God Bless Botswana! (Not Pictured: Cynthia P, Nicole, Kasey, David & Jacob)

A Harvest In Guinea

We were excited to receive testimonies from our Ministry Partner, Pastor David, who traveled to the remote village of Tamara to share the Gospel message and the love of Jesus at several shoe distributions. He shares that many in this remote area of Guinea are responding with joy to know about Jesus and to receive the gift of salvation and shoes. We thank God that every place on earth will be reached with the love of Jesus, one village at a time. Please join us in praying for the people of Tamara.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his



Precious notes written in Portuguese.

Milwaukee Sting Volleyball Club - We appreciate the families of Milwaukee Sting and the 12 Gold Team for collecting over 200 pairs of shoes for Africa! Your willingness to give back is making a huge difference for people across the world and we're so thankful.



Thank you, Milwaukee Sting!

harvest." Matthew 9:36-38

View more photos **HERE**.



Thank God for the Harvest in Guinea!

First Touch in Togo

After many years of praying, our first shipment to Togo has just arrived and is being distributed! It is with great iov that we received testimonies from the outreaches of our Ministry Partner, Pastor Avla. Since December 15th his team has been going from village to village, reaching as many people as possible with the word of salvation in Jesus. The shoes have also been great door openers while visiting the needy in orphanages and schools. We thank God that not only are many of the children receiving Jesus, but many of the teachers are as well! Please pray that many more will continue follow Jesus as their Savior.

Girl Scouts Troop 11059 - Thank you to these smiling Brownies from Troop 11059 who worked together to collect shoes for Africa. They set a goal and far exceeded it by gathering 336 pairs!



Great work, Troop 11059!

Sussex Hamilton High School - Thank you Hamilton High School for donating another 120 pairs of shoes that will help bring hope to many in Africa. What a fun photo and let's GO, HHS! We appreciate your support and partnership.

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Sharing God's love with ALL in Togo!

Update From Eswatini

Our Ministry Partner, Pastor Joseph, has recently been distributing shoes and sharing the Gospel with the people in Madlangempisi, an area of Eswatini where there is dire need. The winter season is an especially difficult time for many who don't have shoes or are wearing extremely worn out shoes. Joseph shared that over 200 people received a message of God's love through salvation, foot-washing, and the gift of shoes. Every person went home with a smile on their face! We thank Jesus for bringing joy to the brokenhearted and hope the crushed in spirit.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalms 34:



Shoes from Hamilton High School

Volunteers of the Month

We are thrilled to honor Cordell & Joyce Gholson as our January Volunteers of the Month! Gholsons have been volunteering for 11 years and we are so thankful for the hard work and JOY they bring to the warehouse each month as SOS leaders. Joyce shares, "After our first shoe sort, we were hooked! The passion to serve Christ through SFJ would become part of our family."

For those considering volunteering, the Gholsons believe that you will find the experience to he worthwhile one. "We could not imagine not owning a pair of shoes. Knowing you are helping to change the quality of life for many people in Africa and sharing with them the message that Christ loves them is so rewarding." In their free time, Cordell & Joyce enjoy gardening,

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View more photos **HERE**.



Washing feet in Eswatini

Shipment to Uganda

We are thrilled to send another shipment to Uganda! It has been 6 years since our last shipment, and we give thanks to the Lord for the beautiful work He is doing in the nation of Uganda. Much thanks to each person who has donated and helped pack these 8,000 pairs of shoes. We could not do this without your faithful support!

Please join us in praying for the harvest as our ministry partner, Doreen, and her team share the sports, spending time with family & friends, and traveling. They are truly a blessing to this ministry and we thank them for their hearts of service!

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Joyce and Cordell Gholson

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

Gospel message and distribute these shoes. God bless them all and may their efforts are fruitful.

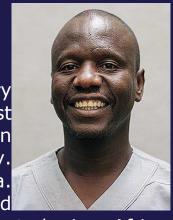
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Blessings to the people of Uganda!

Meet One of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ Ministry Partner in Botswana, Rev. Tanga Chawora. Tanga was raised



in a family rooted in African traditional beliefs and was initiated into the worship of medium spirits at a young age. As a teen, Tanga came 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.

February

Thursday, February 2nd, 9-11am **FULL** Saturday, February 4th, 9-11am Saturday, February 11th, 9-11am **FULL** Thursday, February 16th, 9-11am Saturday, February 18th, 9-11am **FULL** Saturday, February 25th, 9-11am

March

Saturday, March 4th, 9-11am Saturday, March 11th, 9-11am Thursday, March 16th, 6-8pm Saturday, March 18th, 9-11am *FULL* Thursday, March 23rd, 9-11am Saturday, March 25th, 9-11am



Thank you Triun3 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

upon a crusade taking place in his neighborhood. "I remember suddenly finding myself in front of the preacher, kneeling with tears running down my cheeks, and I was ready to give my life to Jesus. Now I can't even imagine my life without Jesus! He is everything to me."

Today, Tanga leads the EHC Ministry Team in Botswana and is working to establish an EHC office in each of the nine districts of the country. He also plans to train 1,000 people evangelism and discipleship this year! Tanga has witnessed changed by the Gospel message shared at shoe distributions Botswana; much like his own life was changed at the neighborhood crusade years ago. Recently, young man named Bokang made the decision follow Jesus to receiving the gift of shoes. Bokang was to be initiated as a witch doctor in his village, but instead he now shares the message of Jesus' love with others.

We are thankful for the work of Tanga and his team. We pray for God's blessing over Tanga, his wife Fungai, and everyone at EHC Botswana. Tanga asks us to also join him in prayer for the following:

 That God may continue to open opportunities for ministry all around Botswana 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 Please contact adults. Yenh@SolesForJesus.org or bv calling (414)365-1392 to sign-up.

SFJ Shoe Collection Sites

We thankful are SO for our Collection Sites throughout Wisconsin and across the U.S. that collect shoes year-round! We are always praying to expand our reach across the state and nation, so if you are interested in becoming a Collection Site please reach out for more information by calling 414by 365-1392 emailina or Info@SolesForJesus.org.

Click on the map below to VIEW the current list of Collection Sites and find one in your area.

 For the prosperity of daily labors to sustain the physical and financial needs of Tanga and his family

Where in the World is Botswana?



Botswana, meaning "Land of the Tswana", is an inland country of Southern Africa and home to 2.3 million people. Approximately the size of France, Botswana is largely covered by the Kalahari Desert. In 1966, Botswana gained independence from British colonial rule and today remains oldest democracy. Since that time, a fast-growing economy has helped to improve the living standards for though many people; rural households are often unable



generate enough resources to meet their needs and are thus reliant on income brought in by a family member who has moved to an urban area for work. While half of the population identifies as Christian, indigenous traditions and medical practices are often incorporated into religious beliefs. We pray for God's blessing over the nation of Botswana in the name of Jesus!

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