Soles For Jesus Newsletter

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

Dear Friend,

Photos like these remind me Donate Now why we will always share Contact Us Jesus with every pair of Email Us shoes. When I saw this scene and testimony below, my moved with heart was compassion. I'd love to be on this hill to celebrate these lives being made new!

In the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), many are coming to Christ even as conflict and fighting are ongoing. Pastor Daniel shared, "The gospel is being preached powerfully and some don't want to wait to get baptized! Even in stagnant waters they grab the opportunity!"

Shoes are a bridge to sharing the love of Jesus —and this

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Stroll For Soles on June 24th



You are invited to join us for our "Stroll For Soles" at Fox River Park in Waukesha. At this family-friendly event, vou can choose a 1 or 2 mile route leads to so much more. We get to partner with those who are on the front lines; and entire villages and communities are being transformed by salvation in Jesus.

To God be the glory for all that He is doing throughout the **world**. A massive awakening is taking place here and across the nations, as hearts are being stirred with a hunger for the Lord. Let's be a part of what He is doing and it's a joy to partner with you until all have heard.

Sincerely in Christ,

Diane Studer

Founder/Executive Director Soles For Jesus



in honor of the lives we are serving in Africa. The walking routes are wheelchair and stroll accessible. Your registration includes a t-shirt, food trucks, parking, and plenty of activities for kids (all for no extra charge). Registration opens with 'Early Bird Pricing' on March 30th for individuals, families, and teams - so start planning your group today!

Sponsorship Opportunities:

Gold, Silver, and Bronze level sponsorships are available. Click HERE to learn more about this great opportunity support the mission of Soles For Jesus! We appreciate each business and individual who will help make this event possible. Please contact Diane for more information at Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org.

CLICK image below to VIEW our Highlight Video:



2022 Stroll For Soles VIDEO

Salvations and baptisms in DRC East.

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

St. Lutheran Marcus & School- Special Church thanks to Ms. Daffner and her 4th grade class for collecting over 200 pairs of shoes. Your kindness is making а bia difference in Africa, and so many kids and adults will be impacted with these shoes!



Ms. Daffner and her students.

Fox **Point** Lutheran Church- Over 225 pairs of been delivered shoes have Point Lutheran from Fox isn't done yet! Thank you, Lori Pastor Julio, continues to share

Mozambique Is On The Wav

We are grateful to partner with World Missionary Press again to send a 40-foot container filled with Gospel literature and shoes to Mozambique. Please join us in praying for Brother Godfrey and his team, as they have exciting plans to fulfill God's great commission in this beautiful nation.

View more photos HERE.



Sent with love & prayers to Mozambique!

Testimony From Guinea Bissau

Lives are being transformed by the power of God's love every Church and their shoe drive day. Our ministry partner,

and friends, for organizing this shoe drive and for the many families who helped make it a great success. Lives in Africa will never be the same because you gave.



Thank you Fox Point Lutheran Church.

MKE Parkside School Of The Arts - We love these View more photos HERE. smiles from the sweet kindergarten class of Ms. Maxwell. They collected over 500 of shoes pairs celebrate their, "100th day of school"! Great job to everyone for blessing so many lives in Africa with these great shoes!

the love of Jesus in Guinea Bissau. Julio and his team have recently visited the village of Tchakal, where there are many farming families who practice idolatry. We praise God that when Julio and his team arrived with the gifts of shoes, they were welcomed into the community. As they shared the Good News, many people received the message of Jesus and gave their lives to Him.

"But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, FREEDOM." there is Corinthians 3:16-17



Demonstrating God's love.

Visiting Lesotho **Homes in**



Ms. Maxwell's students counting shoes.

Lakeview Christian Life Church, PA - Hundreds of shoes have been piling up at Lakeview Christian Life and we're thankful for each person who gave. We could not fulfill our mission without the help of churches near and far to help share His love in Africa through the gift of shoes!



Thank you Lakeview Christian Life Church.

We thank God for our ministry partner, Pastor Josias, and his wonderful team in Lesotho who have been visiting people doorto-door with the love of Jesus. Through their efforts, they have been bringing shoes and the Gospel to many who are unable to leave their homes. These men and women were delighted to be remembered and many accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. Please keep these people in your prayers so they may continue to grow in Christ.

"Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor." - I Corinthians 10:24

View more photos **HERE**.



Sharing God's love door to

door!

Moines Christian Des School, Iowa - The amazing families and staff of Des Moines Christian School in Urbandale, Iowa, have kicked their 4th Shoe off Drive! Diane loved ioining the via students and teachers Zoom for their chapel service. We are so grateful for this faith-filled community that is eager to share the love of Jesus with the people of Africa!



Chapel Zoom Call with Diane.

Celebrating Our SOS Leaders

We thank the Lord for these amazing leaders who host SOS Volunteer Events in our warehouse to "Sort & Organize Shoes". Their leadership helps make every shipment possible and we

Salvations in Sao Tome

We are blessed to have a ministry partner like **Pastor** Carlos in Sao Tome, whose team recently spent three days ministering in the Me-zochi district. This area has a large population of people living in poverty. extreme families struggle with getting daily food, let alone shoes. For three days the team tirelessly attended to the needs of men, women, and especially street children and orphans. people deeply The were touched by the gift of God's love and the preaching of His Word. We praise God for the 128 people who gave their lives to Jesus and who continue to be discipled in this community!

"For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another." – I John 3:11

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

could not ship 8,000 pairs of shoes each month without them!

Last week, we had the privilege of honoring and celebrating this special group at an appreciation dinner. We pray God's blessing over each of the families represented here and those who were unable to join us. Thank you the Lord for serving and others so faithfully!



We love our SOS Leaders!

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



128 people said YES to Jesus on this day!

Meet One of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ Ministry Partner in



Benin and Togo, Rev. Sunday Avla. Pastor Sunday and his wife, Veronique, have two children: David (17) and Edudji (1). The message of the Gospel was shared with Pastor Sunday during a time when he was living a worldly life. Two months later, the same friend who first told him of Jesus' love also invited Sunday to a youth conference. During that conference, Sunday said, "I

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.

March

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

April

Saturday, April 1st, 9-11am Thursday, April 13th, 9-11am Saturday, April 15th, 9-11am Tuesday, April 18th, 6-8pm Saturday, April 22nd, 9-11am Saturday, April 29th, 9-11am



Thank you Brookfield Christian School

"Business Hours" SOS: Volunteers can also come during weekdays to pack was finding myself in the Word of God and in fact that pastor was preaching my life. Afterward, my friend took me to the pastor and he prayed for me. Two years later, I became a follower of Christ".

Today, Pastor Sunday shares the Gospel in both Benin and Togo. The northern region of has Togo recently been impacted by terrorism, posing a challenge to his teams as they seek to spread the love of Jesus in these areas. By God's grace, they hope to start 20 new churches in the northern part of Benin this year and ask us to pray for peace and open accomplish to doors Despite these issues, Sunday is encouraged by the words of I Thessalonians 5:24 "The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it."

Please join us in prayer for these additional needs:

- For total physical healing of Sunday's wife, Veronique
- God's provision over his family and ministry, including the purchase of land and further growth of their music worship ministry.

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 organize and pack shoes for Africa is a rewarding, 2-hour, team building opportunity for adults. vouth and Please contact

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

"For God so loved The world That he gave his one and only son, That whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

- John 3:16

Your Donation Impacts
Lives

 That new Christ followers in Benin and Togo will be rooted in the Lord as they grow in faith

Where in the World is Togo?



Togo is a small coastal nation of West Africa bordered by the countries of Benin, Ghana, and Burkina Faso. Smaller than the land area of West Virginia, Togo is home to nearly 8 million people. Prior to gaining independence in 1960, Togo by France (and was ruled previously Germany) and French remains the official language of the country. Togo is rich in natural resources, which is reflected in a largely agricultural economy.

Or By Mail:

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Approximately one-third of the population observes traditional African religious practices, and they also have one of the highest concentrations of voodoo communities in Africa. We were thrilled to send our first shipment to Togo last year and life-changing ministry is taking place. Please join us in prayer for the beautiful people of Togo.

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