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

Dear Friend,

Have you ever waited a long time for something? Our Botswana Mission Team certainly has! May of 2020 was when we were supposed to go to Botswana and suddenly the world shut down. Our shipment of shoes was already there waiting for us and we were so happy that our partner could still share those shoes at such a desperate time. During these 3 years of waiting, SFJ still sent a shipment of 8,000 pairs of shoes every month to our partners in Africa.

Now it's finally time for us to go in just a few days! The wait has been worth it and this team has been resilient and steadfast. They never stopped praying, believing, and one team member even refused to unpack her suitcase after all of this time. Would you please pray for us as we get to be the hands and feet

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Stroll For Soles on June 24th

REGISTER HERE

Registration is OPEN for our Stroll For Soles which will take place on **Saturday, June 24th** @11am. This is a fun summer event for families and friends, and you don't want to miss it! Out-of-state friends: don't forget about our "*Stroll Across America Challenge*" (more details below)!

of Jesus? My heart is bursting with joy to finally return to the beautiful people of Africa. That's what this is all about — Jesus and people! This team will fall in love with the amazing people of Botswana and we can't wait to be a part of all that God is doing there.

Please take a moment to consider joining us for our summer stroll. This year you can join us locally or from your own state and you can read more about this here. We'd love to light up this map of our country and have friends join us from all over. I can't wait to see those who are able to join us locally as we enjoy a stroll and lunch together from the food trucks. Thank you for your support of all that He is doing through Soles For Jesus and God bless you!

Sincerely in Christ,

Diane Studer

Founder/Executive Director
Soles For Jesus

In-person attendees: food trucks, t-shirts, parking pass, fun activities and games are all INCLUDED with your registration, for no extra charge! Choose a 1 or 2 mile scenic route at Fox River Park in Waukesha; and you can walk, roll, jog or push a stroller. Lunch and games will be waiting for you once you cross the finish line. Click the button above for more info and to register yourself, family or team!



*Click to watch 2022
Highlight Video!*

"Stroll Across America Challenge": Check out the map below to see how many states have registered so far! We are very excited to spread the word about Soles For Jesus to new areas of the United States. Please help



*Team Botswana, our shipment & a hat
to prove how long we've been
waiting! :)*

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Blake from Christian Life School, WI- Thank you, Blake, for coordinating a successful shoe drive for us! These great shoes will help so many kids and adults in Africa, and they also get to hear the Good News. God bless you for helping us share His love!

us light up your state by registering today! Be sure to choose our discounted Off-Site Registration (just to cover shirts & shipping).

STROLL ACROSS AMERICA



*Please join us from your
state!*

Shipment to Burkina Faso

We are thrilled to send another shipment to Burkina Faso and this is our fourth shipment since 2016. We give thanks to God and to each person who has donated shoes and the funds to help send these 8,000 pairs. We could not do this without your faithful support!

Please join us in praying for the harvest as our Ministry Director, Pastor

Thank
you
Blake!



Thank you, Blake!

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, IL- Thank you, Jerry, for delivering 125 pairs of shoes from Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Illinois. Every pair of shoes will make a huge difference in someone's life in Africa. Because of faithful supporters like Jerry and his family, we can advance our mission of sharing the love of Jesus!

Thank You
Jerry!

Christ Our Savior
Lutheran Church



Robert Lompo, and his team share the Gospel message and distribute these shoes. We are thrilled to partner with them in the beautiful work the Lord is doing in Burkina Faso. We pray God's blessings over them and that all of their efforts are fruitful.

View more photos [HERE](#).



*With love & prayers
to **Burkina Faso!***

Testimony from the Democratic Republic of Congo

"My Name is Desiré Mikambo and I am a resident of Buzi South-Kivu in the Democratic Republic of Congo. I once

Thank you so much, Jerry!

New Collection Site, WI- Thank you, Thirsty Duck in Sussex, for being a location where people can drop off their shoes! Thank you for your support of our mission. We also appreciate your gift from Bingo night to help ship your shoes!



New Collection Site in Sussex!

Delivery from Iowa- Thank you, Shawn, for this amazing delivery of over 3,000 pairs of shoes from Des Moines Christian School. We also want to thank all of the staff and students who helped make this third shoe drive at DMCS possible. Your heart to reach the lost and build a lasting legacy through the Gospel is so inspiring to us all!

struggled with addiction and it led me to a life of disorder. My messy life had not allowed me to take care of my family or even think about them to the point that my wife and all my children abandoned me.

On March 11, 2023, a team of people came to my door and were giving away shoes for free. Before they gave them, they first preached the word that touched me and I understood that it was for me that these people had come to our village. The message really touched me and I felt a change in my heart that told me that I must give myself completely to Jesus Christ. Today I am already under the supervision of disciples in my local church.

Every time I see these shoes and wear them, I thank God for my salvation because these shoes are part of my story and conversion to the Lord Jesus Christ."



Amazing delivery from DMCS in Iowa!

Covenant Life Church, MI- God bless these precious kids in Michigan for having a Barefoot Sunday and shoe drive to help share God's love in Africa! We are especially grateful to Annie and Craig for making this great delivery possible.



Thank you, Covenant Life Church!

World Impact Ministries, WI -
Thank you, World Impact Ministries,

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Finding salvation in Jesus!

Finding Jesus in Cabo Verde

This testimony comes from a woman affectionately known by many as "grandma" in Praia, Cabo Verde.

Grandma was having difficulties and she was losing all hope. But one day God answered her prayers for a new pair of shoes when our Ministry Director, Pastor Emanuel, arrived. With the gift of shoes she opened her heart to the Gospel and then her children and grandchildren also found Jesus. They all attend a

for your faithful partnership and for inviting Diane to share last Sunday. We are so grateful for your love and support and may God continue to bless you all!



Diane sharing at World Impact Ministries.

Volunteer of the Month!

We honor Laurel Breit as our April Volunteer of the Month! In the Fall of 2022, Diane was a guest speaker for the Senior Luncheon at CrossWay Church in Germantown, Wisconsin, where Laurel is a member. After learning about the mission of Soles For Jesus, Laurel attended her first SOS (Sort & Organize Shoes) Event. She shared, *"SFJ struck me as a real concrete way to participate in being the hands and feet of Jesus"*. We are thankful she has continued to serve with us as a dedicated daytime volunteer!



Bible study group together and are growing in their new faith. Praise the Lord and may God continue to increase His Kingdom in Cabo Verde.

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." Isaiah 40:31

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God answered her prayer just in time!

Update From Chad

Our Ministry Director in Chad, Pastor Osee, continues to bring joy and hope to many villages by sharing the Gospel and freely distributing shoes to families in need. The

Laurel's passion for serving also blesses many others in her community: animals and humans alike! She opens her home to foster dogs and is also training to become an Adoption Counselor for the Washington County Humane Society. After spending 50 years working in the medical field, she continues to volunteer in healthcare by giving educational presentations. Laurel has adult twin daughters as well as a grandson and granddaughter – of whom she says, *"God has blessed me richly!"* Thank you, Laurel, for also being a blessing to this ministry!

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.

love of Jesus is well received and he is being met with open arms and grateful hearts. Please pray for the peace of God to rule in this region of Africa and that these villages will continue to follow Jesus.

"Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Luke 10:2

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Sharing the love of Jesus!

Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

Meet our Every Home For Christ Ministry Director in Burkina Faso, Pastor Kangbaliba Robert Lompo. Robert and his

May

Saturday, May 6th, 9-11am **FULL**

Tuesday, May 9th, 6-8pm **FULL**

Thursday, May 11th, 9-11am

Saturday, May 20th, 9-11am **FULL**

Tuesday, May 23rd, 6-8pm **FULL**

Wednesday, May 24th, 9-11am

FULL

Thursday, May 25th, 1-3pm

Saturday, May 27th, 9-11am

June

Saturday, June 3rd, 9-11am

Saturday, June 10th, 9-11am

Monday, June 12th, 1:30-3:30pm

Tuesday, June 13th, 6-8pm

Wednesday, June 14th, 9-11am

Saturday, June 17th, 9-11am

Wednesday, June 21st, 1:30-3:30pm



Thank you, Shorepoint Church!

"Business Hours" SOS:

Volunteers can also come during weekdays to pack shoes (Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm). Come and sort shoes

wife, Georgette, are blessed with five adult children. In the face of increasing unrest and terrorist attacks plaguing the nation of Burkina Faso, Robert and his team continue to faithfully share the Gospel. He shares that over two million people have been displaced in Burkina Faso and hundreds of churches closed, some even set on fire. Despite this discouraging situation, Robert is seeking to train and equip over 3,500 volunteers to reach 360,000 homes this year in the name of Jesus Christ! His team is also engaging in new strategies, like social media, to reach more youths and teenagers.

Brother Robert asks us to join him in prayer for the following:

- For the security of the team in the field
- That God will bless His Word in the hearts of the people, to bear fruit for their salvation

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.

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- Provision of a good, reliable car to allow movement of the team around the country in order reach ministry goals, as public transportation is not available in many areas.

Where in the World is Burkina Faso?



Burkina Faso is a landlocked country located in West Africa. Approximately the size of Colorado, Burkina Faso is surrounded by the nations of Mali, Niger, Benin, Togo, Ghana, and Ivory Coast. It is home to over 22 million people (known as Burkinabé), an estimated 64% of which

practice Islam. Economically, the nation is considered one of the top 10 most undeveloped countries of the world. Natural resources are limited, and droughts further affect agriculture and livestock. These difficult economic conditions have prompted nearly 1/3 of the workforce to migrate to neighboring countries for employment. More than 40% of the population lives below the poverty line. In recent years, political crisis and an increasing number of terrorist attacks against civilians have heavily impacted this country. Please join us as we lift up the nation of Burkina Faso. Let us pray for the Gospel message to be heard by many and that lives will be changed by the love of Jesus during these difficult times!