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

Dear Friend,

We serve an amazing God! He continues to place His extraordinary on our ordinary, when we submit it to Him. Just like the boy with the loaves and fish, it wasn't much until he placed it in the hands of Jesus. In the same way, it is exciting to see how the Lord continues to use the gift of shoes along with foot washing and sharing salvation in Jesus to transform lives. You can see a brief snapshot of the ministry in action with this short video from our last trip. To God be the glory for each life that chooses to follow Jesus and continues to be disciples!

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THANK YOU For Joining Us at Stroll For Soles!



Last weekend at our Stroll For Soles Event, we celebrated our 100th shipment, which will be going to Liberia. As I remember back to that first shipment of shoes and the many hardships we faced, I am reminded that He has always been the One making a way and pushing this mission forward. After He downloaded the vision in my heart, it felt impossible at first. But He continues to make it happen and He blazes a trail through every obstacle! He is blessing this work because we are sharing salvation in Jesus and lives are being set FREE.

After seeking the Lord in prayer, we chose to send our 100th shipment to Liberia. Liberia means, "the free land" and the Lord is doing an incredible work in the most needy areas of this nation through Sister Jonel and her team. Liberia gained independence in 1847 and became an outpost for freed slaves from the Americas. As we placed our hands on this

We are grateful for each person who came to stroll with us! It was a beautiful day and we sincerely thank our Sponsors for their support to help make this event a success. It was extra special to also celebrate our 100th SHIPMENT with so many of the people who have made this mission possible over the years. View more photos from Stroll For Soles 2023 [HERE](#).



Thank you, Event Sponsors!

"Stroll Across America Challenge!"

We appreciate our friends from around the United States who strolled with us from their own state. Please continue sending your photos to

shipment to pray over it, we declared in faith FREEDOM for the captives and that blind eyes will be opened to the Truth of His Word. This 40-foot container is twice the size of our usual shipments, and it's filled with shoes, Bibles and gospel booklets printed in their languages. As many of us celebrate our nation's freedom in a few days, would you join us in prayer for the nation of Liberia and that many souls will be awakened to freedom in Jesus?

Thank you for being a part of what the Lord is doing through Soles For Jesus and may God bless you!

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer

Founder/Executive Director
Soles For Jesus

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We thank you for your support!



Thanks to the Thacker Family in Iowa!

14th Annual Luncheon & Auction



Ticket sales will go **LIVE** on



Click image to see what God is doing!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Heil Family and FUMC, WI - Over 1100 pairs of shoes filled this trailer from the Heil Family and First United Methodist Church in Green Bay! We are beyond grateful to this youth group for also doing a fantastic job of serving and packing shoes in our warehouse. The Heils have faithfully organized shoe drives at their church and in their neighborhood for 12 years. They are amazing and God bless you all!

August 17th at 8am, so please mark your calendar! You will be able to purchase your table on our website or by calling 414-365-1392. Tables are assigned in the order that they are purchased, so be sure to act fast and we are very excited for you to join us. This will be a special event that you don't want to miss!

Event

Sponsorships:

Sponsorships are available now for this year's event. Invitations will be printed soon and we'd love to add your name to the cover as a Platinum or Gold Sponsor. As an event sponsor, your name or business will be recognized through printed material, social media, company signage and honored at our event. If you'd like to be a sponsor, please contact Diane for more info at DStuder@SolesForJesus.org.

Auction items: We are extremely grateful for those who donate items to our silent auction! Fun packages like weekend get-aways and vacations, gift baskets, and sports/event tickets are all great items for guests to bid on. We also appreciate creative ideas for services, items, or 'experiences' (i.e.: boat tours or gourmet dinners). Your business and item will be listed in our event program



Thank you, Heil family & FUMC!

Crossroads Church, Indiana- We are grateful to receive over 1200 pairs of shoes from this wonderful church family and we also extend special thanks to our Indiana State Rep, Steve Klinger, for coordinating this shoe drive. Thank you, Crossroads Church, for demonstrating compassion and God's love in a mighty way!

and we will acknowledge your tax-deductible donation after the event. For more info or to donate, please contact Nicole at NJenkins@SolesForJesus.org. Thank you for your support!



100th Shipment to Africa!

We praise the Lord as we celebrate our 100th shipment of shoes on its way to Africa! To God be the glory, for over 750,000 pairs of shoes have been sent to 32 countries in Africa since 2010. Our Ministry Director in Liberia, Sister Jonel Weeks, is excited to minister and be the hands and feet of Jesus with her team when they receive this special shipment. Please join us in praying for this precious cargo as it goes by land and sea to reach thousands for Jesus!

View more photos [HERE](#).



Thank you, Steve & Crossroads!

Discover Church, WI-

Special thanks to Discover Church in Oak Creek for collecting 1800 pairs of shoes! We also greatly appreciate Patricia and Aaron for spearheading this project. It was so fun to have them help pack shoes with us in our warehouse as well, and many lives in Africa will be changed because of their service!



*With love & prayers for **Liberia!***

New Church in Cabo Verde

We are thrilled to share that a new church has been planted in Cabo Verde! Pastor Emanuel and his team have been sharing shoes and the Gospel in the village of Achada Grande Tras. The Lord has greatly blessed the ministry taking place here and many families have received Jesus, when suddenly God opened a door for a church to be established here! We praise God that these new believers will continue to grow in their new faith and be discipled.

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." – Matthew 18:20



Thank you, Discover Church!

St. James Rummage, WI-
It's Rummage Season and we're thankful for churches like St. James for donating their unsold shoes for our mission. We also thank our friend, Roberta, for making this great delivery of shoes that will bring hope and joy to many in Africa!



Thank you, St. James Church.

View more photos [HERE](#).



Salvations and joy in Cabo Verde!

Thank you From Ghana

Clement Appiah is a student at the Good Shepherd Orphanage in Kasoa, Ghana. He is from a poor community that lacks basic essential needs and many will never have the opportunity to own a good pair of shoes. With the support of our many volunteers and donors, SFJ was able to provide all 200 children at the orphanage with quality shoes and the Gospel. Clement was very touched to learn about God's love for him and he opened his heart to receive salvation in Jesus! Along with the entire orphanage, Clement expressed his many thanks to Soles For Jesus for the wonderful gift of shoes.

Kenosha Lutheran Academy, WI- Thank you Paula from Kenosha Lutheran Academy for delivering 266 pairs from your shoe drive. We are thankful for the support of your school and the lives that will be touched in Africa!



Thank you for delivering the shoes, Paula!

Sussex Outreach Center, WI- We appreciate this great donation of shoes from the Sussex Outreach Center! What a blessing to have the support from this great community that believes in impacting lives in Africa. Thank you to our dear friend, Roberta, for making the delivery.

View more photos [HERE](#).



Finding new life in Jesus!

Joy in Uganda

We rejoice in the beautiful work the Lord is doing in Uganda through our Ministry Director, Sister Kabasomi. 12 year-old Kukiriza shared that when her mother left her alone with her 3 siblings and didn't return, they went to live with their grandmother. The financial struggle was almost unbearable but they kept walking to church barefoot week after week. Their grandmother could not afford to buy shoes for them, not even a pair of plastic flip flops. When the EHC Uganda ministry



Shoes from Sussex Outreach Center!

Welcome, Katelyn Myers!

We are excited to introduce our Summer Intern, Katelyn Myers. She is a student at UW-LaCrosse and attends Spring Creek Church. She chose to intern with SFJ because she loves the mission of both bringing people to the Lord and giving the physical gift shoes, which can help them stay to healthy, attend school, and get jobs. She has always been drawn to Africa and she's very interested in learning how a non-profit functions. We are thankful to have her on board with us this summer!

team arrived with shoes for them all, hope was restored and there was great joy. A powerful message from God's Word was both spoken and printed in their language, which has caused the Good News to be shared even further.

"For the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10

View more photos [HERE](#).



Kukiriza with her siblings & friends!

Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

Meet our Every Home for Christ Ministry Director in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Pastor Maarifa Sageesse Daniel. We are so





Calling Thrivent Members!



Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? Soles For Jesus is a registered charity! As a Thrivent member there are several ways that you can give. You are also eligible to create a "Thrivent Action Team," where Thrivent makes a donation when you bring some volunteers to serve at an event. This is a simple process and you can serve for two hours in our

thankful for Sagesse's passion for reaching those who live in conditions of vulnerability with the love of Jesus. As security and safety continue to be a pressing issue in DRC-East, his leadership team has been working to build a training program for their ministry workers to include sessions on peaceful coexistence and conflict management, so that they may share the gospel message and win souls even in a current climate of unrest. Sagesse shares that he draws inspiration from the wisdom of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke when He tells his disciples to feed the multitudes using the resources available. Regarding his own nation, Sagesse says, *"We believe this objective is possible through the support of Soles For Jesus, which helps us to give shoes to those who have none"*.

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

- Pray that God continues to increase his wisdom to properly direct the ministry in which he has been entrusted to lead
- For the volunteers in their ministry to be filled with zeal as they share the gospel message
- For Sagesse's two teenage

warehouse packing shoes.

HOW IT WORKS:

Apply to lead your volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser and service activity. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including:

- A pennant banner, thank you cards, name tags and stickers
- Thrivent Action Team "Live Generously" T-shirts
- A Community Impact Card with up to \$250 for the charity.

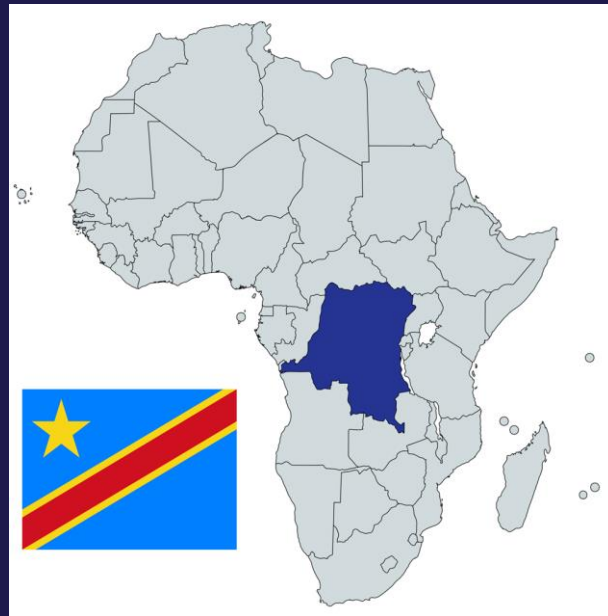
If you'd like to learn more, please contact Grant by calling 414-365-1392 or emailing GNiemann@SolesForJesus.org.

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

brothers (ages 16 & 13) who are in his care. May God help them to grow in their fear and knowledge of the Lord during these pivotal years

Where in the World is DR Congo?



Formerly known as Zaire (1971-1997), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is a large inland country in Central Africa. DRC is actually the 2nd largest country in all of Africa and the 11th largest in the world! A diverse number of ethnic groups call DRC home and the majority of the population resides in rural areas. Due to its location along the equator, a large portion of the landscape is covered by rainforest. The Congo

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 sign-up for a date and to reserve your spot(s).

July

Wednesday, July 5th, 9-11am

FULL

Saturday, July 8th, 9-11am

Saturday, July 15th, 9-11am

Tuesday, July 18th, 1:30-3:30pm

Saturday, July 22nd, 9-11am

FULL

Monday, July 24th, 9-11am

Monday, July 24th, 1:30-3:30pm

FULL

Wednesday, July 26th, 9-11am

Thursday, July 27th, 10-noon

Saturday, July 29th, 9-11am

August

Saturday, August 5th, 9-11am

Tuesday, August 8th, 6-8pm

Wednesday, August 9th, 9-11am

Thursday, August 10th, 9-11am

Saturday, August 12th, 9-11am

Saturday, August 19th, 9-11am

Tuesday, August 22nd, 3-5pm

Saturday, August 26th, 9-11am

rainforest is the 2nd largest rainforest in the world, behind only the Amazon. In addition to this tropical landscape, DRC also has areas of dense grasslands and savannas as well as mountains in the western portion of the country. As a result of this diverse landscape, DRC is rich in natural resources including raw minerals and agricultural potential. Unfortunately this is not reflected in the economy and Democratic Republic of the Congo is often listed as one of the most impoverished nations in the world. Due to lack of public funding, access to education is limited and disproportionately affects girls. We lift up our brothers and sisters of DRC who may be struggling and pray that the physical and spiritual needs of the Congolese people will be met. Please join us in prayer that His Word will continue to be preached and received across this nation!



*Thank you, Evangel
& Vertical Church!*

“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

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