## **Soles For Jesus Newsletter**

## September 2023





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

#### Dear Friend,

just returned from wonderful trip to our Ministry Partners at Every Home for Email Us Christ in Colorado Springs. At this Summit, we had two days of incredible board meetings and we also celebrated the OIKOS Initiative's 5th Birthday with the staff, board and Global Leadership. The goal of OIKOS is to carry Christ to every person on earth within 20 vears and amazing these leaders are still on track!

The Summit was also a sweet reunion with some of my favorite leaders from Africa, I have grown to love them dearly through our 14 years of and it's partnership, honor to link arms and hearts kingdom. for His Tanner

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## Join Us On November 11th!



Tables and individual tickets are still available for the 14th Annual Luncheon & Auction on November 11th at Brookfield Conference Center! Click the button below or call 414-365-1392 to make vour

Peake, EHC President, also shared his heart and vision for "Renewal" this year from Isaiah 43:19. "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

I wish that you could see the massive OIKOS binders that were displayed in the front of the room, filled with detailed plans from each Ministry Director of how they will reach every home in their nation. 15 years remain for this vision and we're believing that the Holy Spirit will continue to systematic bless this saturation of the Gospel to reach every person and home. Placing our shoes in the hands of these men and women who are on the front lines is a privilege! I want to convey their deep gratitude for you and each person who makes possible, this as shoes continue to open doors across Africa.

I'm thrilled that you will be able to hear from Tanner Peake, EHC President, at our 14th Annual Luncheon on November 11th. If you

purchase today. You will not want to miss this year's event, including music by Blessing Annatoria, an exciting update from Tanner Peake and an incredible new video from Botswana!



Click on the image below to watch a special invite from Blessing Annatoria!



**AUCTION:** We appreciate every business and individual who has already donated to this year's auction! September's

haven't secured your table or seats yet, I invite you to do so today! I'd love for you to join us for this exciting event and you can read more about it here. Thank you for your kingdom partnership and God bless you!

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer

Founder/Executive Director Soles For Jesus



EHC Summit 2023

# Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

#### Grace Lutheran Church-

Diane enjoyed sharing at the OWLS Luncheon at Grace Lutheran Church in Waukesha last week. Four local

**Auction Ideas List** features DATE NIGHT ideas and activities. If you would like to contribute a donation of any kind or fulfill an item on this list, please contact Nicole at NJenkins@SolesForJesus.org.

Auction items are due by **Friday, October 20th,** and we thank you for your support!



Click <u>HERE</u> to view September donors.

Early Access Bidding: On Wednesday, November 8th, each person who has registered their email address will gain access to online bidding 3 days before the event! There will be a photo of each item, so you can see it prior to bidding. Please note that gift certificates

churches also collected shoes and came together for this great time of sharing and fellowship. Thank you to each person who attended and collected shoes. God bless you all for making an impact across the globe!



OWLS Shoe Drive & Luncheon

**Realty Executives Integrity Shoe Drive-** Much thanks to the Geracie Team in Brookfield for hosting a shoe drive and we can't wait to help find "new homes" for these Africa! shoes in We are grateful for business partners who give back by sponsoring our events and collecting shoes!

can be mailed, but larger items and baskets must be picked up at SFJ. If you or your table guests have not yet added an address email to your registration, please do so by Nov. 8th! Emails will be quest for both used by each early bidding and at the event, as well as to receive important updates.

## **Shipment to Cabo Verde**

We are thrilled that our fourth shipment to Cabo Verde is on its way! This nation is made up of 10 main islands and 8 islets that are off the coast of West Africa. Please pray with us for our Ministry Director, Emanuel, and his thev team as distribute shoes and share Hope in Jesus. We are believing that God's love will draw many hearts to recognize their need for Him.

"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few, therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." – Matthew 9:37-38

View more photos **HERE**.



Realty Executives Shoe Drive

Brookfield Christian **School-** Yenh and Nicole enjoyed sharing our mission with the students at Elementary Chapel this month. The children had great questions and we are blessed by this faith-filled community that is teaching the next generation to follow Christ in service and leadership. Thank you for collecting shoes for over 12 years for SFJ and God bless you all!





Sending God's Love to Cabo Verde!

## **Update From Uganda**

From April to July, our Ministry Director, Doreen, and her team distributed shoes in 18 districts and 58 villages in the country of Uganda. Through this distribution, 2,070 homes were reached with shoes and the Gospel of Jesus.

Many people who never expected to receive shoes left distribution thankful the that God remembered them. The village leaders were so touched by the love that was demonstrated that they committed themselves to helping the church grow. Please

#### Elementary Chapel at BCS

Hales **Mission** Corners Festival - Diane and Yenh enjoyed worshipping at Hales Corners Lutheran Church and participating in their Mission Festival weekend. It is a joy to alongside churches partner with a vision and passion to see the Gospel advance to every corner of the earth. Thank you HCLC for your ongoing support!



HCLC Mission Festival

**Ellenbecker Investment Group -** We are grateful for the invitation to share at the EIG Employee Lunch. Grant had a wonderful time meeting the staff and sharing about our mission. We are

pray with us for the continued increase of God's kingdom.

"And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women" – Acts 5-14

View more photos **HERE**.



Sharing God's Love in Uganda

## **Harvest in Mozambique**

We are so grateful for the beautiful work the Lord is doing through our Ministry Director, his Godfrey, and team in Mozambique. They continue to Mercy partner with Air to transport shoes to remote villages Ampara. like This region is difficult to reach by their needs and are people The desperate. of Ampara were very thankful and

also thankful for the many shoes they collected during their recent shoe drive that will touch hundreds of lives in Africa!



Grant at EIG in Waukesha.

Appleton, WI - We are grateful for the fantastic teamwork by Aimee, Kayla and Marv Ellen in the who collected Appleton-area over 640 pairs of shoes! Special thanks to Aimee for delivering them to all our warehouse also and we love her helpers sweet who are learning serve to from a young age. God bless vou all!

many made a positive decision for Christ after hearing the Word of God. New believers are now asking to be water baptized as they are being discipled and growing in their faith. To God be the glory!

View more photos HERE.



Finding new life in Jesus!

## **100th Shipment Arrived**

Our 100<sup>th</sup> shipment has arrived in Liberia! Our Ministry Director, Jonel, and her team have great plans to reach out to many needy people in the rural areas. We pray for His continual wisdom and guidance, as they use these shoes and Gospel booklets to show God's love and reach the lost.

"You have multiplied the nation



Great team work in Appleton

and increased its joy; they rejoice before you according to the joy of harvest" - Isaiah 9:3

View more photos **HERE**.



God bless Liberia!

#### **New SOS Leader**

We are thrilled to welcome our newest SOS Leader, Sarah Baratka, to the SFJ team! When you visit the warehouse to volunteer at Sort а Organize Shoes Event, our SOS Leaders share the mission of SFJ and then guide you through the process of packing shoes for Africa. They are a very important part of our team and we are so thankful for each one who commits to leading one event month. per

Sarah first attended a SOS event several years ago with her then-neighbor, Julie Behling (now our Colorado State Rep). She shared,

# Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

Meet our Every Home for Christ Ministry Director in Lesotho, Pastor Josias Mohanoe. After finding himself in the wrong group of friends in his youth and turning to drugs, Pastor Josias gives thanks to the Lord for making him a new creation through Christ in 1987. He pursued a degree in Theology from a Bible College where he also met his wife, and then launched into full-time ministry in the mountains of Lesotho in 1992. Through many years of ministry, Pastor Josias looked to Acts 5:42 to inspire his work: "And every day, in

"On our way to sort shoes, we picked up a woman who has lived in the states for many years, but grew up in Africa. She shared with US how vividlv she remembered receiving her first pair of shoes at the of 12. age Meeting that dear woman on my first visit to SFJ helped me think of each pair of shoes as being destined for a real person who is loved by God."

Sarah, thank you for answering the call to serve with SFJ in a new way and we are so blessed to have you on our team!



Welcome to the team, Sarah!

Volunteer Opportunities SOS Events (Sort & Organize Shoes) the Temple and from house to house, they continued to teach and preach this message: 'Jesus is the Messiah'".

This year, Pastor Josias and his team desire to reach 10,000 people in five neglected areas with the gift of shoes and printed materials with the Gospel message. He shares that young people in Lesotho are currently facing high rates of unemployment despite completing their education and they desperately need the hope of the Gospel to continue on the narrow path when faced with adversity.

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

- God's favor over volunteer teams as they passionately share the message of Jesus
- A ministry vehicle suitable for the mountainous terrain of Lesotho
- Growth of their Operation Outreach programs to be able to reach vulnerable people groups

# Where in the World is Lesotho?

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 signup! 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).

#### October

Saturday, October 7th, 911am
Thursday, October 12th, 68pm *FULL*Saturday, October 14th, 911am
Thursday, October 19th, 911am
Saturday, October 21st, 911am
Saturday, October 28th, 911am

#### November

Saturday, November 4th, 9-11am Thursday, November 9th, 9-11am Tuesday, November 14th, 6-



The country of Lesotho is a landlocked small nation, surrounded entirely by South Africa. Similar in size to the combined area of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, Lesotho is home to two million people, 99.7% of whom are part of the Sotho ethnic group. Lesotho of the translates to "land Sesotho speakers" (the native language) and was formed in 1822 and became a British royal colony in 1884 until its independence in 1966.

Lesotho is generally reliant on imports of food to sustain its relatively dense population, as land suitable for growing crops is limited and droughts 8pm Saturday, November 18th, 9-11am Saturday, November 25th, 9-11am



Thank you Northwood Church in Nappanee, Indiana!

"Business Hours" SOS: Volunteers can also come during weekdays shoes (Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm). Come and sort shoes when it there is no law." fits your schedule. You can sort for an hour or a day; it's entirely up to you and please feel free bring to 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, community? church, or

frequently affect harvests and livestock. Primary education is and mandatory, Lesotho has one of the highest literacy rates among African nations, nearly 80% of the population. Unfortunately, HIV/AIDS has had а maior impact in Lesotho and the nation has one of the highest rates of infection in the world. We pray that new doors for the Gospel will be opened across Lesotho and that all people will hear the name of Jesus!

### **Galatians 5:22**

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, to pack faithfulness, gentleness self-control. Against such things



Volunteering together to organize and pack shoes for Africa is a rewarding, 2-hour, team building opportunity for youth and adults. Please contact <a href="Yenh@SolesForJesus.org">Yenh@SolesForJesus.org</a> or by calling (414)365-1392 to signup.

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