Soles For Jesus Newsletter

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

Dear Friend,

Our 14th Annual Luncheon & Auction is 11 days away and you can still join us in-person or online! Next Saturday from Noon-2pm, we'll be streaming the event live on our Soles For Jesus facebook page, friends can join us from around the world. This is going to be an incredible event with nearly 600 people in attendance, as we celebrate all that God is doing. You can find more info here, including details about Silent Auction opening online next Wednesday.

Our 2023 Luncheon theme is, "Rejoice!" Jesus said, "I tell you, there is rejoicing in the event! Tables and individual presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents," 14th Annual Luncheon Luke 15:10, I can't wait for Auction on November 11th. you to hear the exciting things You will not want to miss the

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Last Call For Luncheon Tickets!



Time is running out to reserve your seats for this year's big tickets are still available for the that God is doing here and in Africa. Testimonies like this one from Eman continue to remind me how important and timely this work is and I want to share it with you.

"My name is Eman and I am an Islamic Leader in my village. I came to the shoe distribution daughter with today my Famatta because times are hard and she needs shoes. I feeling too proud receive from the Jesus People myself but I was so moved daughter when I saw my shown so much love and given a pair of shoes. In my heart I saw these people were different, and their joy and love for people like us drew me in. I decided to move closer to they would show see kindness to me too and I was so surprised by how they loved and served me too. Today I learned a good lesson because when Muslims share things we only give to our Islamic brothers and sisters, but the Jesus People gave, preached and prayed for everybody. I was respected as an elder and asked them to pray for me and my daughter since I do not the Muslim want to die in

exciting new video from Botswana, along with a timely message from EHC President, Tanner Peake, and special music from Blessing Annatoria! Click the button below or call 414-365-1392 to make your purchase today.



Early Access & Off-Site **Bidders:** Wednesday, On November 8th, each person registered their email who address will gain access online bidding 3 days before the event! For those unable to attend, you can register as an off-site bidder for no charge. There will be a photo of each item, so you can see it prior to bidding. (Please note that gift certificates 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 email address to your registration, please do so before Nov. 8th! This allows you to have access to early check-in, so you can avoid the lines upon arrival. Guest e-mails will also

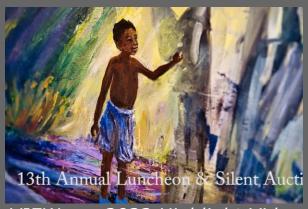
faith."

To God be the glory for each soul who recognizes their need for a Savior! Thank you for your partnership, as we help advance His Kingdom together.

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer

Founder/Executive Director Soles For Jesus



VIEW our 2022 Highlight Video (3 mins) and hear a few words from Dr. Chitapa!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Journey Church Kenosha Women's Event- Thank you, Journey Church, for inviting Diane to speak at your women's event. She enjoyed

be used for early bidding and during the auction on Saturday, and also to receive important updates. Click <u>HERE</u> to view our October auction donors.







Testimony From Mali

We received the following testimony from village leader in Zogoué, Mali. "My name is Tinzo. In the name of our whole village, I tell you that we are very thankful for the shoes that were given with message of God's love for us. These shoes fill a big hole in our families! Many children, women, men and chiefs are rejoicing because of this very precious gift. We convey our sincere thanks to the entire being surrounded by beautiful ladies who have a heart to pursue God in every season of life. We are so grateful for the ongoing love, support and shoes that you give year-round!



Journey Church in Kenosha

Journey21 Oconomowoc, We had a fun-filled WIafternoon sorting shoes with these incredible students from Journey21. Special thanks to Director, Heidi Hamilton, for spearheading this shoe drive and volunteer event. It is a joy to partner with this amazing organization that has desire to serve their community and world. The students arrived with large bags of shoes that they collected and they worked hard to help us get them ready

SFJ and EHC team for showing us that God has not forgotten us. Each head of household received a few pairs of shoes to share with their family members when they came to visit each home. I pray that God blesses all of the people who give to Soles For Jesus to make this possible."

View more photos **HERE**.



Blessings to Mali

Shipment to Sao Tome & Principe

We are very happy to once again be shipping to the island country of Sao Tome & Principe. We give thanks to the Lord for the beautiful work that He is doing through our Ministry Director, Pastor Jose Carlos Te. We also thank each

for shipment to Africa!



Serving with Journey21

Deliverv Shoe from California! -Thank you to our State Representative, Maria, for organizing a large collection of over 4,500 pairs of shoes! Special thanks to their cooperating partners; Ignite Community Church, Sommer's Health, Sacramento Holistic Golden State Lions and Beth for Esternon vour We enioved contributions. meeting Ken who drove the trailer filled with shoes this great distance, and we were by his blessed amazing testimony of beina homeless to now living in God's was excited goodness. He to deliver these shoes to Wisconsin and to visit our warehouse. We appreciate the person who has donated and helped pack these 7,000 pairs of shoes. We could not do this faithful without vour support. Please join us praying for the harvest and for Pastor Carlos and his team as they share the Gospel message and distribute shoes. We pray God's blessings over them and may all of their efforts bear much fruit for His kingdom.

View more photos **HERE**.



Love & prayers for Sao Tome & Principe

Update Cameroon

From

collaboration to provide these gifts of hope for Africa and God bless you all!



Shoes from California

Naturescape, WI - We are so thankful for Naturescape and partnership! their faithful Naturescape an event our upcoming Sponsor for Luncheon and also donated their 'lawn care program' and control' 'mosquito for our Auction, plus they collect shoes! We're not meant to walk alone and we appreciate their ongoing support to see lives in Africa transformed for Jesus!

We thank God that our Ministry Director, Pastor Laurent and his team, received our first to shipment of shoes They Cameroon. began distributions at the CAVOH-CAM orphanage in Ngoumou. The children were so thankful shoes were highly these as needed before the beginning of school. Each child and staff at the orphanage was deeply touched by the Gospel message that was shared and they look forward to a lasting and fruitful partnership with Pastor Laurent and his team. To God be the glory!

View more photos HERE.



Finding new life in Jesus!

Songs of Joy in Ghana



Thank you Naturescape!

Run/Walk at Calvary Chapel Racine -We were honored to have Calvary Chapel Church in Racine hold their 2nd Annual Run/Walk event this month to benefit the SFJ mission. They are wonderful supporters with a heart to love and serve like Jesus!



Run/Walk Event at Calvary Chapel

We are thrilled to receive some the first testimonies from Ministry Director our Ghana. Pastor his Ebow and team recently visited Odupong Ofaakor in Kasoa in the central region of Ghana. Hundreds of people gathered to hear the Gospel preached with love and each were given a pair of shoes. They were so happy and expressed their gratitude for the love that was shown and the children gathered to sing songs of joy.

"Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation." Psalms 95:1

View more photos **HERE**.



Singing with JOY in Ghana!

Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

Volunteers of the Month

This month we honor Aaron & Patricia McCollum! The McCollums 1 organized have SFJ shoe drives several through their home church, Discover Church, in Oak Creek WI and have collected thousands of shoes over the years! Patricia shares, "With the support of a few people and some promotion, you'll be surprised how many people have shoes to donate! We look forward to the annual shoe collection and people in our church have come to expect it every spring, so they save their shoes all year for it". Aaron & Patricia have also joined us in the warehouse for shoe sorting events and they enjoy being able to bring their whole family to get involved!

In their free time, the McCollums also love to travel. Fun fact: they were married on Leap Day 2020 in Maui! Soon, they will celebrate their "first" anniversary in 2024 and look forward to being able to travel again to celebrate that special milestone. Thank you, Aaron & Patricia, for your support of this ministry and for serving your community so faithfully!

Meet our Every Home for Christ (EHC) ministry partner in Mozambique, Godfrey Bhodyera.

Godfrey grew up in a Christian home, where he participated in family devotions. To Godfrey though, doing these devotions were more about customs than a personal relationship with Christ. During his last year of college 2006, in Godfrey listened to a guest preacher during a midweek service. "As he preached, I saw my life as formless and void. I really felt that I was not in the Kingdom of God. I felt so pained by my life. I started to reflect on my life and discovered that God had been protecting me all these years. wept uncontrollably and I stood up and walked to the stage where the preacher was. There was silence in the whole room, and I asked the preacher to help me receive Christ. surrendered my life to Christ that day and I promised to serve Him the whole of my life," Godfrey shared.

Godfrey's goals for the ministry are to expand to new areas and increase the



Patricia & Aaron McCollum

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

of Mobile capacity their Training Centers so that many leaders will receive training. Bible The that verse encourages Godfrey in ministry is Isaiah 43:19, "Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Godfrey asks us to pray for the following:

- ministry For the to expand in Cabo Delgado, Maputo, Niassa, Nampula, Inhambane. and Gaza Cabo Delgado is the home of Islamic extremists and there political is a insurgency there.
- Pray that the Lord will provide all of the resources needed to reach these people.
- For the continued recovery and healing of the nation after Cylcone Idai.
- Pray for more volunteers to come on board this year as Godfrey seeks to expand the work.
- Pray for God's protection on the volunteers who work in very dangerous places that expose them to malaria, waterborne

diseases, etc.

November

Saturday, November 4th, 9-11am Thursday, November 9th, 9-11am Saturday, November 18th, 9-11am Saturday, November 25th, 9-11am Thursday, November 30th, 6-8pm

December

Saturday, December 2nd, 9-11am Saturday, December 9th, 9-11:30am

Tuesday, December 12th, 6-8pm Saturday, December 16th, 9-11am Thursday, December 21st, 9-11am Saturday, December 30th, 9-11am



Thank you Lake Country Lutheran!

"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

Where in the World is Mozambique?



Mozambique is located southeastern Africa. Bordered by Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, and Eswatini, this costal country lies along the Indian Ocean and is separated from the island of Madagascar by the Mozambique Channel. With an estimated population of million people, the World Bank reports that 63.7% of the population lives at a poverty level of less than \$1.90 per day. The land is rich with natural resources and the majority of the population lives 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, community? or together Volunteering organize and pack shoes for Africa is a rewarding, 2-hour, team building opportunity for vouth and adults. Please contact

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and works in rural areas. Due to its geography, Mozambique is prone to being exposed to and affected by extreme weather, including cyclones flooding. The country and continues to rebuild after Cyclones Idai & Kenneth, which destroyed thousands of homes. Please keep the people of Mozambique in vour prayers!

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