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

Dear Friend,

Before this month of love comes to an end, I want to express my love and appreciation for our amazing SOS Leaders! These leaders host volunteer groups in our warehouse to Sort and Organize Shoes for shipment to Africa. This team means so much to me and we could not send a shipment of shoes every few weeks without them!

It was a joy to celebrate our team at a special dinner last week and we honored each one for serving so faithfully. My favorite time of the evening was when each one shared a deeply meaningful story or testimony that happened at a volunteer event over the last year. As we listened, we were

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We have an exciting opportunity for a summer intern to join us for 4 hours per week. If you're interested in learning more about non-profit work and joining a great team, email YenH at Yenh@SolesForJesus.org.

all in awe of the incredible ministry that is happening right here in our warehouse! We have many various types of volunteer groups who come to serve, and each one is an opportunity to share about the love of Jesus. Hearts are opened to the truth and incredible discussions and times of prayer are a regular part of it. We close each event by praying over the group and it's amazing how many people thank our leaders for that. You never know what someone is going through and it's a privilege to speak hope into their lives.

As I left that night, my heart was bursting with thanks that I get to serve the Lord with such an amazing team! We are all in this for one reason and it's because we love Jesus and want to make Him known—both here and in Africa! We missed those who couldn't make it and we pray God's blessings over each one. If you'd like to experience a 2-hour SOS event, just email us at Info@SolesForJesus.org and we'll send you some available dates. You do not have to go to Africa to make a big impact across the globe and you are

Stroll *for* Soles

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On Saturday, June 22nd you can lace up your sneakers and join us for our *Stroll For Soles* at Fox River Park in Waukesha! This will be a special celebration and a fun event for the whole family. You'll also have an opportunity to reflect on the impact of shoes and the Gospel in Africa, as you read signs along the path. Choose either a one or two mile route (both are stroller & wheelchair accessible), followed by delicious food, cool treats and fun for all ages!

Registration includes t-shirt(s), food-truck lunch, shaved ice, parking, and access to all activities at no additional charge. Registration opens on **March 30th** with

invited to join us!

Sincerely in Christ,

Diane Studer

Founder/Executive Director
Soles For Jesus



*Celebrating our fabulous SOS
Leaders!*

**Super Saturday is
Coming!**



'Early Bird Pricing' for individuals, families, and teams - so start planning your group today!

Sponsorship Opportunities:

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



Click to see the fun we had last year!

Shipment to Guinea

Our 5th shipment of shoes to Guinea is on its way! We sincerely thank each person

Join us on **March 16th** for our first *Super Saturday*! In ONE DAY you can help us build ONE SHIPMENT for Africa. Space is filling up fast, but there is still availability for a two-hour time slot. Reserve your spot to join the fun and help us pack 8,000 pairs of shoes to impact 8,000 lives!

Email Info@SolesForJesus.org or call 414-365-1392 to RSVP.

9am-11am ***FULL***
11:30am-1:30pm
2:00pm-4:00pm

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Spring Creek Church Real Women's Conference - Diane enjoyed being a part of the Real Women's Conference at Spring Creek Church this month. We are blessed to partner together for His Kingdom purposes and the worship and teachings were wonderful. God bless SCC for pouring into so many women during this powerful weekend, since we are not meant to do this alone!

who has donated shoes and funds to help make this possible, as well as each volunteer who helped pack 8,000 pairs of shoes. We could not do this without your faithful help and support. Please join us in praying for the safety of this shipment and for our ministry partner, Pastor David, and his team as they minister the love of Jesus. We pray God's blessings over them and that all of their efforts will bear much fruit. We give thanks to the Lord for the beautiful work that He is doing in the nation of Guinea and that He allows us to be a small part of it.

View more photos [HERE](#).



Prayers, Love & Shoes for Guinea!



Diane sharing at Spring Creek Church

First United Methodist Church, Green Bay- Jennifer Miller had a great time sharing our mission and her SFJ journey with the ladies at FUMC. We are grateful for this church and their long time support of donating shoes and funds to help ship them to Africa. We are also thankful for the Heil family who spearhead many of these projects over the last 14 years, and for Elaine's shoe drive that was added as well. God bless you all for your faithfulness to touch lives in Africa with the love of Jesus!

Discipleship in Cabo Verde

We are blessed to hear of the work that our Ministry Director, Pastor Emanuel, is doing in the island country of Cabo Verde. He began by sharing shoes with his team (below), since they walk many miles to reach every person and home. As it is written in Romans 10:15, "*How beautiful are the feet of those who bring Good News!*" We are so thrilled to provide quality shoes to those who are on the front lines, as well!

This ministry team recently distributed shoes to the community of Fonta Almeida in the interior of Santiago Island. The distribution of shoes opened the door for the preaching of the Gospel and many hearts were opened to the truth of God's word! Their team was well-received and a new Bible study group was formed that meets every Sunday. Please join us in prayer that this community will continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus as they are discipled. To God be the glory for hearts and lives that are made new!



*Jennifer & the Heils @FUMC
Green Bay*

Christian Education Leadership Academy- Look at these beautiful shoes from the students of CELA! The children creatively decorated and painted each pair and they'll be added to our next shipment for Africa. We're excited to send these gifts of love and we admire these teachers for leading and training their students to serve and love like Jesus.



View more photos [HERE](#).



*God bless this EHC Ministry
Team*

Testimony From Burkina Faso

We thank God for all that He is doing in Burkina Faso through our Ministry Director, Pastor Robert Lompo. Recently, he organized a ministry event along with a distribution of shoes in Bigtogo, a village located in the rural commune of Pabré. Due to unrest in the area of Bam, hundreds of displaced people have come to settle in camps around this village. Many families with young children walked for several days to finally find refuge in the Bigtogo camp.

Many adults and children arrived with shoes that were completely worn out and full of holes. Their lives were now safe but they had

Thank you, CELA

Des Moines Christian School, Iowa - We are so grateful to DMCS for kicking off their annual shoe drive. Yenh enjoyed sharing on a Zoom Interview led by two of their wonderful students as she answered questions about our mission. We love partnering with this school to help share God's love in a tangible way!



Annual shoe drive by DMCS

Grace Lutheran Church, Milwaukee - Grant enjoyed worshipping with Grace Lutheran Church last Sunday and sharing about Soles For Jesus. He was invited by Teri Norton who will join us on our next mission trip to Benin, and they each had an opportunity to share about our mission and ways to get involved. We are grateful for their donation of

lost everything when they had to evacuate from their village. The people were overwhelmed with joy to receive a new pair of shoes! The Gospel was preached and everyone listened carefully. Following the event, a children's church was set up in the camp, where the team continues to meet with all of the kids once a week to play, pray, and study Bible stories with them. Many parents also want to grow in their new faith and this is only the beginning of what God is doing here!

View more photos [HERE](#).



Demonstrating God's love in Burkina Faso

Two Shipments Just Arrived

Our shipments to Lesotho and

shoes and their desire to help touch lives in Africa!



Grace
Lutheran

Grant at Grace Lutheran
Church

Volunteers of the Month

This month we joyfully celebrate a wonderful group of student-athletes: **The Concordia University Men's Lacrosse Team!** This hardworking group of young men served with us in November 2023 and returned again this month to help pack hundreds of shoes for Mali. We appreciate their passion for our mission and we're grateful for our special time of connecting during their serve day. Getting to know each other was so special that our SFJ Leader, Terri Mitchell, is

Eswatini have both arrived! We give thanks to the Lord for His provision through so many of you and for the safe arrival of this precious cargo. Please join us in prayer for our Ministry Directors, Pastor Josias and Pastor Joseph, as they share the love of Jesus and distribute these shoes. We pray that many hearts will respond to Jesus and that entire villages will be transformed and made new.

View more photos [HERE](#) & [HERE](#).



*2 shipments arrive in Lesotho
& Eswatini*

Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

Meet our Every Home for

planning to go and experience their passion for lacrosse by cheering on their team at an upcoming game! We love to see teams supporting teams and groups coming together to spread the love of Jesus. Congrats on your first road trip WIN of the season and let's GO, Falcons!



Thank You, CUW Men's Lacrosse Team

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

Christ
Ministry
Director
in São
Tomé
and
Príncipe
, José
Carlos



Té. Pastor José Carlos leads a team of pastors and continues to seek more volunteers and partner churches to join them in door-to-door evangelism across their island nation. When he was 14-years-old, José Carlos left his villages for the city and moved in next to the home of a local pastor. He received an invitation to attend church with his new neighbor and at that moment gave his life to Jesus Christ. He praises Jesus as his Deliverer and now desires to share the Gospel message with every home in São Tomé and Príncipe!

Brother José Carlos recalls encountering an old woman at a shoe distribution in Porto Alegria who was caring for her granddaughter following the loss of her son. She was unable to afford shoes for this young girl and was overcome by the miracle she had witnessed that day, by

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).

March

Saturday, March 2nd, 9-11am

Thursday, March 7th, 10:30-12:30am

Saturday, March 9th, 9-11am
****FULL****

Tuesday, March 12th, 6-8pm

Saturday, March 16th, 9-11am
****FULL****

Saturday, March 16th, 11:30-1:30pm

Saturday, March 16th, 2-4pm

Saturday, March 23rd, 9-11am

Saturday, March 30th, 9-11am

April

Tuesday, April 2nd, 1:30-3:30pm

Saturday, April 6th, 9-11am

Thursday, April 11th, 9-11am

Saturday, April 13th, 9-11am

Wednesday, April 17th, 6-8pm

Friday, April 19th, 10:30-12:30 ****FULL****

Friday, April 19th, 2-4pm
****FULL****

Saturday, April 20th, 9-11am

Saturday, April 27th, 9-11am

receiving shoes when they needed them most. She gave her life to Jesus Christ and José Carlos described the change in her by saying, "*You could see the spark of new joy on her face!*" Praise God!

Please join us in prayer for the following:

- Blessing over José Carlos, his wife (Zinaida), and their three young sons (Joseina, Josiana, José Carlos Junior)
- Prayer for financial resources to obtain a vehicle to facilitate travel and field visits to rural areas.
- Prayer for the people of São Tomé and Príncipe who are affected by poverty. Brother José Carlos reports many families are living in extreme poverty and finding it difficult to get food from day to day.

**Where in the World is
São Tomé and
Príncipe?**



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



The country of São Tomé and Príncipe is made up of two main islands as well as smaller land formations. Located in the Atlantic Ocean off the western coast of central Africa, this island nation is Portuguese-speaking and home to 215,000 people. The economy has historically been agriculturally focused, with cocoa beans as the primary export crop. The limited number of workers on the islands prevents São Tomé and Príncipe from producing the volume of goods necessary to meet the needs of local markets, often resulting in high costs for goods. Over half of the population is Roman Catholic along with traditional cultural influences, while another 20% of residents identify as non-religious. Please join us in

prayer for our brothers and sisters of São Tomé and Príncipe. May their nation be saturated with the Good News of Jesus Christ and may tens of thousands be impacted for eternity!

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