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

Dear Friend,

"God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." On this Good Friday, I am reminded of the price that He paid because of His great love for us. Jesus became the perfect sacrifice as He took our place on that cross—and I'm so grateful that we know the rest of the story! For three long days all who loved Jesus hoped that His words were true. We serve a God who always keeps His promises and after three days He conquered death and the grave! I pray that you are reminded of His great love for you, as you remember His sacrifice and celebrate His resurrection.

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Stroll *for* Soles

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Registration is now OPEN for this year's Stroll For Soles event on **Saturday, June 22nd!** Join us at Fox River Park in Waukesha for a scenic

We get to follow Jesus' example and "we love because He first loved us!" It's our privilege to link arms with you and to share His love here and throughout Africa. You can read in our newsletters and social media about the incredible work being done in Africa. And I also continue to be amazed at the ministry happening right here at our headquarters. Volunteer groups of all kinds continue to come and serve in our warehouse. Businesses, sports teams, schools, small groups, churches, book clubs, boy and girl scouts, university clubs, neighbors and families are just some of the groups who sign up to serve.

This month we had our very first *Super Saturday* where we packed *one shipment in one day* for Botswana. Large groups came for two-hour shifts throughout the day and it was exciting to see so many amazing volunteers rise to the challenge. Over 125 volunteers packed 8,000 pairs of shoes, and over 50% of those who served came for the first time. There was an excitement in the air and everyone worked hard to help us reach our goal. We could not do this work without the help of many hands and

one-mile or two-mile walk, followed by lunch and fun for the whole family. Your registration includes a parking pass, t-shirt, and access to all food trucks and activities.

Early Bird Pricing for individuals, families, and teams ends on April 14th, so click the button below to sign up TODAY.

Stroll Across America Is BACK!

By popular demand, we are thrilled to bring back our *Stroll Across America Challenge* for our friends across the U.S. Stroll with us from your own neighborhood in celebration of all that God is doing in Africa and invite your family & friends to learn more about Soles For Jesus. Help us fill the map this year by registering now to represent your state!

hearts, and I sincerely thank you for your prayers, service and support.

God bless you, as you celebrate His resurrection this Sunday!

In Christ alone,

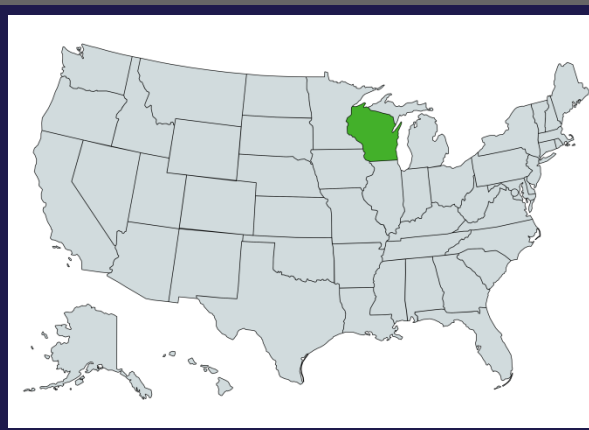
Diane Studer
Founder/Executive Director
Soles For Jesus



CLICK to VIEW our highlight video!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Des Moines Christian School, Iowa- We are overwhelmed by the support of this amazing faith-filled school and we thank every person who donated shoes! A big thanks to Shawn & Sam Thacker for personally



Shipment to Mali

We are so thankful for our kingdom partnership with World Missionary Press. We just sent a 40 foot shipping container to Mali filled with 8,000 pairs of shoes and 1,311 boxes of Gospel literature in Arabic, Bambara and French! We sincerely thank each person who has donated shoes and funds to help make this possible, as well as each volunteer who helped pack the shoes. We could not do this without your faithful help and support. Keep this precious cargo in your prayers and we're excited for how God is going to transform hearts and lives!

View more photos [HERE](#).

delivering them from Iowa. Two full pallets and three shipping gaylords full of shoes (pictured) are ready to be packed by our volunteers. God bless you all for your ongoing partnership to touch lives in Africa!



Shawn & Sam delivering shoes

ReCourage Conference- Our leadership team was so blessed and refreshed at the ReCourage Conference at Spring Creek Church! We are also thankful for the collection of 1500 pairs of shoes from Upward Basketball. What an honor to link arms with this incredible church community!

Mali 2024
Shipment



*Prayers, Shoes & the Gospel
for Mali*

Testimony from Ghana

Meet Michael and Justice. They are best friends who attend the Akropong School of the Blind in Ghana. This school serves approximately 500 visually-impaired students, many who are very poor and have been abandoned by their families. Michael and Justice were walking to school in flip flops, which were unsafe and limited the activities they could participate in each day. When Soles For Jesus came to their school, all of the students were gifted with a new pair shoes and new doors have opened for these boys. We pray God's wisdom and blessings over our Ministry Director, Pastor



ReCourage Conference & Upward shoes

Triun3- What a privilege to have Triun3 serve in our warehouse during Holy Week. They asked to serve on Maundy Thursday, in honor of when Jesus demonstrated His love and humility by washing the disciples feet at the last supper. We are thankful for our partnership with Triun3 and may God bless you all.

Ebow, as he continues to share shoes and the Gospel in Ghana, while remembering the blind and the poor.

View more photos [HERE](#).



God bless Michael and Justice

Washing Feet in Tanzania

Our Ministry Director in Tanzania, Pastor Yohana, and his team recently distributed shoes in the villages of Mbezi Lous and Mji Mpya. In partnership with local churches, they were able to distribute over 2,000 pairs of shoes to widows, orphans, and the vulnerable. Every person had their feet washed to signify the love of Jesus. Many villagers heard the message of Jesus and accepted Him as their Savior. They thanked God and



Triun3 serving on Maundy Thursday

Parkside School For The Arts- Ms. Maxwell's K5 Student Council at MKE Parkside School For The Arts celebrated their 100th Day of School by organizing their 8th Annual Shoe Drive! They did a fantastic job and collected over 700 pairs this year. We are so touched by these students and the shoes they donated to help kids in Africa!

testified how their lives were touched by the great love demonstrated by Soles For Jesus. Please pray for all who received salvation and that they will continue to be transformed by the power of God as they are discipled.

View more photos [HERE](#).



Demonstrating God's love in Tanzania

God is Moving in Uganda

Our Ministry Director in Uganda, Doreen, sent us this exciting report from a shoe distribution in the villages of Lwenanga and Bikalubo. The people in these villages walk barefoot and some cannot go to church or school because they don't have shoes. The team went door-to-door inviting people to



Thank you MKE Parkside School

Grace Community Bible Church in Venice, Florida-

Much thanks to Diane & Scott Wilhelms for organizing a shoe drive at their church in Florida. They collected over 1,250 pairs of shoes that are en route to our Milwaukee warehouse. Thank you to each person who donated shoes to impact lives in Africa!



Scott & Diane with 1250 pairs

receive shoes and hear the Gospel message. Many responded, including those who didn't know about the church as they became curious about what was going on. The shoes made a very big impact on the community and helped open up hearts to hear the Gospel. Believers and non-believers were impacted and went back home glorifying the Lord.

View more photos [HERE](#).



Jesus is glorified in Uganda

Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

Volunteers of the Month

We are thrilled to honor Dwayne & Barb Butler! The Butlers learned about SFJ when Diane spoke at their church. They decided to serve in the warehouse at a SOS event and found it deeply moving to consider that each shoe they touched would make an impact in the life of someone thousands of miles away. They noted, *"Here in America, shoes are vital for each one of us as we start our day. It's the same for the people of Africa, who also need footwear to go to school, work, or to live their daily lives."*

Dwayne & Barb encourage anyone interested in becoming involved to pray about the opportunity. With regards to serving as a volunteer or hosting a shoe drive, they share so beautifully these words that truly represent the heart of SFJ: *"God can do it all, but He allows us to serve with Him in the journey."*

This year, the Butlers have transitioned to a new phase of life and they're enjoying retirement. They love traveling around the U.S. and riding their bikes on some of the best trails

Meet our
Every
Home for
Christ
(EHC)
ministry
partner in
the
Republic of
Congo,
Pastor Brice
Severin.



Brice grew up in a Christian home but strayed when he lost his father as a teenager. One day while he was in college, Brice heard a voice speak to his heart that he should dedicate his life to God's work. He resisted for months, until an evangelist spoke to Brice and told him that God was calling him. Still, he continued to resist until May 7, 2004, when he heard a testimony from a man of how God had suddenly changed all of his ambitions. It was then that Brother Brice agreed to go wherever God would take him. He went to his knees and cried out to the Lord, saying *"Lord Jesus Christ, forgive me that I did not want to surrender entirely to you. I open my heart to you, so that you can do with me what you want."* From that moment on, Brice's life radically changed

in our country. We wish them much joy in their adventures ahead and express our gratitude for their support!



Dwayne & Barb Butler

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).

and he began sharing what Christ had done.

Brice now leads the EHC Republic of Congo team and soon we will send a shipment of shoes and literature for them to distribute, as they share the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ. We believe that many hearts will be opened to Jesus in the Republic of Congo!

Brice asks us to pray for the following:

- His wife, Justiana, and their sons, Archangel Debrice and Cherub Bristanovie
- That God would energize his team working in the church
- For the ability to reach all of the areas chosen this year with the Gospel

Where in the World is The Republic of Congo?

April

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

Saturday, April 6th, 9-11am

Thursday, April 11th, 9-11am

Saturday, April 13th, 9-11am ****FULL****

Wednesday, April 17th, 6-8pm ****FULL****

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

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

Saturday, April 20th, 9-11am

Saturday, April 27th, 9-11am ****FULL****

May

Saturday, May 4th, 9-11am ****FULL****

Saturday, May 11th, 9-11am

Thursday, May 16th, 9-11am

Saturday, May 18th, 9-11am

Monday, May 20th, 6-8pm

Wednesday, May 22nd, 4-6pm

Saturday, May 25th, 9-11am



It was a SUPER SATURDAY!

"Business Hours" **SOS:**
Volunteers can also come



The Republic of the Congo, also known as Congo Brazzaville, is a nation of approximately 6 million people on the western coast of Central Africa. The Great Congo River traverses its western border, providing important transportation routes for industry as well as natural resources. On the other side of the river is neighboring Democratic Republic of Congo (previously known as Zaire), an entirely separate nation. Congo Brazzaville is a former French colony, until its independence in 1960, while DRC was previously colonized by Belgium. The diverse terrain of Congo Brazzaville ranges from lush rainforests to rolling savannas. The majority of the population resides in urban areas, including the capital city of Brazzaville as well as

during weekdays to pack shoes (Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm). Come and sort shoes when it fits your schedule, and feel free to bring your 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 at 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 city of Pointe-Noire. Those in rural areas face more significant challenges to their quality of life as a result of lacking infrastructure and economic opportunities. Approximately 75% of Congolese profess Christianity and a number of denominations are represented, mostly Roman Catholicism. Additionally, traditional African religions continue to influence spiritual practices, particularly in rural communities, where ancestral beliefs and rituals remain central to daily life.

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