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

Dear Friend,

As we celebrate our nation's independence next week, I pray that we never forget how blessed we are to live and worship in freedom. May we also never forget that Jesus died for *all people* and we have a responsibility to share this freedom and the Good News of the gospel with every tribe and tongue. As I watched the short highlight video (below) from our recent trip to Benin, I am amazed at how the Lord continues to make a way for His Word to go forth and for lives to be set free. *"It is for freedom that Christ has set you free."* Galatians 5:1

The cost of following Jesus is much greater for many of our brothers and sisters across

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Thank You For Strolling!



We want to thank each person who attended our *Stroll For Soles* last Saturday! We also sincerely thank each Event

the globe. I was reminded of this while reading testimonies from the field where new believers were being baptized at night. For many, following Jesus can cost them everything - including their freedom, family, livelihood and even their lives.

When we were in Benin last month, we went to a village built during the era of slavery. It was a place to escape from the soldiers who sold people to Portuguese slave traders. Those who reached the village found freedom and its name, Ganvie, means "we are saved!" The slave trade stopped many years ago, but the descendants of the Tofinu tribe continue to live here. It was an amazing experience for our Benin Team to see lives set free in Jesus, as *"whoever the Son sets free is free indeed!"* John 8:36

Thank you for your kingdom partnership and may God bless you!

In Christ alone,

Diane

Studer

Sponsor for your support in making it a great success. We hope that you enjoyed the fun day as much as we did! What a joy it is to celebrate all that God is doing to advance His Kingdom through Soles For Jesus. To view more photos from *Stroll For Soles 2024*, click [HERE](#).



Stroll Across America Challenge

We are so grateful for our friends around the United States who strolled along with us this year from their home states! Please continue sending your photos to Info@SolesForJesus.org. Thank you for your support - near and far!

Founder/Executive Director
Soles For Jesus



*Click to watch Benin Highlight
Video!
(Full video released at Annual
Luncheon)*

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

**Discover Church Shoe
Drive & Serve Nights** - We
were blown away by the
grand total of this shoe drive,
as they collected 2,024
pairs! Discover Church also
brought two big groups to
serve in our warehouse this
month. We are so blessed by
your Kingdom Partnership
and thank you for touching
2,024 lives with God's love in
2024!



*Great to see you strolling in
Florida!*

Mark Your Calendar! 15th Annual Luncheon & Auction



**Ticket sales go LIVE on August
15th at 8am, so mark your**



Serve Night

*Discover Church Serve
Nights.*

First United Methodist Church, Green Bay- This youth group and church did it again! For the 15th year in a row, Youth Pastor Pat & Jen Heil brought their students to serve in our warehouse, along with a trailer full of donated shoes! We can't thank them enough for impacting over 10,000 lives with the love of Jesus through the shoes they've collected over the years!

calendar! We are thrilled to be celebrating Soles For Jesus' 15th year and this year's event will be extra special as we honor this milestone with an exciting recording artist and speaker (to be announced soon). You will be able to sponsor a table or purchase your seats on our website or by calling 414-365-1392. Tables are assigned in the order they are purchased, so be sure to act fast. We are very excited for you to join us!

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 and company signage, as well as honored at our event. If you'd like to be an Event Sponsor, please contact Diane for more info at DStuder@SolesForJesus.org.

Auction items: We are extremely grateful for every business and individual who donates to our silent auction! Fun packages like weekend getaways and vacations, gift



*Great job and well done,
friends!*

St. James Rummage Sale -

Thank you to our dear friend, Roberta, and the volunteers of St. James Catholic Church for donating shoes from their annual Thrift Sale. Each pair will impact a life in Africa and God bless you all!



*Thank you, friends of St.
James!*

Thank You, Loos Family -

We appreciate Cindee and Ashley Loos for delivering

baskets, and sports/event tickets are all great items for guests to bid on. We also appreciate creative ideas for services, items, or 'experiences' (ex: boat tours or gourmet dinners). Your name and item will be listed in our event program 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!



Shipment To Burundi

Our 7th shipment of shoes to Burundi is on its way! We thank God for each person who has donated shoes and helped pack these 8,000 pairs. We could not do this without your faithful support. Please join us in praying for our EHC Ministry Director in Burundi, Pastor Evariste, and his team as they

shoes from a community-wide rummage sale in northern Wisconsin. We enjoyed their visit and giving them a tour of our warehouse. God bless the Loos family for all of their support over the years!



Thank you, Cindee and Ashley!

Crosspointe Community Church, Indiana - We enjoyed hosting this youth group from Indiana! They delivered over 200 pairs of shoes and helped pack them for our next shipment to Africa. They served with the love of Jesus and many lives will be blessed because of them!

prepare to share the Gospel and distribute these shoes. We pray God's blessings over them and that all of their efforts are fruitful.

View more photos [HERE](#).



Blessings to Burundi!

Students in São Tomé and Príncipe say "Yes" to Jesus!

Pastor Carlos, our EHC Ministry Director in São Tomé and Príncipe, recently visited a school in Santo Antonio. This is an area heavily affected by poverty and many parents do not have resources to provide for their children. The ministry team shared God's word and distributed shoes, along with



Thank you, Crosspointe Community!

Martin Family Dentistry, Sussex - We are so grateful for local businesses like Martin Family Dentistry that are passionate about giving back. They collected a full bin of shoes for Africa that will impact many lives. Special thanks to Scott and Carole Grennier for coordinating this shoe drive and delivering the shoes!



Martin Family Dentistry impacting Africa!

Bible study materials from World Missionary Press. Pastor Carlos shared, *"It was a very fruitful event where we shared the Gospel message with the children and over 100 students accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior!"* Afterwards, many parents came to thank the ministry team and were also interested in hearing more about salvation in Jesus Christ. God continues to do great things here and this is just the start!

"All your children shall be taught by the Lord and great shall be the peace of your children" – Isaiah 54:13

View more photos [HERE](#).



God is moving in São Tomé & Príncipe!

Shipment Arrives in Mali

St. John Vianney - This great group of students from St. John Vianney Parish & School in Brookfield joined us in the warehouse for their June Serve Event. We appreciate their compassion to give back to the community with the love of Jesus!



Thank you, friends from SJV!

New SOS Leader!

We are thrilled to welcome our newest SOS Leader, Patricia McCollum, to the SFJ Team! When you visit the warehouse to volunteer at a *Sort & Organize Shoes (SOS) Event*, our SOS Leaders share the mission of SFJ and guide you through the process of packing shoes for Africa. They are a very important part of our team and we are so

After travelling over 5,000 miles, our shipment to Mali has finally arrived! Our EHC Ministry Director in Mali, Pastor Elise, is eager to begin shoe distributions and share Gospel hope with the Malians. We are believing with him for a great harvest and that many will come to know Jesus through the gift of these shoes!

View more photos [HERE](#).



Shoes and God's love to Mali

Discipleship in Cameroon

As a result of a recent shoe distribution in Cameroon, a family with 12 children is now being discipled as they desire to know more about Jesus. When their children arrived home with new shoes in hand and an incredible story about salvation in Jesus, the

thankful for each one who commits to leading one event per month.

Patricia has been involved with Soles For Jesus for several years and she has coordinated a number of shoe drives at Discover Church in Oak Creek. She also volunteers in the warehouse, sorting and packing shoes to be shipped. Patricia is a mom and a teacher who leads well and we look forward to having her smiling face in the warehouse, spreading the JOY of Jesus with all of our volunteers and visitors!



Welcome, Patricia!

parents went to meet those who had distributed the shoes so they could learn more. Our EHC Ministry Director, Brother Laurent, took this opportunity to share the Gospel with the parents as well, who then decided that their entire family would begin attending meetings to study the Bible so they can learn more. Please keep praying for this family and many like them, who are placing their faith in Jesus Christ.

View more photos [HERE](#).



The love of Jesus in Cameroon!

Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

Meet our Every Home for Christ Ministry Director in the Cabo Verde Islands, Pastor Emanuel Tavares Lopes Monteiro. He and his wife, Diva, have three

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).

July

Wednesday, July 3rd, 1-3pm
Monday, July 8th, 12:30-3pm
Tuesday, July 9th, 12:30-3pm
Wednesday, July 10th, 12:30-3pm
Thursday, July 11th, 12:30-3pm
Saturday, July 13th, 9-11am
Monday, July 15th, 9-11am
Thursday, July 18th, 1-3pm
Saturday, July 20th, 9-11am
Thursday, July 25th, 9-11am
Thursday, July 25th, 1-3pm
Saturday, July 27th, 9-11am

August

Thursday, August 1st, 1-3pm
Saturday, August 3rd, 9-11am
Wednesday, August 7th, 1-3pm



children: son Emanuel and daughters Raquel and Jael. Emanuel has identified several rural communities in Cabo Verde where he and his team seek to establish churches. He shares that these areas of greatest need are often the most challenging to reach, and so they continue to pray for new strategies to mobilize Gospel resources to these villages.

Pastor Emanuel understands personally how sharing the message of Jesus can spread like wildfire to change entire families and communities. He shares that in 1997, *"I heard the Gospel for the first time from a Brazilian missionary, and at that time I received a Bible. From then on, I desired to seek God more and was baptized a few months later. My parents threatened to kick me out of the house, but God helped me to stand firm. After a few years, my entire family converted to*

Saturday, August 10th., 9-11am
 Wednesday, August 14th, 9-11:30am
 Saturday, August 17th, 9-11am
 Monday, August 19th, 6-8pm
 Tuesday, August 20th, 3:30-5:30pm
 Saturday, August 24th, 9-11am
 Saturday, August 31st, 9-11am



Thank you to Urban Poiema Church along with Denise & friends!

"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, 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?

Christ: my brothers first and then my parents. I praise God for His grace and His immense love!"

Pastor Emanuel asks us to join him in prayer for the following:

- For the successful completion of his wife's education as well as construction of a school for children from poor families in their community
- Additional workers to expand the reach of the Gospel
- The health of his family and Emanuel's mother

Where in the World is Cabo Verde?



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.

Shoe Collection Sites



We are so thankful for our Shoe Collection Sites throughout Wisconsin and across the United States that collect shoes year-round! We are always praying to expand our reach across the state and nation, so if you are interested in becoming a Collection Site please reach out for more information by calling 414-365-1392 or by emailing Info@SolesForJesus.org.

The nation of Cabo Verde (Cape Verde) is made up of ten islands located off the western point of mainland Africa. The islands were previously uninhabited until colonized by the Portuguese in the 15th century. The nation gained independence from Portugal in 1975. Due to limited natural resources, the economy is mainly focused on services. The total population of the Cabo Verde Islands is about 484,000 people of mixed African and European heritage, with the majority identifying as Roman Catholic.

While Cabo Verde is known to be one of the most developed and democratic African countries, EHC Ministry Director Pastor Emanuel Monteiro describes the effects of recent events on local families. *"Unfortunately, the issue of Covid-19, the war in Ukraine and almost 3 years of drought have greatly affected the people in the acquisition of food. Many families are in a food crisis with rising prices, rising anxiety, depression and suicide. Many divorces have also taken place in the midst of this."*

We give thanks for the faithful work of Pastor Emanuel and his

Click on the map above to VIEW the current list of Shoe Collection Sites and find one in your area!

team to bring the love of Christ to those who are hurting, and we pray alongside them for redemptive healing.

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