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

**Dear Friend,**

I've been reflecting on our recent trip to Benin, while paging through the beautiful photo book that just arrived. It usually takes a few weeks for all that we experienced to sink in and this trip is no different. As I soak in each photo and testimony, my heart is full of praise to God! When we arrived at our first village, Pastor Sunday asked us to join him on a walk to the village chief's home. This was unusual, as the chief is most often there or on his way to greet us. So we gladly made the journey to his home to honor and bless him.

It was not until later in the day that pastor was able to pull me aside and share that ***the chief allowed our team to come and share our message***

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## 15 Year Celebration Special Announcement!



We are thrilled to announce that this year's musical guest for our 15 Year

***because we had shoes!*** I often read this in our reports but now I saw it with my own eyes. Shoes truly opened the door to this village and to the hearts of the people! The chief was a peaceful man but he was not happy about the message we were bringing. However, he knew that his people needed shoes and he did not block their blessing! I believe that seeds were planted in his heart, as he saw God's love on display. Many people in the village of Zè received salvation in Jesus and continue to be discipled as they attend the small village church that is growing!

On this day, a school of orphans walked a great distance to meet us as well. The word had spread so far about the "free shoes" that the teachers shut down classes for the day and walked with their students. It was pure joy to love and pray over each one; and to tell them about their Heavenly Father who loves them and will never leave them. Most of them arrived barefoot and their hearts were so open to all that we had to offer. Just before we began our three-hour drive back, we were able to give each of the widows a bag of sugar as a special gift. He

*Celebration Luncheon & Auction* will be Christian singer & songwriter, **Britt Nicole**! We will also be joined by **Sarita Chitapa** from Every Home For Christ as our keynote speaker. You will not want to miss the opportunity to hear from these incredibly talented women!

Britt Nicole is a Grammy Award-nominated songwriter and recording artist who began singing at the age of 3 in her grandfather's church and signed a recording contract with Capitol Records at the age of 21. She is a mom of three children and hails from California. Britt has released 5 studio albums and her songs have been featured on the Top 40 charts for both Pop Radio and Christian Radio.

Sarita Chitapa serves at Every Home For Christ International as the Africa Prayer and Margins Director. She is married to Dr. Cleopas Chitapa, EHC's Africa Continental Director, and they have three children. Sarita recently served with Team Benin on the mission field in May and has a passionate

deeply loves and provides for the orphans and widows and we take every opportunity we can to let them know! *"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this; to look after the orphans and widows in their distress."* James 1:27

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing and I pray that you will join us for our *15 Year Celebration!* This is going to be a special event and you can read more about it here. Mark your calendar to get your table or seats on **August 15th** and I can't wait to see you there!

In Christ alone,

Diane

Studer

Founder/Executive Director  
Soles For Jesus



heart for reaching the most vulnerable, voiceless, and neglected people in Africa.

**Tickets Go LIVE on August 15th!**



Event tables and seats will go **LIVE on August 15th at 8am**, so mark your calendar! You will be able to make your purchase on our website or by calling 414-365-1392. We are so happy to share that Lance Allan will be returning as our Emcee this year and we look forward to seeing you on November 9th at the Brookfield Conference Center!

**Event Sponsorships:** We are so grateful for our event sponsors and you can be one too! As an event sponsor, your name or business will be recognized through printed material, social media and company signage, as well as



*Loving on orphans and widows  
in Benin*

## Super Saturday is Back!

Our next Super Saturday Event will be on **Saturday, October 12th**. Will you help pack one entire shipment in one day? There are three sessions to choose from:

**9:00am-11:00am**

**11:30am-1:30pm**

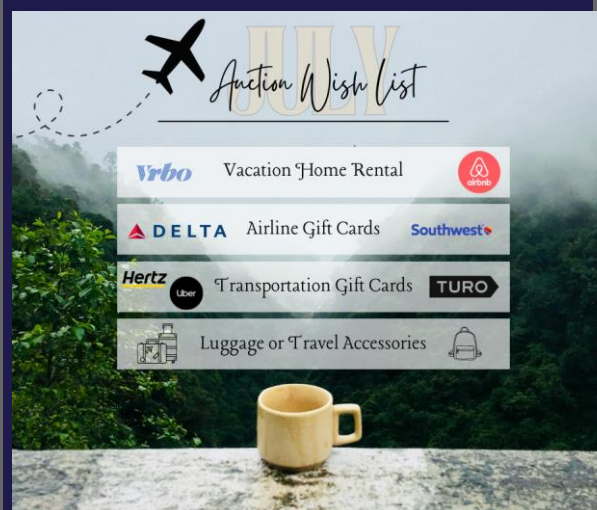
**2:00pm-4:00pm**

Space will fill up fast again for this fun event, so reach out soon to reserve your two-hour slot. Individuals and groups are welcome to join the fun and help pack 8,000 pairs of shoes to impact 8,000 lives! RSVP at [Info@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Info@SolesForJesus.org) or 414-365-1392.



honored at our event. If you'd like to be an Event Sponsor, please contact Diane for more info at [DStuder@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:DStuder@SolesForJesus.org).

**Auction items:** Thank you for supporting the success of this event through your donations of goods and services to our Silent Auction. As a donor, your name or business will be printed in our auction program and we will acknowledge your tax-deductible donation after the event. If you are looking for inspiration on items to donate, check out this month's **Auction Wish List** below! For more info or to donate, please contact Nicole at [NJenkins@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:NJenkins@SolesForJesus.org). Thank you for your support!



## Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

**Once Upon A Child, Brookfield** - We are so thankful for our partnership with Once Upon A Child. They collect kids shoes year-round for us. This is an answer to prayer as we're finalizing our shipment to Eswatini and the last boxes to fill are for the children!



*Picking up shoes at Once Upon A Child*

**Thacker Family** - We appreciate the Thacker Family for serving with us this month. They traveled from several states to serve alongside their Dad, Craig, who helps lead our SOS groups. This father/son team (Craig and Shawn)

## Shipment To Benin & Togo

We are grateful for the work the Lord is doing through our ministry partner, Pastor Avla, as we send our 5<sup>th</sup> shipment to Benin. We are especially excited as he will also be distributing this shipment to people in the neighboring nation of Togo. Join us in prayer for Pastor Avla and his team as they share shoes and demonstrate God's redeeming love through word and action. May God bless the people of Benin and Togo.

View more photos [HERE](#).



*God's blessings to Benin & Togo!*

was recently on our Benin Mission trip as well. The Thacker family has been partnering with us so generously for many years and we're so blessed by this amazing family!



*A Thacker family reunion at SFJ!*

**Jacqueline's Shoe Drive** - Jacqueline volunteered with MIX Church last month and was so touched by our mission that she took a collection box right away to collect shoes with family and friends during a trip to Minnesota. God bless her for impacting lives in Africa with these great shoes!

## **A Message From Burkina Faso**

We thank God for our Ministry Director in Burkina Faso, Pastor Lompo, for sharing God's love and shoes at the Solidary Life Center in the community of Saba. This center exists for the recovery and education of children who have run away or have been lost. Solidary Life Center provides physical resources, while the children spend their days working in fields or markets and then return to the center at night to sleep. The children and staff were blessed when Pastor Lompo and his team arrived with shoes and the Gospel. They were filled with joy as they are usually overlooked, but now they know that God has not forgotten them.

View more photos [HERE](#).





*Jacqueline's shoe collection*

**Shepherd Of The Hills, Hubertus** - We are so blessed by the Ladies Bible Study group from Hubertus for joining us again. They delivered over 150 pairs of shoes and helped us pack them for our next shipment to Africa!



*Thank you, ladies, for serving*



*God is moving in Burkina Faso!*

## **Shipment Arrives in Botswana**

Our Botswana shipment has arrived! We are so thankful for our partnership with Pastor Tanga and his team as they are preparing for the ministry that takes place at each shoe distribution. Thank you for joining us in prayer as we believe that God has great plans for the nation of Botswana!

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11*

View more photos [HERE](#).

*with us!*

**Cintas, Milwaukee** - We are so grateful for local businesses that give back. Over 250 pairs of shoes were collected by Cintas and we appreciate their support to make a difference in Africa.



*Thank you, Cintas!*

## **Volunteer of the Month**

We honor Gary Bray as our July Volunteer of the Month! Gary faithfully picks up shoes at local collection sites every month and we are so grateful for his commitment to serve. In addition to his work with SFJ, Gary had a long career in law enforcement, where he also led the Homeless Outreach Team. Gary shared, *"The most rewarding aspect [of my job] was assisting people who were maybe having the worst day of*



*Shoes and God's love in Botswana*

## **Making a Difference in Mozambique**

Our ministry partner, Brother Godfrey, is making a difference in Mozambique. Difficult roads and traditional beliefs have often made it challenging to reach certain villages with the Gospel. However, through prayer and God's favor, Godfrey and his team have been successful in reaching isolated people with the name of Jesus! We praise God for the unity of the church in Mozambique, which has made the ministry of shoe distributions and foot washing possible. May God continue to transform hearts and communities through



*their lives and leaving them in a better place than where I found them". Gary's heart for service has made a positive impact for many people in Milwaukee and Africa!*

Gary first learned about Soles For Jesus after seeing a collection box in the community. He reached out to his friends, Marty & Jay, who operate *Total Health Nutrition Center*, to ask if they would be interested in placing a collection box at the entrance of their stores as well. When Gary encounters customers as he is emptying these boxes, he enjoys having the opportunity to share what God is doing through SFJ. He recently met a woman who was curious about what the donated shoes were used for, so he shared a story from a shoe distribution in Africa. She was so moved that she immediately went home to search her own closet for shoes to donate to Africa!

salvation in Jesus.

View more photos [HERE](#).



*The love of Jesus in Mozambique!*

## Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

Meet our Every Home For Christ Ministry Director in



Guinea, Pastor David Sandouno. Pastor David shares that he was blessed to have been raised in a Christian home. His father spent over 50 years in pastoral ministry and



*Thank You, Gary!*

## **Volunteer Opportunities SOS Events**

***Can you serve for 2 hours  
in August or September?  
Sign up today!***

### **August**

Thursday, August 1st, 1-3pm

Saturday, August 3rd, 9-11am

Wednesday, August 7th, 9:30-11:30am

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

### **September**

Saturday, September 7th, 9-

provided a positive influence to young David, teaching him about Jesus Christ and nurturing a passion for evangelism. Today, Pastor David and his wife, Dorcas, are blessed to be parents to 7 children of their own!

David is dedicated to sharing the Gospel across the nation of Guinea. He reports that many families are struggling financially. He sees a desperate need for the love of Jesus to come into the hearts of Guineans and bring them hope during troubled times. During a shoe distribution on the nearby island of Tamara, Pastor David and his team encountered a man named Banga Soumah. He received shoes for himself and his entire family. Banga told the team that the arrival of the shoes not only met his material needs, but also showed him the love of the God and Christians. Today, this man has become the "man of peace" who receives, lodges, and feeds the evangelists that visit their island. Banga Soumah shared with them, *"I now know that there is a God of Love who exists and who loves ALL*

11am  
Thursday, September 12th, 9-11am  
Saturday, September 14th, 9-11am  
Saturday, September 21st, 9-11am  
Tuesday, September 24th, 9-11am  
Saturday, September 28th, 9-11am

Join us for a 2-hour SOS Event! You and your friends can help *Sort and Organize Shoes* at our Milwaukee warehouse to help prepare them for shipment to Africa. New volunteers are always welcome but you must sign-up! Contact YenH at (414)365-1392 or [Yenh@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Yenh@SolesForJesus.org) to reserve your spot(s)!



*Thank you to The Ulster Project!*

**“Business Hours” SOS:** Volunteers can also come during weekdays to pack shoes (Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm). Come and sort

*people of ALL tribes!”*

Pastor David asked us to join him in prayer for the following:

- That God will be seen in every domain of the EHC Guinea ministry
- Divine favor for the nation of Guinea with regards to a lasting intervention for the fuel problem that leads to many other day-to-day issues in the country
- For his entire family to be consecrated to the Lord and for Jesus Christ to be the heritage for his children

## Where in the World is Guinea?





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](mailto:Yenh@SolesForJesus.org) or by calling (414)365-1392 to sign-up.

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The Republic of Guinea is a coastal nation of West Africa. It is sometimes referred to as "Guinea-Conakry", after its capitol city, to distinguish from other territories in the region (Guinea-Bissau and Equatorial Guinea). Guinea is home to 14 million people, 90% of whom identify as Muslim. Unfortunately, the country has struggled since gaining independence from France in 1956, with numerous military coups and government instability that have limited its progress as a self-governing nation. Despite having plentiful natural resources in important metals, much of Guinea's economy remains based in subsistence agriculture. We pray for peace to reign in Guinea and for all Guineans to know the everlasting love of Jesus Christ.



*"How can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? How can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!""*

Romans 10:14-15