Soles For Jesus Newsletter

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

Dear Friend,

Now that school is back session, I want to take moment to celebrate and honor Email Us the hundreds of students who volunteer in our came to warehouse during their summer break. Groups of students from across the country made the trip to Milwaukee to serve and pack shoes. We are so blessed by each one and I must share about one group that came all of the way from Colorado. A young man in the group named Caden was so moved by the video and mission that he took off his own shoes to send to Africa! This inspired several more from the group to take off their shoes and donate them too! You can see them below with their shoes in hand— and it was awesome to watch them size, rubber band and prepare their own shoes for

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Celebration!			



Tables and individual tickets for the big event on November 9th are selling fast! Over 400 seats have already been filled and we

shipment to Mozambique.

I continue to be amazed at how many lives are also being impacted right here. Adults are a big part of this too and we just had a group of employees from Impact who chose to volunteer their "Make with US on an Day!" Impact We enjoyed sharing our mission with them and they had a great time of serving together. More companies are encouraging their employees to volunteer together and we are so grateful.

I hope that you can join us for our 15 Year Celebration! Tables and tickets are on sale now and I'm so excited that 430 seats have already been filled. I'd love for you to be a part of this too, so you can see and hear all that God is doing and I encourage you to secure your seats today.

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer Founder/Executive Director Soles For Jesus

thank each sponsor & supporter who will be joining us. Click the button below or call 414-365-1392 to make your purchase today. We are to enjoy music by excited Britt Nicole, hear from Sarita Chitapa, and welcome Lance Allan back as our emcee. We hope that you will join us at Brookfield Conference the Center!

BUY NOW

Sponsorships: Sponsorships are still available for this year's event. As an Event Sponsor, your name or business will be recognized through printed material, media, social company signage, and at our event. If you'd like to be a Sponsor, please contact Diane for more info at DStuder@SolesForJesus.org.

Auction items: Thank you for supporting the success by of our event donating goods and services to be included Silent in our Auction! We appreciate every individual, family, and business who contributes. Your business and item will



Students took off their shoes to donate!

Cleaning out your closets?



As the seasons change, it is a great time to get rid of the shoes you no longer need. It's also a great time to host a shoe drive and we'd be happy to help you get started! We had a very busy summer of packing shoes in our warehouse and you can

be listed in event our program and we will also acknowledge taxyour deductible donation after the event. If you are looking for donation inspiration, check out this month's Auction Ideas List below! August's wish list features items & experiences for THE GREAT OUTDOORS. If you'd like to make a donation of any kind or fulfill an item on this list, please contact Nicole at NJenkins@SolesForJesus.org.



Click <u>HERE</u> to view August Auction Donors

Shipment To Chad

Our 2nd shipment of shoes to Chad is on its way! Thank you to each person who has help us replenish our supply. Thank you for your shoe donations that will impact kids and adults in Africa!

See You At Super Saturday!

Space is filling up quickly for our next Super Saturday Event on **Saturday, October 12th** where we will pack one shipment in one day! To RSVP, send an email to <u>Info@SolesForJesus.org</u> or call 414-365-1392.

***SPOTS AVAILABLE FOR:** 11:30am-1:30pm 2:00pm-4:00pm

Individuals and groups are welcome to join the fun and help pack 8,000 pairs of shoes to impact 8,000 lives!

donated and helped pack these 8,000 pairs. We could not do this without your faithful support! Join us in praying for the safety of our Ministry Partner, Pastor Osee, and his team. We give thanks to the Lord for the beautiful work that he is doing in the nation of Chad. We pray God's blessings over them and that all of their efforts will be fruitful.

View more photos <u>HERE.</u>



Love and God's blessings to Chad

Village Transformation

We received this testimony from our Ministry Partner, Pastor Brice, in Congo. His team recently distributed



What A Great Stroll!

We are so thankful for our family of supporters who joined in the fun at this year's **Stroll For Soles** event - in-person and across the nation! Stroll For Soles is always a highlight of the summer and such a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all that God is doing in Africa through the gift of shoes. Check out the video below, showcasing this wonderful day!



shoes and the Gospel at a village the southern in Moungoundou district. This village does not have а church; and his team shared the message of salvation with the people and watched as God started to transform the entire village! We rejoice in this good news and that God's love is moving in this nation. 183 people - old and young - received the Lord on this day and to God be the glory!

View more photos <u>HERE.</u>



Click the image above to view video

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Journey Church, Kenosha -Thank you to the Young Adults Ministry at Journey Church for hosting a Serve Night to sort and pack the shoes they collected for our next shipment. We praise God for this special time of fellowship and the many lives that will be changed in Africa!



Young Adult Shoe Packing Party at JC!

Lutheran, Immanuel Brookfield - These students did Distributions in a fantastic job of serving and Eswatini helping us pack for shoes

our 6th shipment of shoes to Mozambique. Our Partner, Brother Ministry Godfrey, and his team have plans to deliver these shoes by foot, truck, and air as they reach out to places where the need is greatest. Over 60% of Mozambigue's population reside in rural areas and we give thanks to Godfrey and the FHC Mozambique team for their commitment to reaching ALL people with the hope of the Gospel!

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MOZAMBIQUE

2024 Shoes and God's love to Mozambique

Mozambique. They arrived with hands full of shoes and hearts ready to serve. We are grateful for this group and their ongoing commitment to donate shoes and volunteer over the years!



Donating shoes and volunteering!

Wisconsin Lutheran College -This team served like champs and over 800 pairs of shoes were packed for our next shipment to Malawi! We enjoyed having WLC Women's Volleyball team with us and we wish them a great season. We were excited to receive testimonies and photos from Ministry our Partner in Eswatini, Pastor Joseph. His recently visited and team ministered with foot washing to the people of Ngogodla. Nearly 500 people attended and were given shoes and a presentation of the Gospel, resulting 150 in over surrendering their lives to Jesus! The people expressed their gratitude for the love and support they were given, and the children gathered to sing a song 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 <u>HERE.</u>



Demonstrating God's love in Eswatini



WLC Women's Volleyball Team

Shoes from Appleton, WI -It's always a joy to have our friends, Greg & Kayla, stop by with shoes from the Appleton area. They collect shoes from many family and friends and we're thankful for their contribution to touch lives in Africa!



Greg & Kayla delivering shoes.

Southern Lakes Church, Elkhorn - Special thanks to SLC for organizing a shoe drive

Gratitude From Guinea Bissau

We thank God for our Ministry Partner, Pastor Julio, who shared this message from the village of Tchalana in Guinea Bissau. "Before the distribution of shoes, the head man of the community, named Tino Na Dum, was emotional and cried during his speech of thanks for the noble gesture given to his community. It was the first time they received а donation of this kind from the church. He introduced a lady named Binhama-lowa, who expressed that she has never been able to buy shoes like this in her life. She and community the entire thanked Soles For Jesus from the bottom of their hearts for their generosity and said they will never forget the God that's been love of shown to them."

View more photos <u>HERE</u>.

in collaboration with their Summer Vacation Bible School! These kids did an amazing job and collected over 250 pairs of shoes that will bless many in Africa. We also thank Gary & Margaret Hetzel for delivering this fantastic load.



Shoes from Southern Lakes Church.

Introducing New SOS Leaders!

We are thrilled to add Sue Hervey and Susan Levin to our amazing team of SOS leaders! Sue & Susan both served on our recent mission team to Benin in May and we are so grateful that they have answered the call to also serve as leaders for our volunteer groups each month. Be sure to welcome these two



Joy and news shoes in Guinea Bissau

Meet One of Our Ministry Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ Ministry Partner in Mali, Brother Elisé Dabou. Elisé and his wife, Hawa, have two young children and, along with their team, dedicate their lives to sharing the Gospel across the nation of Mali. Brother Elise shares, "The donation of shoes to EHC Mali is a great help to us. These gifts bring joy to many people and facilitate our team's sharing of the wonderful ladies when you see them in the warehouse. Thank you, Sue & Susan!

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10



Sue Hervey & Susan Levin

Volunteer Opportunities SOS Events

September

Saturday, September 7th, 9-11am 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

October

Saturday, October 5th, 9-11am **Super Saturday October 12th** 9-11am, 11:30-1:30 & 2-4pm Thursday, October 17th, 9-11am

Gospel."

Though Elise was born to Christian parents, he left home at young age to attend



school and was under the care of his uncle, who was not a follower of Christ. Therefore, he found it difficult to be able to attend church as a child. At the age of 14, his heart was opened public evangelism bv а encounter and he decided to give his life to Jesus. That day, Elise asked the Lord to help him grow deeply in His Scriptures. He has since dedicated himself to studying and serving God in all areas of his life. He says, "Jesus is everything to me. That is why I have committed myself to His work, always."

Brother Elisé asks us to join him in prayer for the following:

 God's grace and protection over him and his wife, along with their two young children, as their home was recently burglarized. May their Saturday, October 19th, 9-11am Tuesday, October 22nd, 6-8pm Saturday, October 26th, 9-11am

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



Thank you Grace 242 & St. Paul Lutheran Church

"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. financial and material needs be met, and may the Lord strengthen each of them to be more determined in His work than ever before.

- For wisdom from God and strength to properly direct the operations of the EHC ministry in Mali (James 1:5)
- That the Lord will open the hearts of Malians to the Gospel message through the efforts of the EHC ministry in Mali (Romans 10:9)

Where in the World is Mali?



The Republic of Mali is a nation of nearly 22 million people in West Africa. About 65% of the total area of Mali is covered by the Sahara

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 signup.

Desert and it has one of the hottest climates in the world. Mali ranks among the lowest countries worldwide for life expectancy and many people, especially children, suffer from malnutrition. An estimated 90% of the population is Muslim with an additional 5% of Malians practicing traditional African religions. Historically, relations **Muslims** between minority faiths and have cordial, however been in recent years persecution of Christians in the northern parts of Mali has become a significant issue. We pray for peace and a move of God in Mali, so that many hearts will be opened to the love of Jesus Christ.

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