Soles For Jesus Newsletter

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

Dear Friend,

Someone just asked me, "What Donate Now fuels you and what keeps you going after 15 years?" Μv answer is simple. JESUS and I believe that every person on the planet deserves to hear His lifechanging Gospel, as He continues to open doors in hard to reach places through the gift of shoes and foot washing. No matter how far or difficult they are to reach, we must go to them. This is why we partner with local pastors, churches and believers who are willing to go difficult to the and marginalized places. His love and salvation is for all! "And to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12-13

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-	Your	Table	Now
For Our	1	.5	Year
Celebration!			



Tables and individual tickets are still available for our 15 Year Celebration on Saturday, November 9th! Click the In Mozambique, an entire village button below or call 414-365-

just came together to hear the Gospel in the Niari Region. There is not a church in this village and EHC (vet) our Ministrv Director, Pastor Godfrey, taught about the love of God in a way that all could understand. Their ministry team shared free shoes after the message and **138 people** (old and young) received Jesus as their Savior on this day! This entire village has been transformed by the power of God and many continue to meet on Sundays. You can see in the photo below that many people raised both hands when asked if they'd like to surrender all of their life to Jesus!

I hope that you have secured your table or seats for our **15 Year Celebration** on November 9th. If not, I invite you to do so today! We will be celebrating 15 years of Kingdom Impact and I'd love to have you join us for this exciting event. Thank you for your partnership to the nations and God bless you.

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer

Founder/Executive Director Soles For Jesus 1392 to purchase your seats today. We are excited to share new videos from the field and to hear from Sarita Chitapa, who served with our mission team in Benin. You will also be so blessed by recording artist, Britt Nicole, who will be sharing her gift of music with us. We hope to see you there!

BUY NOW



Auction items: We appreciate every business and individual who has already donated to this year's auction! September's Auction Wish List features sporting event tickets. Are you a season ticket holder for one of Wisconsin's favorite teams and would willing be to donate your seats for one game to our auction? To fulfill



Saying "Yes!" to Jesus in Mozambique.

<u>Shoe Drives & Special</u> <u>Thanks</u>

Thank you Pennsylvania! -We want to give a big shout-out to the Simon Family, our PA State Reps, and John Corey for their efforts in delivering 8 huge containers filled with shoes to our warehouse! Each pair is an effective tool in sharing the gospel and we're excited about the lives in Africa that will be forever changed because of their generosity, and we thank you all!

this request or to contribute a donation of any kind, contact Nicole at NJenkins@SolesForJesus.org.

Remember: Auction items are due by **Friday, October 25th.** We thank you for your support!



Click to <u>VIEW</u> September Auction Donors

Early Access Bidding: On Wednesday, November 6th, each person who has registered their email address will gain access to online bidding 3 days before the event! There will be a photo of each item, so you can see it prior to bidding. Please note that gift certificates can be mailed, but larger items and baskets must be picked



We appreciate the love from PA!

Spring Creek "Seasoned Sisters" - Yenh enjoyed being with the Seasoned Sisters group at SCC. She loved sharing with the ladies and we appreciate Diane Wilhelms for creating a beautiful photo slideshow about the Benin Mission Trip. We are thankful for the ongoing support of SCC and God bless you all!



Yenh with the Seasoned Sisters

up at the SFJ office. If you or your table guests have not yet added an email address to your registration, please do so by **November 6th!** Emails will be used by each guest for both early bidding and at the event, as well as to receive important updates.

Salvations in Lesotho

"My name is Toti and I wish to express my joy for the pair of shoes that I received from Soles For Jesus. This gift is a big help in my time of need! I was surviving with a very old pair of shoes in terrible condition due to my lack of funds. Praise God that He provided shoes that new came right on time and they are much better quality than I have ever seen! I commit my love and life to Jesus who has given me this gift through people who led me to the true and living God. I really wish to express my sincere gratitude to Soles for Jesus for their love and support. They found me in my village and I pray God's blessings be upon them."

group.

Hills, Of Shepherd The Pewaukee friends - Our at organized SOTH have а September Shoe Drive and we're thankful to have their amazina SOTH support. Pewaukee has been a collection site for many years and they often bring volunteers to help pack shoes in our warehouse. Thousands of lives have been their kindness impacted by throughout the years and we're so grateful!



Thank you, SOTH Pewaukee!

Germantown Senior Center -Friends of all ages are making a difference! Over 150 pairs of shoes were collected by the Germantown Senior Center and we thank each person for donating shoes that will impact lives in Africa!

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." – Numbers 6:24-26





New shoes & new life for Toti!

Shipment to Angola

Our 2nd shipment of shoes to Angola is on its way to Africa. We are so grateful for each who has person donated, packed and help send these 8,000 pairs of shoes. We could not do it without faithful your support. Please join us in praying for the safety of our Ministry Director, Pastor Emanuel, and his team as they minister and distribute



Germantown Senior Center Shoe Drive

Leach Family Shoe Drive Special thanks to the Leach family for collecting shoes in community along their with family and friends. When they finished their shoe drive, they shared their collection box a friend who will with be collectina shoes their in neighborhood next. Thanks for passing the baton and sharing our mission with others so we can continue impacting lives in Africa!

these shoes. We pray God's blessings over them and that all of their efforts will be fruitful.



Love and Shoes to Angola

Testimony From Mali

"My name is Fatima. I am 26 vears old and a mother of four children. When I heard about the distribution of free shoes, a child from the village told me the program was only for Christians. I wondered if I wasn't supposed to attend since I am a Muslim. But I decided to go and watch from a distance with my children, when one of the volunteers saw me. She invited us to come closer and all of the people were so warm and welcoming to us. I felt a sense of community that I hadn't experienced before. They also shared about Jesus



Thank you Leach family Leach Family collecting shoes

Sherry & Jim Gac - What delivery a fantastic shoes of from Sherry & Jim Gac! They Layton delivered shoes from Avenue Baptist Church and Greendale Entertainment Association's Fall Resale Event. May God bless the Gacs and their community for making a big difference in Africa!



and it was my first time to really listen to the message with an open mind. I felt pure love and hope filling my heart and tears began flowing from my eyes. I said in my heart, even if we don't receive the shoes will not be Τ life sad because my has already been touched by the given message that has me peace in my soul. To my surprise, I was given shoes together with my children just like everyone else. I have never felt this kind of love before and we also received Gospel booklets that we will read because I want to know more about Jesus."

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



The love of Jesus is for ALL!

Testimony From Mozambique

"I have never owned a pair of

Volunteer of the Month

What a joy it is to celebrate Sandy Miller, our September Volunteer of the Month! Sandy has been a faithful supporter of Soles For Jesus since the beginning and we are so grateful for her heart of service. Sandy first learned about SFJ through daughter-in-law, her Jennifer Miller, when she was invited to our Luncheon & Auction. Ever since the first invite, Sandy has attended every year and she's so moved by the stories that Diane shares. In Sandy's own words, "I am very proud and blessed to be a part of it and I've met wonderful people. I always look forward to serving and I enjoy the relaxed and friendly atmosphere. It's the perfect place to volunteer". In Sandy's free time she loves gardening, hiking and reading. She also loves dogs and spends her time at the Washington County Human Society. Thank you, Sandy, for your heart to serve so generously and God bless you for your support!

shoes before. I was SO when excited Ι heard that people were coming to village to our share а message and free shoes. Every day I walk to school barefoot and sometimes I get cuts on my feet from the rocks. During the winter it is painful to walk to school because of the heel-fissures that bleed during that time, and I hated going to school because of this. Now that I just received my first pair of shoes, I feel like I am walking on clouds! It was a moment of joy that I'll never forget. Wearing shoes makes me feel ready to learn and now I can running. school ao to The missionary also told me that Jesus loves me and has a plan for my life. Inside of my shoe there was a colorful drawing with the same message that said, Jesus Loves You! I enjoy reading about Jesus in the more booklets they gave me and I am attending church every Sunday because I believe Jesus that indeed loves me." Esmeralda Nhamacambo

View more photos HERE.



Thank You, Sandy!



Jesus loves you, Esmeralda!



Join Us For Super Saturday!

Help us pack One Shipment of 8,000 pairs of shoes in One Day on **October 12th**!

Two time slots are still

Testimony From Uganda

Meet Kukiriza. She 12 is years old with three siblings who live with their widowed grandmother, since their mother and father left them. These children have been coming to church barefoot because their grandma could not afford to buy them even a pair of sandals. Our Ministry Director, Doreen, was able to bless this family of 5 with shoes and it was amazing to see the smiles on their faces. Please join us in praying for Kukiriza, her siblings and grandmother as they continue

available: 9-11am OR 2-4pm

Email <u>Yenh@SolesForJesus.org</u> to Sign Up and you're welcome to bring friends along.

Volunteer Opportunities SOS Events

October

Saturday, October 5th, 9-11am Thursday, October 10th, 9-11am **Super Saturday October 12th** 9-11am, 11:30-1:30 & 2-4pm Saturday, October 19th, 9-11am Tuesday, October 22nd, 6-8pm Saturday, October 26th, 9-11am

November

Friday, November 1st, 10-noon Saturday, November 2nd, 9-11am Wednesday, November 13th, 4-6pm Thursday, November 14th, 6-8pm Friday, November 15th, 10-11:30am Saturday, November 16th, 9-11am Tuesday, November 19th, 1-3pm Saturday, November 23rd, 9-11am

a 2-hour Join for SOS us your friends Event! You and can help and Organize Sort Milwaukee Shoes our at warehouse to help prepare them shipment to Africa. New for volunteers are always welcome sign-up! but you must

to grow in the Lord.

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

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



Jesus loves the orphans & widows!

Meet One of Our Ministry Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ



Ministry Director in Uganda, Doreen Kabasomi. Doreen Contact Yenh at (414)365-1392 or <u>Yenh@SolesForJesus.org</u> to reserve your spot(s)!



Thank you St. Paul's Lutheran in Franklin

"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.

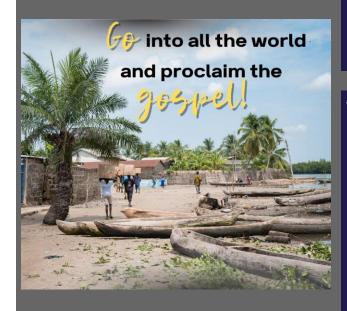
SOS Group Event: Schedule a special date to host your own part of a group! Are you a sports team, small group, or work, club at vour school, church, community? or Volunteering together to organize and pack shoes for Africa is a rewarding, 2-hour, team building opportunity for youth and adults. Please contact Yenh@SolesForJesus.org or by

leads a passionate team in Uganda and their ministry is currently focused on mobilizing local resources through partnerships, so that they can expand their reach to the most marginalized and forgotten people groups. Doreen shares that the most pressing issue in her country at this time is hunger and famine and she asks for this to be lifted up in prayer. Her team is committed to adapting to changing conditions and the needs of communities to reach them where they are and encourage integration into local churches. She places her faith in the Lord, according to scripture in 1 Thessalonians 5:24 which states, "The One who called you is completely dependable. If He said it, He will do it."

Join us in prayer for the following:

- For unity among the Church in Uganda.
- Doreen and her family, as well as the staff and families at EHC Uganda.
- Provision of needed resources for EHC

calling (414)365-1392 to signup.



Your Donation Impacts Lives

Or By Mail:

Soles For Jesus 8835 W. Heather Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53224 (414) 365-1392 Uganda to accommodate the needs of the growing ministry and reach underserved areas of their country.

Where in the World is Uganda?



Uganda is an inland country Africa with of East а population of over 45 million people. It is bordered partially by Lake Victoria, one of the largest freshwater lakes in the world. Several other major lakes in the collectively country are known at the African Great Lakes. Fertile soil benefits agricultural industries in Uganda, including coffee and production. cotton Threequarters of the people living

in Uganda reside in rural areas and rely on subsistence farming to meet their needs. Like many other African countries, the population is largely young people and about 50% are under age 15. Primary school is available to most children ages 6-12, though secondary education is far more limited based on social and financial factors. The Gospel continues to be shared throughout Uganda every week. It is estimated that 66% of the nation must still be reached with the Word of God and we pray fervently for many new believers to come to know Christ!

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