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

### Dear Friend,

During this time of giving thanks, I am thanking the Lord for you! We just celebrated 15 years of kingdom impact and I'm so grateful for your partnership and support. I invite you to take a few minutes to watch this new video from Benin that includes a special message of thanks from Pastor Sunday. You'll also be able to see the ministry in action and hear how God is moving.

On our 15th anniversary I was able to go back to the village in Ethiopia where SFJ was born. Here is a [LETTER](#) that shares more about this and how you can be a part of what God is doing in the new year. The Lord continues to transform lives and I'm amazed by the creative ways He allows us to share the

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### 15 Year Celebration!

On behalf of the entire Soles For Jesus team, we express our deepest gratitude for each person who joined us at this year's event! It was truly a joy to celebrate God's goodness over the last 15 years while surrounded by so many dear friends. Your encouragement and support made this milestone celebration so very special.

We also thank Britt Nicole for sharing her music with us, Lance Allan for being our fabulous emcee, Sarita

Gospel and how He continues to lead us to new territory.

We continue to send a shipment of approximately 8,000 pairs of shoes every 3 weeks! (This is a big change since we used to ship every six weeks.) Even though shipping to Africa is challenging and costly, the Lord is doing it through so many of you. I can't thank you enough for your partnership, and when I see what the Lord is doing I'm reminded of Isaiah 43:29. *"I will make a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert."*

May the Lord bless you throughout this holiday season and I thank you for being a part of our family. So many amazing people make this mission possible and the Lord has faithfully provided through many of you. We can't slow down now, as the harvest is ripe and there are so many more people to reach! It is a joy to link arms with you and to be a part of what He is doing in the nations.

Sincerely in Christ,

Diane Studer

Founder/Executive Director  
Soles For Jesus

Chitapa for sharing her heartfelt reflections from serving with us in Benin and Diane for sharing her journey and where God is leading us next. We praise God for blessing us with His presence in such a special way, and we look forward to continuing our mission of bringing the gift of shoes and the love of Jesus to the beautiful people of Africa for many years to come!



Click [HERE](#) to view a recording of our Speakers and Videos. To view our Event Photo Album, click [HERE](#).

## Testimony From Guinea Bissau

Pastor Carlitos Cá is a church



*Click to VIEW Benin Video*

## **Shoe Drives & Special Thanks**

**St. John's Lutheran Church & School, West Bend** - We love this creative idea, as St. John's set a goal of collecting **2,000 pounds of shoes!** They crushed their goal as the school collected over 1,819 pounds and the church also delivered a full truck of shoes! We are grateful for every student, teacher and family that jumped on board to help make a difference in Africa, and they also made a financial gift to help send their shoes. Special thanks to Amanda and Alan for making multiple deliveries and God bless you all for your support!

leader in Guinea Bissau who is married and has seven children. He shared this testimony with us and we praise the Lord for the incredible work his team is doing here.

*"I would like to thank God and SFJ for providing shoes that were distributed to the entire community of Gambiel - which brought great transformation to our entire population. The five-day campaign began with preaching the Gospel and the washing of feet, followed by the distribution of shoes. This expression of love brought healing to the strained relationship between the church and our community. We praise God that 58 people accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior! This was amazing in itself and then several heads of families, who prevented and persecuted their family for attending the church, openly confessed that they would no longer do so. We never expected that such a bond of unity could happen and the community of Gambiel thanks God and SFJ for showing us true love. We pray that God will bless SFJ in*





*St. John's donated over 2000 pounds!*

### **Journey21, Oconomowoc -**

Much thanks to Journey21 for hosting their second shoe drive and for serving in our warehouse to help prepare them for shipment to Africa! This amazing group (pictured below) collected hundreds of pairs of shoes that will impact many lives in Africa. Thank you all for serving with such JOY and we appreciate your partnership!



*Much thanks to our Journey21 friends*

*this noble mission that helped bring reconciliation and transformation to our entire community."*

View more photos [HERE](#).



*God's love changes lives & communities*

## **Shipment To Burkina Faso**

Our sixth shipment of shoes for Burkina Faso is now on its way to Africa. We thank each person who has donated shoes, funds to send them and helped pack these 8,000 pairs. We could not do this work without your faithful support. Please join us in praying for our ministry partner, Pastor Lompo, and his amazing team. We pray God's blessings over them and that all of their efforts are fruitful, and we look

**Ellenbecker Radio Show, Waukesha** - Diane enjoyed sharing on Ellenbecker Investment Group's radio program last week. Milwaukee's Philanthropic Community (MPC) is on WISN 1130 and she was interviewed by Jill about the mission of SFJ. Thank you for the opportunity to share what God is doing from our Milwaukee headquarters to impact 31 nations in Africa. God bless you for the great work you are doing through MPC!



*Diane's interview on the MPC show*

**Church in the City, Milwaukee** - Thank you to Church in the City for collecting more shoes to touch lives in Africa! We're so thankful for your partnership and

forward to sharing testimonies and more photos with you soon.

View more photos [HERE](#).



*Burkina Faso  
Shipment 2024*

*Love and Blessings to  
Burkina Faso*

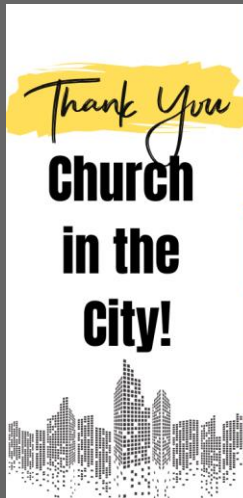
## Reaching the Margins in Benin

We recently received this note from our Ministry Director in the nation of Benin, Pastor Sunday Avla.

*"One of our goals with the shoes we received this year is to reach out to the disabled and marginalized communities in our nation. By the grace of God, we started this form of evangelism by going to a school for deaf and mute children. Because they*



commitment to help reach all nations with God's love.



*Thank you Church in the City*

### **St. Paul's Lutheran, Franklin**

- We want to thank the families of St. Paul's for this incredible delivery of 750 pairs of shoes plus a donation of funds to help ship them to Africa. We're so thankful for your partnership and may God bless you for making a difference in hundreds of lives in Africa!

*cannot talk or hear, they use their hearts to communicate. Alain Assogba, our photographer on the team, said that the joy of these children when they received shoes was unique and sincere. Many were jumping for joy, not really knowing how to fully express their gratitude. The Word of salvation was communicated to them through signs and they opened their hearts to Jesus. To the SFJ family: we will never stop thanking you for this unique ministry that you have received from God. May the Lord bless you."*

View more photos [HERE](#).



*The love of Jesus is for ALL*

## **Shoe Distributions in Mali**



*Thank  
you!*



*Great work St. Paul's  
community*

**Orangetheory, Delafield** - We appreciate the Orangetheory community in Delafield for collecting almost 400 pairs of shoes! Their support will provide quality footwear for kids and adults across Africa, and special thanks to Andrea for making several deliveries!



*Thank you Orangetheory in*

We thank God for our Ministry Director in Mali, Brother Elise Dabou, who recently distributed shoes in the village of Kanadjiguila, located in Mande municipality. This village is like most Malian villages and is strongly Islamized, but animism practices also remain very present in this particular area. Bambara is the most widely spoken language, in addition to Malinke, Soninke and Poular/Fulfulde. The team first gathered all of the children and adults to share a message about Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Then they began washing feet and distributing shoes, demonstrating the love and service that Christ Himself had rendered to His disciples. In doing so, they showed that each of us can serve our neighbor by loving others. The villagers were overjoyed and many people received Jesus into the hearts, including a well-known leader named Ladji. Let's continue to pray for Brother Elise as God is using him to shine His light throughout Mali.

*Delafield*

## Volunteers of the Month

We are thrilled to honor the members of our Event and Auction Teams who worked throughout the year to make our 15 Year Celebration an event to remember! Special thanks to each of these volunteers, along with many others who assisted us on the day of the event, for sharing your time and talents with us and God bless you all!



*SFJ Event & Auction Teams  
(L-R) Jennifer Miller, Yenik Mikolajewski,  
Roberta Pratt, Tammy Niemann, Grant  
Niemann, Nicole Jenkins, Diane Studer,  
Michelle Novak, Kris Monteen, Vicki  
Hirschfeld, Kayla Gibson, Cynthia  
Zeckmeister & Kristen Adam*

View more photos [HERE](#).



*Demonstrating God's Love in  
Mali*

## Joy in Congo Brazzaville

We thank Pastor Brice and his team for prayerfully sharing the love of God in hard to reach places in Congo Brazzaville. Shoes are opening doors to challenging villages where they could not go before and they are seeing much fruit. We love seeing their smiles and pure joy as many are coming to know true Hope in Jesus!

View more photos [HERE](#).



## Volunteer Opportunities SOS Events

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)!

### December 2024

Friday, December 6th, 6:30-8pm

Saturday, December 7th, 9-11am

**\*FULL\***

Saturday, December 14th, 9-11am

**\*FULL\***

Tuesday, December 17th, 5-7pm

Thursday, December 19th, 6-8pm

Saturday, December 21st, 9-11am

### January 2025

Saturday, January 4th, 9-11am

Saturday, January 11th, 9-11am

Tuesday, January 14th, 6-8pm

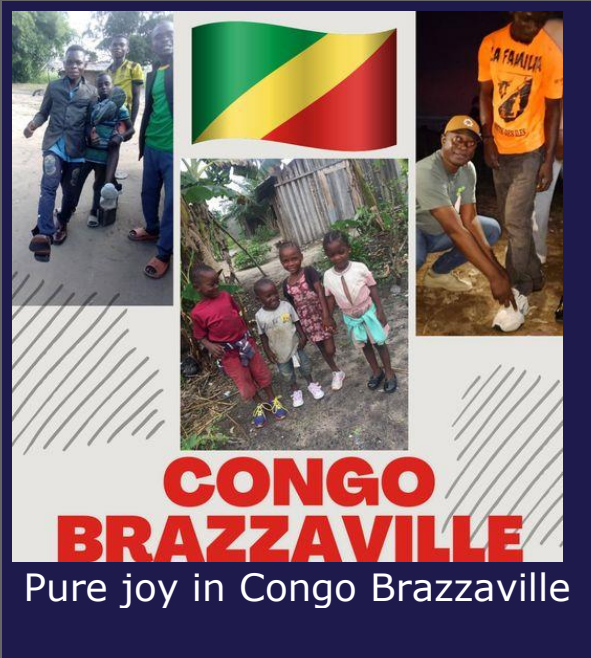
Saturday, January 18th, 9-11am

Monday, January 20th, 10-noon **\*FULL\***

Saturday, January 25th, 9-11am **\*FULL\***

Friday, January 31st, 12:15-2:15pm

**\*FULL\***



## Meet One of Our Ministry Partners



Meet our Every Home For Christ Ministry Director in Angola, Brother Emanuel Daniel. Emanuel and his team have committed themselves to reaching the often-forgotten villages in the interior of Angola with the precious resource of shoes, along with the Gospel message of hope and salvation. In the remote village of Mundundo, Brother Emanuel saw firsthand how effective the gift of shoes can be in opening doors for the



*"Dad Lab" Group from  
Spring Creek 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.

**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 two-hour team building opportunity for youth and adults. Please contact us by emailing [Yenh@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Yenh@SolesForJesus.org) or by calling (414) 365-1392 to sign-up.

Gospel to be preached. The local chief was eager to continue working with Emanuel & the EHC Angola team after he saw how his people were lovingly cared for during a shoe distribution. **He has even offered to give land for the team to plant a permanent church in the village!**

Let us join Brother Emanuel in prayer for the following:

- The Lord will continue to strengthen Emanuel and direct his steps to offer sound leadership to his ministry team
- The safety and protection of Emanuel, his wife, Jacqueline, and their three young children.
- The ongoing expansion and success of their program, Evangelizing the Origins Project, which seeks to reach the villages of Angola that are most impacted by poverty and lacking in resources.



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## Where in the World is Angola?



Situated on the Atlantic coast in southern Africa, the nation of Angola is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest country on the African continent and is home to nearly 35 million people. Until its independence in 1975, Angola was a Portuguese colony for over 300 years and today remains the second largest Portuguese speaking country in the world, behind Brazil. The nation's infrastructure is still recovering from a lengthy civil war that took place from 1975-2002. A large reserve of oil and desirable minerals has brought much economic growth to Angola, though the wealth of such industries



favors only a few stakeholders. Many people living in the inland rural communities continue to depend on subsistence agriculture for their survival and livelihood, the security of which has been severely impacted by recent years of drought. We pray God's blessing over our brothers and sisters across the nation of Angola!

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