



**Dear Friend,**

I invite you to take a brief journey with me to Togo, by watching this video. Many of you helped make this shipment possible and I was so blessed by these testimonies and faces. Before you watch it, let me share a little of the background. Our last mission team went to Benin and was hosted by Pastor Sunday, who led us to villages to share the gospel with shoes and foot-washing. Well, guess what he did? Pastor Sunday traveled across the border to help Pastor Remy, our Togo EHC Ministry Director, with his shipment of shoes! In the video at 3.5 minutes, you'll get to see and hear Pastor Remy share his heart and thanks to you. What a blessing that these two Ministry Directors were able to minister together in Togo!

Videos like these are so precious to us, as they provide a glimpse into the ministry that is happening every day in

**Stroll For Soles Registration is OPEN!**



numerous countries. The most needy children and adults are served first in each place, as the Word of God is shared and demonstrated. I also just received reports from 5 villages in Togo that include exciting testimonies of the harvest. I was especially moved that the Lord is also bringing unity in places that desperately need healing. One particular village called Agbetsiko was filled with many people who did not get along with each other. When the team arrived with a message of love and peace from God's word followed by the distribution of shoes, everyone came to see what was going on— and relationships were restored through reconciliation. Pastor shared, *"For the first time in 3 years this village united around shoes, and people began to share words of forgiveness for each other - right in front of us! It's a scene that really struck me and we really thank God!"*

To God be the glory and I sincerely thank you for your partnership.

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer  
Founder/Executive Director  
Soles For Jesus



*Click to watch new Video from Togo!*

**Shoe Drives & Special**



Registration is now OPEN for this year's Stroll For Soles on **Saturday, June 21st** at Fox River Park in Waukesha! Enjoy a one or two mile route (both are stroller or wheelchair accessible), followed by lunch and fun for the whole family! You will not want to miss a special appearance by Bernie Brewer™ and your registration also includes an event t-shirt, parking pass, and access to all food trucks and activities for no extra charge. Plan to join us for a time of celebration and lunch under the big party tent!

**Early Bird Pricing** for individuals, families, and teams ends on April 15th, so click the button below to sign up TODAY!

**REGISTER HERE**

**Sponsorship Opportunities:** Gold, Silver, and Bronze Sponsorships are available now! Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this great opportunity to support the mission of Soles For Jesus. We appreciate each business and individual who helps to make

## Thanks

### Spring Creek Church Shoe Drive -

The final count of the Spring Creek Shoe Drive is 8,001 pairs! They exceeded their goal and more shoes continue to be dropped off. We are so moved by their radical generosity to fill and also fund this entire shipment to Cameroon. Thank you for stepping out in great faith and we can't wait to hear how God draws many into His Kingdom through this mighty act of love!



*SCC conquered their goal of 8,000 pairs of shoes!*

### Fox River Congregational Church -

We are so grateful for this New Collection Site in Pewaukee, as they will be collecting shoes year round! Diane enjoyed sharing our mission with this sweet community on Sunday morning and God bless you all.

this event possible. For more information, please contact Diane at [Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org).

### Stroll Across America is BACK for 2025!

We love being able to celebrate the work that God is doing through SFJ with all of our friends across the nation! Will you be the first to represent your state by signing up for the *Stroll Across America Challenge*? Grab your friends, family, or neighbors and walk to support lives being changed in Africa through the gift of shoes given in the name of Jesus. Help us light up the map by registering today to represent your home state!



*Please share with your out-of-state friends!*

## Blessings in Benin

Our Ministry Director in Benin, Pastor Sunday, recently distributed shoes at a deaf camp in the village of Se'-Hainde. Through a signing interpreter, he was able to share the Gospel, resulting in many children accepting Jesus as their Savior! The camp director explained that many of the children go to school and work in the fields barefoot, so the gift of shoes brought them great joy. After receiving the shoes they started dancing and singing with hand signs. Let's continue to pray for





*A New Collection Site at Fox River Congregational*

**Portview Church-** We are truly thankful for this incredible church and their ongoing partnership. Our dear friends, Liz and Mark, helped organize another shoe drive and brought a group to help pack their shoes in our warehouse. Thank you all for your faithfulness to serve alongside us for the harvest!



*Thank you, Portview Church, for your partnership!*

**Hamilton High School Shoe Drive -**

these beautiful children and their families.

View More Photos [HERE](#).



*Click to Watch Video*

## Burkina Faso Shipment Arrives

Praise God that our shipment to Burkina Faso has arrived. We also give thanks to the Lord for His provision through so many of you and for the safe arrival of this precious cargo. Please join us in prayer for our Ministry Director, Pastor Lompo, and his team as they share the love of Jesus and distribute these shoes. We pray that many hearts will respond to Jesus and that He will continue to bless and guide them as they minister.

View More Photos [HERE](#).



*God's blessings to Burkina Faso!*

We thank all of the great students at HHS for their ongoing support to collect shoes for Africa. What a joy to send their shoes to other kids and adults across the globe. Special thanks to Roberta Pratt for helping with the deliveries. Thank you all for your service and support!



*Students at Hamilton HS collecting shoes*

**Grace Lutheran School, Menomonee Falls** - The Student Council at Grace Lutheran School is amazing! These students collected over 500 pairs of shoes and gave a financial donation to help ship them to Africa. They also served in our warehouse and helped pack shoes at our Super Saturday Event. Thank you all for making a big difference in Africa!

## Testimony From Mozambique

*"I was visited in my home by two kind men who invited me to come and hear a message about God's love and that free shoes would be there too. My whole family came to listen and all of us received our own pair! This was the first time we have seen people going home to home sharing the Gospel. They gave us booklets in our own language and my entire household decided to give our lives to Christ! We thank you for your kindness to us and we encourage you to continue visiting our community. We want to assure you that you are free to come here anytime as we, the leaders of this community, have accepted you. We see that you are here for Jesus and not for any politics and your work unites people even from different parties. What touched my heart is the way that you washed our feet to give us shoes. Our feet were dirty but you didn't care about that and just washed them."*

— Armando Jaime, Community Leader

View More Photos [HERE](#).



*Sharing Jesus in Mozambique*

## Mission Trip Shoes Arrived





*Grace Lutheran serving with us*

**Brown Deer Jr. Woman's Club** - We are grateful that Cynthia shared the SFJ mission at the Brown Deer Jr. Woman's Club Event this month. They are great supporters in donating shoes and bringing volunteers to serve with us throughout the year!



*Cynthia sharing the SFJ mission.*

**Honey Creek Church, Wauwatosa** - Diane enjoyed speaking at "Window On

Our Mission Trip shoes just arrived in Eswatini! After 4 months of traveling over land, rail and water, our shipment of shoes and supplies has been delivered. Team Eswatini is very excited to extend God's love by washing feet and sharing shoes alongside Pastor Joseph and his team. Please join us in praying that God will prepare every heart as our team shares and demonstrates His love.

View More Photos [HERE](#).



*Prayers For Eswatini*

## Volunteers of the Month

We are proud to recognize two incredible volunteers this month, Katie Sunderlage and her son, Riley Becker. Katie first became connected with Soles For Jesus six years ago when she began working at Holland Group. At the time, SFJ shared a space with Holland Group, and Katie and

The World" at Honey Creek Church this week. We are so grateful for their partnership and heart for missions! Volunteers from Honey Creek have been serving in our warehouse to help pack shoes for over 10 years and counting. We are so blessed by their servant hearts and it's a joy to help spread the Gospel together.



*Thank you, Honey Creek Church!*

## **Volunteer Opportunities SOS (Sort & Organize Shoes) Events**

Make a difference by volunteering at a two-hour SOS Event! You and your friends can Sort and Organize Shoes at our Milwaukee warehouse to help prepare for shipment to Africa.

New volunteers are always welcome, but you must sign up! We will begin each event with a brief orientation. Please contact YenH at (414)365-1392 or [Yenh@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Yenh@SolesForJesus.org) to sign up

her coworkers decided to participate in a shoe sorting event. *"I fell in love with everything SFJ stands for,"* she recalls. *"The mission of the organization and the impact they were making on people's lives truly spoke to me."* Katie then introduced Riley to SFJ, and they've been actively volunteering ever since!

For others who are interested in getting involved with SFJ, Katie believes that visiting the website to watch some of the ministry videos is a great way to start learning about the mission and see how shoes can open doors for someone in Africa. Katie explains that even small contributions of time or resources can make a significant difference. *"Whatever time or donation anyone can give being a volunteer or organizing a shoe drive can change someone's life -- including your own."*

Riley, Katie, and her husband, Matt, live in West Bend with their beloved pets—a dog named Sadie and Daisy Mae the pig! Riley, who is currently working on his apprenticeship to become a CNC machinist/programmer, also coaches football and field events for Slinger High School. In their spare time, they enjoy attending Bucks games and country music concerts, along with racing RC cars. We celebrate this sweet family and give thanks for the way they inspire others to make a difference in the world around them!



for a date and reserve your spot(s).

## April

Wednesday, April 2nd, 10:15-12:15pm

**FULL**

Saturday, April 5th, 9-11am **FULL**

Thursday, April 10th, 6-8pm **FULL**

Saturday, April 12th, 9-11am **FULL**

Thursday, April 17th, 9-11am **FULL**

Tuesday, April 22nd, 9-11am

Saturday, April 26th, 9-11am **FULL**

## May

Thursday, May 1st, 4-5:30pm **FULL**

Saturday, May 3rd, 9-11am

Thursday, May 8th, 10-noon

Thursday, May 8th, 4-6pm

Saturday, May 10th, 9-11am

Saturday, May 17th, 9-11am

Saturday, May 24th, 9-11am

Tuesday, May 27th, 6-8pm **FULL**

Wednesday, May 28th, 4-6pm **FULL**

Saturday, May 31st, 9-11am



*Thank you CTaccess for joining us this month!*

## “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. You are welcome to stay for an hour or for the day. It's entirely up to you and please feel free to bring friends! Training will be provided and

*Mother and Son Duo: Katie & Riley!*

## Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

Meet our Every Home for Christ Ministry Director in Liberia, Rev. Jonel Weeks. Rev. Jonel opened her heart to Jesus Christ at the age of 20 through an evangelism outreach for youth. From that time on, she has committed herself to serving God through various ministry capacities across Liberia. Jonel shares, *“I love the Lord and I am willing to serve in any task that will contribute or advance the work of the Kingdom of God. I am passionate and zealous for the propagation of the Gospel and winning the lost or unreached.”* She has a strong desire to reach every household in her native country with the Gospel.



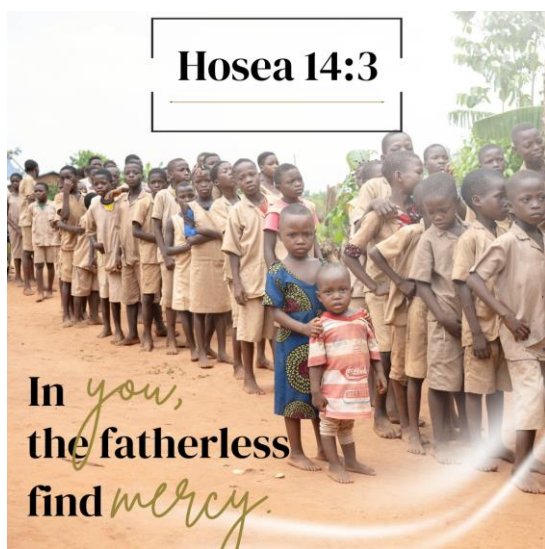
As Rev. Jonel and her team seek to share the love of Jesus with all Liberians, they are continually pursuing new and creative strategies to reach demographics of people who are in dire need of the Gospel hope. Currently, the EHC Liberia team is praying for open doors of approval to take the Word of God into the military barracks where Islamic influence has a stronghold on many recruits. In life and in ministry, Jonel leans on the promises of Proverbs 3:5-6, *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge God and He will direct your path.”*

Jonel asks us to pray for the following:



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 in 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 calling (414)365-1392 to learn more.



**Your donation  
impacts lives.**

**GIVE A GIFT**

- Health, favor and protection for Jonel, her husband (Varney), their children (Varnettie, Varney Jr.), and grandson (Joshua).
- The blessing of a ministry vehicle to support EHC Liberia with transportation for OIKOS outreaches.
- Deliverance for those battling substance abuse and other addictions in Liberia, especially among the youth population.

## Where in the World is Liberia?



Liberia is a nation of over five million people on the West African coast. Roughly the geographical size of Virginia, Liberia lies along the Atlantic Ocean and is bordered by the countries of Sierra Leone, Guinea, and Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast). Liberia is rich in natural resources and agriculture drives the economy, however civil war in the 1990s and early 2000s disrupted most industries which have been slow to recover. Over 40% of the

population is under the age of 15 and life expectancy is about 57 years for males and 60 years for females. The majority of the population identify themselves as Christian, though it is common for many to incorporate traditional animist beliefs and ancestor worship into their practices. Please join us in praying for the beautiful people of Liberia and the wonderful work that God is doing there to ignite a nation on fire for His Kingdom!

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