



Dear Friend,

I am grateful for this video that we just received from Liberia. It is so special to see live footage from the field and to hear testimonies firsthand. In this video you'll hear about many children who walk several miles each day without shoes, and that SFJ is making a powerful impact in their nation. In Gotomu Village, *"hope is traveling to the doorsteps of the forgotten"* and this is the first time that someone came to their village to share the gospel and help meet their needs. When the word spread about the gift of free shoes, hundreds of people walked a long distance to hear their message and have their feet washed. Many of these children never owned a pair of shoes before, and this provided more than just protection for their feet.

Register TODAY for Stroll For Soles!



Now is the time to register for *Stroll For Soles* on **Saturday, June**

Each pair also sent a message that, “*You matter and God loves you!*” The Village Chief shared how grateful he was that every person who came from near and far was served with so much love. Families were strengthened with hope and many hearts were opened to the truth of the gospel.

*Everyone Everywhere Matters* are the last 3 words in this video and we could not agree more! Shoes continue to build bridges to hearts and new places; and every three weeks a shipment leaves our warehouse to one of 32 countries that we ship to in Africa. Our EHC partners share the same passion for taking the gospel message to all people regardless of how remote, instead of expecting them to find us. We praise the Lord for the harvest and sincerely thank you for being a part of this!

I am excited to invite you to join me at the Stroll For Soles on June 21! Registration includes all food trucks, t-shirts, games and parking, for no extra charge. Come and stroll a mile or two...or just enjoy the food trucks and fun! I encourage you to register today and invite your friends and family to join you. It's one of my favorite events of summer and I'd love to see you there!

Sincerely in Christ,

Diane Studer

Founder/Executive Director

Soles For Jesus

**21st** at Fox River Park in Waukesha!

Bring your family and friends to participate in a one or two mile route (stroller and wheelchair accessible) and enjoy lunch under the party tent afterward!

Bernie Brewer™ will be on-site to kick off the stroll and your registration also includes an event t-shirt, parking pass, and access to all food trucks and fun activities!

**REGISTER HERE**

**Sponsorship Opportunities:** It's not too late to be a Gold, Silver, or Bronze Sponsor for this year's event! 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 this special day possible. For more information, please contact Diane at [Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org).



*Click to watch VIDEO from Liberia!*

### **Welcome to the SFJ Family, Alexandra!**

We are thrilled to welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Alexandra Roque! She is passionate about global missions and has a beautiful heart to serve the Lord. In her free time, Alexandra loves reading and enjoys crocheting. She adores her sweet companion, a mini poodle named Jazzy, and she is very close to her family, especially her mom. Alexandra also enjoys serving as a Young Adults Leader at Journey Church and we can't wait for you to meet her!



### **Stroll Across America Challenge**

We are looking forward to strolling with many of you across the United States! For our non-local friends, you can still join in the fun by registering as an off-site participant and walking in your home state to support the mission of Soles For Jesus. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join you and help us to light up the map by registering your state today!



*Stroll with us from your state!*

### **Arrival in Liberia**



*A very warm welcome to Alexandra!*

### **Shoe Drives & Special Thanks**

**Triun3 Serve Event and Shoe Drive** - We were blessed to have the Triun3 staff serving in our warehouse on Maundy Thursday and they also brought lots of shoes! We are so grateful for their strong partnership and faithful support. God bless you all!

Our recent shipment of shoes to Liberia has reached African soil! We thank God for each person who donated shoes, gave funds to help send them and helped pack 8,000 pairs. We could not continue this work without your faithful support and we are so grateful. Please join us in praying for our ministry partner, Sister Jonel and her team. We give thanks to the Lord for the beautiful work they are doing in the West African nation of Liberia and pray God's blessings over them and that their efforts will continue to be fruitful.

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*Thank you Triun3 for your service!*

### **Crossroads Fellowship Reformed Church, IA -**

We are thankful for the 300 pairs of shoes from Crossroads Fellowship Reformed Church. Special thanks to Craig Thacker for delivering the shoes from Iowa and to Shawn Thacker for coordinating this drive. We love this father-son duo for making this happen and lives in Africa will be touched for eternity because of your compassion!



*God's blessings to Liberia!*

### **Shipment To Guinea Bissau**

Our 7th shipment of shoes for Guinea Bissau is on its way to Africa. We are blessed to partner with Pastor Julio who has prayerfully chosen villages who have a great need for the gospel and shoes. There are certain villages that have not been open to the gospel but he is confident that shoes will help unlock these doors, once again. Please join us in prayer for their team as they travel



*Thank you for this delivery, Craig!*

**Des Moines Christian School, IA** - Huge thanks to Shawn and his daughter, Callie, for delivering a massive trailer full of shoes from Des Moines Christian School in Iowa! We are so grateful for the continued support and generosity of this incredible community. We also love the shoes that you decorated and so many people in Africa will be blessed because of your kindness!

great distances to share God's love and that many eyes and hearts will be opened to the truth. It was a joy to pray over this shipment and to send it off in His name!

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*Sending the Love of Jesus!*

### Testimony From Mali

*"My joy is so great that I don't know what to say. First of all, I thank Soles For Jesus and Pastor Elise who came to share the gospel and shoes with us"*



*Thank you Des Moines Christian School!*

**World Impact Ministries, Pewaukee** - It's our joy to have the faithful support of World Impact Ministries Church. WIM volunteers in our warehouse throughout the year, serves as a collection site, gives as a monthly partner and embraces the mission of reaching the lost for Jesus! Diane was honored to share in their Sunday morning service this month about how God is moving in amazing ways throughout Africa.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP!

here in our village of Katibougou-Nianreko. Today is a very special day for me because I am doubly blessed. When I listened to the message that the pastor preached, my heart was deeply touched. I realized this was my opportunity to accept Jesus as my personal Savior and to join the Christian community. In my village there is no church and I know that it will not be easy for me; but now a discipleship group has started for new believers and this is an opportunity not to be missed. Receiving shoes was a very beneficial gesture for me, because the opportunity to buy even a single pair is not easy or affordable here. I was given the best quality shoes I have ever seen for free! I'm very happy and I thank God for finding me. God bless those who sent these shoes and loving people to tell us about Jesus."

– Mr. Kalou Keita

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**Shepherd Of The Hills, Pewaukee -** Diane enjoyed sharing in three services at Shepherd of the Hills last Sunday to kick-off their shoe drive! We are so grateful for their partnership and we enjoyed seeing many dear friends of the ministry including SOS leaders, Amy & Brian Huber (pictured). God bless you all for impacting lives throughout Africa with the gospel!



**Trinity Lutheran Church Shoe Drive, Indiana -**

What a great delivery from Karol at Trinity Lutheran Church in Indiana! We enjoyed meeting her and hearing all about their successful shoe drive and how excited people were to make a difference in Africa. Thank you all for being a blessing!



*Sharing Jesus in Mali*

**Cameroon Shipment**

We were blessed to have Pastor Chris and his wife, Amy, join Diane to pray over this shipment. This special cargo of 8,001 pairs of shoes was funded and collected by Spring Creek Church and it's on the way to Cameroon! Our Ministry Director, Pastor Laurent Tagne, has strategic plans to reach villages with great need for the gospel and shoes; and each pair will be shared with a gospel booklet printed in their language and a verbal presentation of the gospel. We can't wait to hear life-changing





*Thank you Karol and Trinity Lutheran Church!*

**Wauwatosa Key Club-** We want to recognize these student leaders who are passionate about making a difference, and we are grateful for the shoes delivered on behalf of the Wauwatosa Key Club. Many in Africa will be excited to receive these quality shoes!

testimonies of many who will choose to give their lives to Jesus!

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**CAMEROON**

*Prayers for Cameroon!*

## Unity in Togo

We are grateful to receive ongoing testimonies and reports from Pastor Remy and Pastor Sunday, who have been very busy ministering in villages throughout Togo. The gift of shoes shared with the gospel and foot



*Thank you, Wauwatosa Key Club!*

**Crossroads Church, Indiana** - We are so grateful for our Indiana State Representative, Steve Klinger, for organizing a shoe drive at his church. Crossroads recently celebrated 25 years in ministry and included a shoe drive to commemorate this event. Over 430 pairs of shoes were donated along with funds to help ship them, and we are excited for the lives in Africa that will get to hear the gospel because of their compassion!

washing continues to bring great peace and reconciliation to each village. For the first time in many years, people are forgiving each other and coming together in unity as they now share a bond of faith in Jesus Christ. Please continue to keep Togo in your prayers as God is moving!

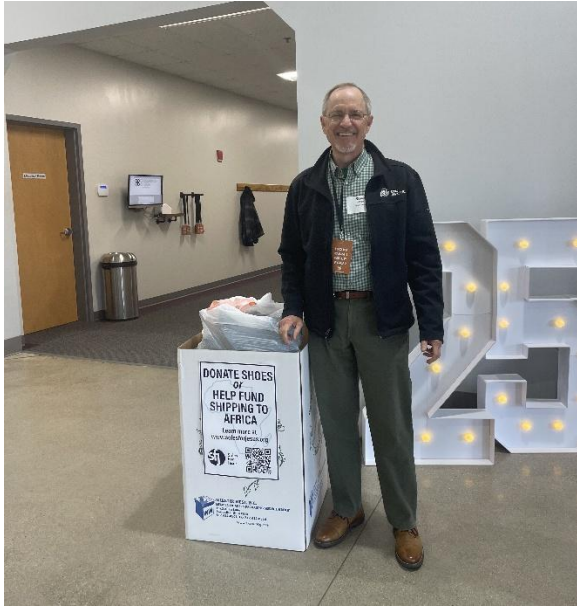
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*Peace in Togo*

### **Volunteer of the Month**

We are celebrating Jess McGurn as our April Volunteer of the Month! Jess is the owner of Once Upon A Child, a store that buys and sells gently used children's items – like shoes! With locations in Brookfield



*Steve at Crossroads Church, Indiana!*

**St. Paul's Lutheran School, Muskego** - Special thanks to Principal Seth Fitzsimmons for his commitment to organizing shoe drives over the past several years. We are so touched by this faith community and their annual shoe drive, as they demonstrate servant leadership and compassion. We're grateful for the 303 pairs of shoes that will help meet the spiritual and physical needs of many in Africa!

and Greenfield, Jess was looking for a place to donate their unsold shoes that would go to children in need. She was first connected to Soles For Jesus through one of her employees (and SFJ's former intern!), Allison Taylor. Once Upon A Child became a drop site location which has helped to spread awareness of Soles For Jesus's mission while also bringing new customers into the store. Children's shoe sizes are typically some of the most challenging to fill when we are packing a shipment for Africa, and we give thanks to the Lord for contributing to this need through our partnership with Once Upon A Child! He is faithful!

One of her favorite parts of the ministry is knowing their shoes are offering kids the opportunity for a better future. She shares, "*Shoes mean school and getting an education. Shoes mean being able to work. Shoes are a gateway to a better tomorrow!*" Jess witnessed this firsthand in Haiti, where she adopted her daughter. She recalls bonding with her daughter's nanny at the time and upon realizing that they shared the same uncommon shoe size, Jess was able to give the woman multiple pairs of her own





*Principal Fitzsimmons delivering shoes!*

## 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 them 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 Alexandra at (414)365-1392 or [Aroque@SofesForJesus.org](mailto:Aroque@SofesForJesus.org) to reserve your date and spot(s).

## May

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

shoes that she had brought along on the trip. *“Through tears she shared with me that she had never owned a pair of women’s shoes and it was such a blessing to her!”*

Thank you, Jess, for your support of changing lives in Africa through the gift of shoes and the Gospel!



*Blessings to you, Jess!*

## Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

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

## June

Saturday, June 7th, 9-11am

Thursday, June 12th, 9-11am

Saturday, June 14th, 9-11am

Monday, June 23rd, 9-11am

Tuesday, June 24th, 1-3pm

Tuesday, June 24th, 6-8pm

Thursday, June 26th, 9-11am

Saturday, June 28th, 9-11am



Meet our Every  
Home for Christ  
Ministry Director  
in Cameroon,  
Laurent Tagne.  
Laurent and his  
wife,



Justine, have  
four adult children. Along with the  
EHC Cameroon team, they are  
devoted to spreading the OIKOS  
initiative across the nation of  
Cameroon and are working  
passionately to reach every family  
with the Gospel. Their commitment  
continues with follow up  
messaging, aimed at strengthening  
the foundation of new believers by  
creating small discipleship groups  
and training leaders who will  
multiply the impact of the Gospel  
in their communities.

Brother Laurent is focused on  
bringing their outreach efforts to  
ALL communities, including those  
who are often forgotten by the  
world. Their recent "Operation One  
Needy One Shoe" initiative brought  
much-needed relief and joy to  
missionaries and pygmy  
communities in the Niété area of  
Cameroon's South Region. The  
project provided new shoes to both

*Thank you, Milwaukee Lutheran High School!*

**“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 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. To sign-up your group, please contact Alexandra at [Aroque@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Aroque@SolesForJesus.org) or (414)365-1392.



the missionaries—whose own footwear was worn out—and the pygmies from surrounding villages who were attending the annual convention that week. These marginalized and often barefoot communities were overwhelmed with joy upon receiving the shoes, which they initially believed were for sale. The free distribution not only met a practical need but also served as a powerful symbol of God's love, reinforcing the message of the Gospel during the convention. Missionaries and recipients alike expressed deep gratitude, with many describing the shoes as timely blessings. The gift of 130 pairs of shoes significantly boosted morale, inspired faith, and even led to renewed spiritual commitments, including baptisms. This demonstration of God’s love in action has left a lasting impact.

Laurent asks us to join him in praying for the following needs:

- God’s wisdom and guidance as he and Justine continue to guide their children in the fear of the Lord. Pray for their academic success, spiritual growth, future spouses, and overall protection for the family



As many churches are preparing for summer VBS, we invite you to include a shoe drive! It's such a fun and easy way to teach kids about sharing God's love and shoes with families in Africa. Please reach out to [Info@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Info@SolesForJesus.org) or 414-365-1392 to learn more, and we'll supply the collection box and posters to get you started! Thank you for your consideration to help cultivate the hearts of our next generation for global missions and may God bless your VBS!

- Divine favor and provision for the expansion of EHC Cameroon's evangelistic outreach programs
- Lasting fruit in the lives of those they disciple, that they may become disciple-makers themselves

### Where in the World is Cameroon?



Nestled in Central Africa along the Gulf of Guinea, Cameroon is often described as "Africa in miniature" due to its incredible diversity in geography, climate, and culture. With over 250 ethnic groups and languages, Cameroon showcases a vibrant mosaic of traditions, beliefs, and lifestyles that come together as a unique national

identity. Many of the 28 million residents of Cameroon are multilingual, with French and English as national languages—along with numerous local languages. Christianity and Islam are dominant religions in the area, sometimes practiced in tandem with indigenous religious beliefs. The people of Cameroon grapple with several pressing issues, including poverty, political unrest and government corruption, and limited access to quality healthcare and education—especially in rural areas. Additionally, the country hosts thousands of refugees fleeing violence in neighboring Nigeria and the Central African Republic, placing further strain on resources. We give thanks for the work Pastor Laurent and his team are doing across Cameroon to share the truth of the Gospel and the love of God with a diverse population.

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