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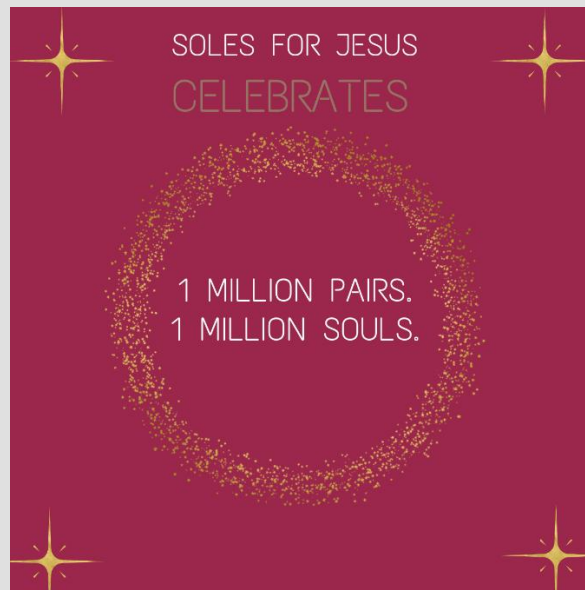
**Special Announcement & Milestone!**

Thank you for helping us send a shipment to Cabo Verde! I just received several photos and testimonies from Pastor Emanuel and all glory to God for each life that's been impacted. This is the first time their team has shared the gospel with foot washing and shoes in a remote village. 21 people opened their hearts to receive Jesus as their Savior! The gift of shoes along with Christ's example of washing feet caused the Word of God come alive! You can watch a short video

clip by clicking on the right photo below.

Mr. Ramos is one man who was deeply impacted. When he moved to Cabo Verde several months ago, he left all that he had behind for a job offer that was a fraud. Instantly he was homeless and living on the streets with torn shoes and the clothes on his back. As the gospel was shared and the love of God was demonstrated with foot washing, he was so moved that he opened his heart to Jesus. Mr. Ramos surrendered his life to Christ, along with 20 others who will never be the same again! When offered a new pair of shoes, he immediately removed his torn shoes and put them on. Mr. Ramos was overwhelmed that someone would give him such an expensive gift when he had nothing to give in return. You can see his old and new shoes (left photo), and may God bless you for being a part of lives being made new!

I am thrilled to announce that we'll be celebrating *One Million Pairs & One Million Souls* at our next Luncheon & Auction! You won't want to miss this one and we have such a special (and funny) line-up of guests, along with an incredible video of our millionth pair shared by Team



We are **excited** to share our **BIG NEWS!** Since 2010, Soles For Jesus has reached tens of thousands of people with the hope of the Gospel and the gift of shoes. At this year's Luncheon, we will celebrate **ONE MILLION PAIRS & ONE MILLION SOULS** reached in the name of Jesus! Join us as we give thanks to the Lord for this incredible milestone! **Ticket sales go LIVE on August 14th!** You can sponsor a table or purchase your seats on our website or by calling 414-365-1392. Tables and seats are assigned in the order they are purchased. You can check details [HERE!](#) Can't wait to see you there!

Eswatini. I'd love for you to join us as we celebrate and thank the Lord for all that He continues to do. It has always been and it will always be about Jesus.

Sincerely in Christ,

Diane Studer

Founder/Executive Director

Soles For Jesus



Click Right Photo to View a Video from Cabo Verde!

### Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

**YMCA, Ozaukee, WI** - A huge Thank You to members of the Feith Family YMCA for an amazing response to your first shoe drive! So many lives



You are guaranteed to leave this year's luncheon with a smile on your face, courtesy of comedian and internet personality, **Jaron Myers**! Jaron is a standup comedian from Kansas City, Missouri and he will be joining us LIVE on November 8th! His infectious joy and heart-warming personality make him feel like a lifelong friend that you share inside jokes with. Myers' videos have received over 300 million views online and his antics have been featured by BuzzFeed, Newsweek, College Humor, Relevant Magazine, and many more!

We are also thrilled to welcome **Dr. Douglas Mudimba** as our keynote speaker! Douglas is the South & East Africa Regional Director of Every Home For Christ and he also joined us on our recent mission trip to Eswatini. We look forward to hearing his personal story about how his first pair of shoes impacted his life; and he will also share about his experience with our team in Eswatini. You'll be touched by his message and our new videos as well!

**Make Your Mark on This Year's Luncheon**



in Africa will be impacted through your generosity. A very special shoutout to Liz for organizing the drive and to Mark for delivering 5 heaping collection boxes bursting with shoes. We appreciate you and God bless you all!



Thank you, Ozaukee YMCA!

**Hand-Painted Shoes from the Anderson Family** - Check out these stunning hand-painted shoes for children in Africa! Big kudos to Vanessa Anderson and her friends for using their creative gifts to share the love of Jesus in such a beautiful way! We also appreciate the Butlers for delivering these special gifts.



**Event Sponsorships:** Sponsorships are available now for our *One Million Pairs Celebration*. As an Event Sponsor, your name or business will be recognized through printed material, social media, company signage, our website and honored at the event. If you'd like to be an Event Sponsor, please contact Diane for more info at [DStuder@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:DStuder@SolesForJesus.org).

**Auction items:** We are extremely grateful for every business and individual who donates to our Silent Auction! Fun packages like weekend getaways and vacations, gift baskets, and sports/event tickets are all great items for guests to bid on. We also appreciate creative ideas for



*Made with Love for Africa!*

**Hazelwood Christian Church, Indiana** - Thank you, Hazelwood Christian Church, for your recent shoe drive that collected hundreds of pairs of shoes that are now being packed for our next shipment to Africa! Special thanks to Rita for organizing this successful drive. Your generosity is going the distance, from Indiana to Africa.

services, items, or experiences (ex: boat tours or gourmet dinners). Your name and item will be listed in our event program and we will acknowledge your tax-deductible donation after the event. For more info or to donate, please contact Nicole at [NJenkins@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:NJenkins@SolesForJesus.org). Check out some "Wish List" ideas below and thank you for your support!



Click [HERE](#) to view this month's Auction Supporters!

### **Miracles in Mozambique!**

Pastor Godfrey sent us a powerful testimony of reconciliation that took place in the village of Gojumbe. For years, this region experienced division and discord. When the EHC team came



*From Indiana to Africa!*

**Appleton, WI** - We are so grateful for our dear friend Kayla who stopped by to drop off a car full of shoes and a few auction items for our Luncheon & Auction! Your generous and faithful support means so much to us and many in Africa will be blessed because of you. God bless you for your amazing support!

to share free shoes and the gospel, it brought the two groups of neighbors and families together in a miraculous way as they heard the Good News and received shoes! Pastor Bhokisi from the village shared, *"This was more than a distribution, it was a spiritual breakthrough! We saw people weeping, forgiving, and worshipping side by side. Where there used to be hatred and division, there is now healing and reconciliation. Only God could do this amazing work!"*

View more photos [HERE](#).



*Healing of hearts in Gojumbe Village.*

### **Salvations in São Tomé**

Shoes helped open the door to this prison house in São Tomé! Pastor José shared that inmates from the Central Prison are hearing the gospel and their hearts are being healed and changed by God's love. We praise the Lord for these life-





*Thank You, Kayla!*

**Frankenmuth Bible Church, Michigan** - These Jesus-loving students from Frankenmuth Bible Church in Michigan brightened our day! They served with joy and worshipped while they worked in our warehouse with Leadertreks Youth Ministry. Before they left, they bought SFJ t-shirts to support our mission and help spread the word in Michigan. Please come back again soon!

changing testimonies, as His love brings freedom and sets the captives free!

View more photos [HERE](#).



*Jesus sets the prisoner free!*

### **Arrival in Cameroon**

We praise God that our shipment to Cameroon has safely arrived. Pastor Laurent is prayerfully seeking the Lord for wisdom to strategically share these shoes in regions with great need for the gospel and shoes. Thank you for partnering with us in prayer as the Lord brings in the harvest!



*Thank you for coming from Michigan!*

**Ulster Project, Milwaukee** - It was such a joy to host this energetic group! Together, you packed over 600 pairs of shoes for our next shipment to Africa. Thank you for your energy, kindness and willingness to serve!

View more photos [HERE](#).



*Cameroon shipment has arrived!*

### **Joint Shipment to Angola!**

We are thrilled to send this joint shipment to Angola with World Missionary Press! We love to partner with this ministry that is passionate about spreading the gospel too. It's a joy to ship these beautiful shoes along with gospel literature printed in Portuguese. Many lives will be changed by encountering God's love





*Thank You, Ulster Project Milwaukee!*

## Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

Meet our Every Home for Christ Ministry Director in Burkina Faso, Robert Lompo. Robert has committed himself to bringing the hope of Jesus to the people of his home country. He was born into a family of traditional African religion and received Christ into his life as his Lord & Savior at the age of 19. After resisting invitations to Christian gatherings for many years, Robert

and we invite you to pray along with us for revival to spread in Angola!

View more photos [HERE](#).



*Shoes & God's Word in Portuguese to Angola!*

## Testimonies from Eswatini!

Our SFJ Mission Team had an amazing time serving in the nation of Eswatini and we're grateful for our partnership with Pastor Joseph to see thousands of people encounter the love of God. We enjoyed reading the article published in their *Oikos Newsletter* sharing of the many testimonies of transformation in the villages and orphanage our team visited. What a joy to know that God is continuing to move

recalls a Sunday morning in which he was working in the fields and heard a whisper within him saying *“Today you also will go to church”*. He put down his tools and went to church where he heard a timely sermon on Matthew 11:28, *“Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest”*. Throughout the following week, the voice persisted, saying *“you need rest”* — and by Friday, Robert surrendered his life to Jesus and received a peace he had never experienced. After 5 years of Biblical training, Brother Robert committed himself to full-time ministry and he has continued to serve the Lord in this way for over 33 years!

Over the last 10 years, Burkina Faso has faced a security crisis due to recurring terrorist attacks which have devastated thousands of families, closed many schools, and displaced nearly 2 million people from their homes. The crisis has made is exceptionally challenging to evangelize in certain regions of the country, however Brother Robert shares that, *“By God’s grace, we are readapting our programs to reach those who have been displaced and have moved nearer to the large cities for safety. We continue to pray for peace across Burkina Faso”*. Robert’s

in these lives as they are being disciplined and spreading the gospel to others!

Read the Newsletter [HERE](#).



Eswatini Oikos Newsletter

## Arrival in Guinea Bissau!

Pastor Julio just sent us great news and that our shipment of shoes has arrived in Guinea Bissau! We look forward to sharing reports and photos

wife, Naomi, runs a women's skills training center to provide women with the knowledge and resources to earn income. In all of their work and challenges, they lean on the truth of God's Word in 1 Corinthians 15:58: *"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."*

Please join us in praying for the following:

- Robert, Naomi, their five adult children, and five grandchildren. May the Lord give them guidance and strength as live according to His will each day
- Divine wisdom for the teachers at the women's work training center and the materials needed to teach important skills to their students
- Safety for the entire EHC Burkina Faso team, as they seek to share the love of Jesus in areas that are desperate for hope & peace

### **Where in the World is Burkina Faso?**

with you as we receive them. Please keep Julio and his team in your prayers as shoes are powerful tools to open doors for God to reveal His love. We are grateful for each person who partners alongside us in donating shoes or funds, and we can't wait to see how God will use these shoes in miraculous ways to reach these beautiful people!

View more photos [HERE](#).



*May God Bless Guinea Bissau*

### **Shoes for School in Liberia!**

There are countless testimonies of lives changed across Liberia and we praise God for Sister Jonel and her team for their work unto the Lord. One testimony of a young schoolboy they encountered touched our hearts when he shared, *"Sometimes I miss school because my*





Burkina Faso is a landlocked nation in West Africa. Approximately the size of Colorado. It is surrounded by Mali, Benin, Togo, Ghana, and Ivory Coast and is home to over 22 million people. Economically, Burkina Faso is considered one of the top 10 most undeveloped countries in the world. The natural resources are very limited and intermittent droughts further affect agriculture and livestock capabilities. Primary exports from Burkina Faso include gold, cotton, and minerals. In recent years, up to one-third of the workforce has migrated to neighboring countries to look for better opportunities, due to the economic instability. More than 40% of the population lives below the poverty line, further exasperated by political crisis and terrorist attacks.

*feet hurt from walking long distances barefoot. Today, I received my own pair of shoes and now I can go to school without foot pain!"* Thank you to every person who has donated shoes. You are helping us bring hope to so many and we can't thank you enough!

View more photos [HERE](#).



Now

he's walking to school with shoes!

**Blessed in Burkina Faso**

Approximately 64% of the nation practices Islam and has not yet found the Lord. We lift up the nation of Burkina Faso and pray that lives will be changed by the Gospel. May the love of Jesus bring hope during these difficult times!

### **Volunteer of the Month**

We are so grateful to celebrate Dylan Ribar as our July Volunteer of the Month! Dylan is such a blessing to the ministry, and always willing to step in and help wherever he is needed. Whether he is volunteering in the warehouse, providing support at our Annual Luncheon & Auction, or helping to set up for our Stroll For Soles Event, we are blessed by Dylan's servant heart!

Dylan reached out to get involved in the ministry after first hearing about Soles For Jesus through his local church. He says, *"I was drawn to [serving] because it seemed like a great opportunity to support an organization that shares about Jesus and makes a positive impact on the lives of others."* Dylan encourages others who may be interested in volunteering with SFJ to reach out and give it a try! There are many

We thank the Lord for this report from Pastor Lompo. He sent this testimony from the region of Kyon, where a community has been impacted by terrorism. One woman shared, *"These gifts of shoes and gospel books came at the right time! Many of us are working late at night to farm for food and we often walk home in the dark. I am so happy to have my feet protected and to be reminded that Jesus loves me and is always with me!"* Only Jesus can provide supernatural peace and joy, and God bless Pastor Lompo for carrying the gospel to the hard to reach communities!

View more photos [HERE](#).



*Shoes are a blessing in Burkina Faso.*

different opportunities for groups and individuals.

Outside of his time at SFJ, Dylan shares that he is a fan of the best things in life: Jesus, dogs, and Wisconsin Sports! He even got to celebrate Giannis Antetokounmpo's birthday with him, as he was lucky enough to meet Milwaukee's favorite Buck on Giannis's 21st birthday!



*Blessings to you, Dylan!*

## Volunteer Opportunities

### SOS (Sort & Organize Shoes) Events

## Thank You, Julia!



A big THANK YOU to our amazing summer intern, Julia! She has been such a blessing to our team, bringing energy, creativity, and a servant's heart. We're incredibly grateful for her time with us and all of the many ways that she contributed this summer. We pray all of God's best on your next chapter and we'll be cheering you on as you follow Christ!



Make a difference by volunteering at a 2 hour SOS Event! You and your friends can Sort and Organize Shoes at our Milwaukee warehouse to 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@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Aroque@SolesForJesus.org) to reserve your date and spot(s).

**Your donation  
impacts lives.**

**GIVE A GIFT**

## **August**

Saturday, August 2nd, 9-11am

Monday, August 4th, 2-4pm

Tuesday, August 5th, 9:30-11:30am

Saturday, August 9th, 9-11am

Wednesday, August 13th, 1-3pm

Saturday, August 16th, 9-11am

Wednesday, August 20th, 4-6pm **\*\*FULL\*\***

Saturday, August 23th, 9-11am

Saturday, August 30th, 9-11am **\*\*FULL\*\***

## **September**

Wednesday, Saturday 3rd, 6-8 pm

Saturday, September 6th, 9-11 am

Wednesday, September 10th, 1-3 pm

Saturday, September 13th, 9-11 am

Friday, September 19th, 9-11

am **\*\*FULL\*\***

Saturday, September 20th, 9-11 am

Saturday, September 27th, 9-11 am

**“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, contact Alexandra at [Aroque@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Aroque@SolesForJesus.org) or (414)365-1392.

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