

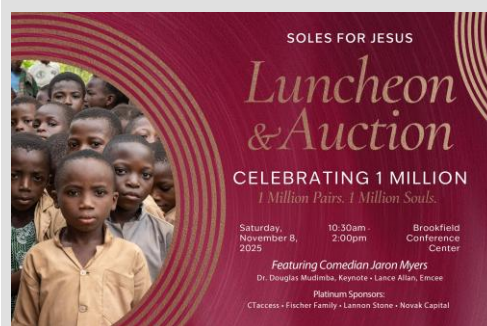


**Dear Friend,**

As we wrap up another fantastic summer, we thank God for all that He has done! Not only is He touching lives throughout Africa, but He is also moving right here. We had so many incredible groups of students and adults serve in our warehouse from all over the country and even some international students from across the world. Many people may not know that SFJ has a small staff and most of our work is done by our amazing volunteers. This is how we can send a shipment of shoes and Bibles every 3 weeks, because groups from near and far continue to serve year-round.

**Tables & Seats Available Now!**

**Join Us November 8th**



Event tables and individual seats are selling fast for our luncheon

One group that left an impact was from Michigan. I was leading these students during a challenging week and I was looking forward to being in the warehouse with our volunteers, where I feel His presence every time. However, I had no idea how deeply they would bless me. As we were working, one of the young men asked if he could stream his music through our speaker, and he proceeded to play incredible worship that everyone knew. When the song "I Thank God" came on, the entire group began to jump and shout, "*I am free! I am free!*" The joy that erupted in our warehouse was amazing and you can view a clip of it below. (It's a low quality video but a high quality memory!)

This hard-working group got so much done and several young men built an entire shipment by stacking heavy boxes. After two hours, it was time for me to pray over this group, and tears filled my eyes as I told them to keep shining brightly because God is going to use them in mighty ways. On their way out, the entire group bought shirts to support the ministry and some of the guys took their shoes off to donate for Africa. I am reminded that our future is extremely bright, as I continue to serve with young people who are sold-out to Jesus.

With the fall season almost here, it is a great time to clean out your closets. We will gladly send the shoes you no longer need to Africa. It's also a great time to host a shoe drive at your workplace, neighborhood or school. Did you know that we have two types of collection boxes? One with our

and auction *Celebrating One Million Pairs & One Million Souls* on November 8th! Over 400 seats have already been filled, and we sincerely thank each sponsor & supporter who will be joining us. Click the button below or call 414-365-1392 to purchase your table or seats today. We are excited to enjoy some laughs with comedian Jaron Myers, hear from our keynote speaker, Dr. Mudimba, and to have Lance Allan return as our emcee. We hope that you will join us at the Brookfield Conference Center for this special event!

**BUY NOW**

**Event Sponsorships:** Sponsorship opportunities are still available for this year's luncheon. 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).

logo and one without it, which works well for schools or public places. Fall also means that we are busy planning for our big event celebrating *One Million Pairs and One Million Souls*, and I pray that you'll make plans to join us!

Sincerely in Christ,

Diane Studer

Founder/Executive Director

Soles For Jesus



*Click to watch a video of these students!*

## Shoe Drives & Special Thanks



**Auction items:** Thank you to each business and individual who has donated already to this year's Silent Auction! If you would like to contribute an item or service, please reach out to Nicole at [NJenkins@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:NJenkins@SolesForJesus.org). Your name and item will be listed in our event program and we will acknowledge your tax-deductible donation after the event. And now for easy one-click shopping, we are pleased to share our [Amazon Wish List](#)! It is filled with fun ideas that will ship directly to the SFJ Office in your name!

**Neurotech, Waukesha** - A huge thank you to the fantastic team from Neurotech for coming out to serve with us again! We are so grateful for their shoe drive and generous monetary donation, which will help cover the cost of shipping their shoes to Africa. Countless lives will be blessed because of their time and dedication.



*Thank you, Neurotech!*

**Felch Mountain Bible Chapel, Michigan** - This group showed up and showed OUT and we loved having this passionate crew serve with us. The next generation is on fire for Jesus, and it shows! They ended their serve week strong by packing over 1,175 pairs of shoes for our next shipment to



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

### A Warm Welcome to Gui!

We are thrilled to welcome Guimel Correia as the newest member of the Soles For Jesus staff, stepping into the role of Operations Manager. His journey to this position is a testament to how God opens doors and connects people with purpose.

Gui first learned about Soles For Jesus through his church's annual shoe drive, where his family has been actively involved in collecting shoes over the years. When he heard about the opening for the Operations Manager position, Gui felt an immediate pull and began to pray about the opportunity. He shared, "As soon as I saw that email, I got really excited and

Africa! We are so encouraged by their beautiful hearts and willingness to serve.



*Thank You, Felch Mountain Bible Chapel!*

**Immanuel Lutheran, Brookfield** - Over 1,100 pairs of shoes were packed by this wonderful group from Immanuel Lutheran in Brookfield. They came ready to serve and they were the hands and feet of Jesus. Thank you for making a difference and for touching lives across the globe!

*started praying to God that if it was His will, I would love to be part of the ministry."*

With a strong background in warehouse operations and lean manufacturing, Gui brings valuable experience to our mission. He has a passion for creating efficient, safe, and welcoming spaces—ensuring our warehouse can serve not just as a place of logistics, but also a place where volunteers feel empowered and appreciated.

Originally from Brazil, Gui came to the United States at the age of 21, becoming the first generation of immigrants in his family. He now lives with his wife and their 4-year-old son, Miguel—who is, in his words, *"our joy (so far)!"* When he's not optimizing operations or serving others, Gui enjoys cooking, fishing, and playing basketball.

We are so grateful for how God has brought Gui to Soles For Jesus and we're excited for the leadership, heart, and energy that he brings to our mission. Welcome, Gui!



*Thank you all for serving with us!*

**St. Olaf Lutheran Church** - Look at these beautiful shoes that we received from St. Olaf Lutheran Church. As part of their VBS service project, they decorated shoes and gave a monetary donation to help send them to Africa! What a beautiful way to serve others and share God's love, and so many will be blessed because you gave.



*Welcome to the SFJ Family, Gui!*

### **Blessings to Sierra Leone**

It has been 8 years since we sent our last shipment to Sierra Leone! We are excited to work with Brother William and his team to share the Gospel in this nation. William and his team are passionate to see many lives touched by God's love and we invite you to pray alongside us to see transformation in this country!

View more photos [HERE.](#)



*Thank You, St. Olaf!*

**Thirst Church, Oconomowoc** - Special thanks to Thirst Church for hosting an incredible shoe drive that collected over 500 pairs for our next shipment to Africa! Because of your generosity, so many will be blessed with shoes and will be able hear the mighty name of Jesus. Praise God that many lives will be changed for eternity!



*Shipment to Sierra Leone!*

### Arrival in Lesotho

Our shipment to Lesotho has arrived at its final destination! We thank God for Brother Josias and his team as they are working hard to begin their shoe distributions right away. Their prayer and passion is for every person in their country to radically encounter God's love. We appreciate their partnership and we are expectant for the testimonies that will come from this shipment and time of ministry!

View more photos [HERE](#).



*Thank you, Thirst Church!*

**Family Rummage & Shoe Drive, Sussex** - Laura, McKenna & Alex recently hosted a rummage sale at their home and used the opportunity to collect a car full of shoes AND raise funds through their lemonade stand to help with shipping! God is moving in our community, and we love to see it. THANK YOU to this great family!



*Lesotho shoes have arrived!*

### Testimony from Cameroon

Our Ministry Partner in Cameroon, Pastor Laurent, shares that when they were recently in the Village of Nkodoom hundreds of people gathered to receive free shoes and hear a powerful message of hope. This was a part of their, "Go Fill A Need" initiative to meet the challenges of their community. Many were so touched by this act of generosity as they have been struggling financially to meet the needs for their families. May God continue to bless Pastor Laurent and his team as they minister those who have great needs for the gospel and shoes.



*Thank you, Best Family!*

**Christ First Global Methodist Church, Green Bay** - What a wonderful time we had with our friends from Christ First Global Methodist Church! The Heil family has organized a shoe drive for the last 15 years! This small but mighty group packed over 500 pairs of shoes! Because of their effort, so many will be blessed. Thank you for giving your time and hearts to the mission. It was such a joy to serve together!

View more Photos [Here.](#)



*Sharing shoes and God's love in Cameroon!*

### Shoes have arrived in Uganda

We praise God that our shipment to Uganda has arrived! We appreciate Sister Doreen and her team as they had a long night of unloading the shoes. We are grateful for her faithfulness to reveal God's love in this nation. She is working with her team to effectively bring shoes to those with the greatest needs and we're



*Blessings to the Heils and CFGMC in Green Bay!*

**Sussex Cardinals Baseball Team** - We want to give a special shout out to the Sussex Cardinals Baseball Team for hosting a shoe drive! Your generosity will bless so many in Africa. Thank you for making an impact in our community and world!

excited to see how God is going to touch hearts in a powerful way!

View more photos [HERE](#).



*Team unloading the shoes at night!*

### **God is moving in Cabo Verde**

We celebrate what God is doing in Cabo Verde as we are receiving testimonies from Pastor Emanuel! He shared that so many are encountering God's love and that hearts are wide open to learn more about Jesus. His team was also able to meet with impoverished children in a village. The mothers also came to see who gave their children shoes

**THANK YOU**



*Thank you, Sussex Cardinals!*

## Volunteer Opportunities

### SOS (Sort & Organize Shoes) Events

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).

### September

and they were so touched by God's love through this generosity!

View more photos [HERE](#).



*Life change in Cabo Verde!*

### Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

Meet our Every Home for Christ Ministry Director in Democratic Republic of the Congo, Maarifa Dunia Daniel Sagesse. Born and raised in a Christian home in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Brother Sagesse once saw church as an obligation, not a calling. But on June 13, 2010, everything changed. Hoping only to "check a

Saturday, September 6th, 9-11 am **\*\*FULL\*\***

Wednesday, September 10th, 1-3 pm

Saturday, September 13th, 9-11 am **\*\*FULL\*\***

Friday, September 19th, 9-11 am **\*\*FULL\*\***

Saturday, September 20th, 9-11 am **\*\*FULL\*\***

Saturday, September 27th, 9-11 am **\*\*FULL\*\***

### October

Saturday, October 4th, 9-11 am

Wednesday, October 8th, 6-8 pm **\*\*FULL\*\***

Saturday, October 11th, 9-11 am **\*\*FULL\*\***

Tuesday, October 14th, 9-11 am

Wednesday, October 15th, 6-8pm **\*\*FULL\*\***

Saturday, October 18th, 9-11 am **\*\*FULL\*\***

Wednesday, October 20th, 6-8 pm

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



*Thank you for serving, WLC Volleyball Team!*

**“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

box” by briefly attending Sunday Service so his father (the pastor) would see he had been there, he instead found himself deeply moved by a message on Christ’s return and love. That day, he surrendered his life to Jesus—and nothing was the same.

Today, Brother Sagesse is a passionate disciple-maker, committed to helping others encounter Christ and grow in their faith. Brother Sagesse continues to serve amid great challenges. Families have been displaced, and shortages of food, medical care, and shelter plague the region. Yet even in crisis, the Gospel moves forward.

This year, he and his team are launching a six-month outreach for displaced persons in Goma—offering evangelism, discipleship, food, medicine, shoes, and shelter.

Please join us in praying for the following:

- For the health, protection, and provision of Sagesse &

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.

his family as they serve the Lord

- The success of this year's evangelism and discipleship project targeting war-displaced families in Goma
- God's guidance and strength to be with the entire EHC DRC team during this season of ministry

### Where in the World is Democratic Republic of the Congo?



Formerly known as Zaire (1971-1997), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is a large inland country in Central Africa. DRC is

actually the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest country in all of Africa and the 11<sup>th</sup> largest in the world! A diverse number of ethnic groups call DRC home and the majority of the population resides in rural areas. Due to its location along the equator, a large portion of the landscape is covered by rainforest. The Congo rainforest is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest rainforest in the world, behind only the Amazon. In addition to this tropical landscape, DRC also has areas of dense grasslands and savannas as well as mountains in the western portion of the country. As a result of this diverse landscape, DRC is rich in natural resources including raw minerals and agricultural potential. Unfortunately, this is not reflected in the economy and Democratic Republic of the Congo is often listed as one of the most impoverished nations in the world. Due to lack of public funding, access to education is limited and disproportionately affects girls. We lift up our brothers and sisters of DRC and pray that the physical and spiritual needs of the Congolese people will be met.

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