



Soles For Jesus
September 2025



Dear Friend,

I was given the incredible honor of sharing our millionth pair of shoes—and just look at his smile! Thokozani is the boy in Eswatini who received them, and he walks over 5 miles to school, each way. He lived up to his name which means, “to be thankful and rejoice” and I will carry him in my heart forever. I will share more of Thokozani's story at our luncheon on November 8th, when we officially celebrate *One Million Pairs and One Million Souls!* I just watched a special video made for this milestone event and I can't wait for you to see it. If you haven't purchased your table or seats yet, I encourage you to do so! It's going to be such an incredible event with comedian Jaron Myers, emcee Lance Allan and keynote Dr. Mudimba from Namibia. You'll also hear exciting testimonies and have the chance to shop for our large silent auction. I pray that you can join us, and please let me know if you'd like to sponsor a table so we can save one for you.

In a few weeks I'll be going to South Africa to meet with all our ministry leaders, and I look forward to being with them again. We are blessed with an incredible team of men and women who are pastors and leaders in 32

Tables & Seats Available Now!

Join Us November 8th

SOLES FOR JESUS

Luncheon & Auction

CELEBRATING 1 MILLION
1 Million Pairs. 1 Million Souls.

Saturday, November 8, 2025 10:30am - 2:00pm Brookfield Conference Center

Featuring Comedian Jaron Myers
Dr. Douglas Mudimba, Keynote • Lance Allan, Emcee

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countries throughout Africa with Every Home for Christ. Last week I was at the EHC headquarters in Colorado Springs and I am in awe of their effectiveness in sharing the gospel and discipling new believers in hard-to-reach places. It is an honor to link arms with them and to put these *door-opening shoes* in their hands.

As I am writing, I feel led to ask if you need prayer. Every Tuesday we meet for our staff meeting and an extended period of prayer and devotions. If you have a need, we'd like to pray for you and please let us know by sending an email to Info@SolesForJesus.org. It's an honor to bear each other's burdens so we can, *"rejoice always, pray without ceasing and give thanks in all circumstances."* 1 Thess 5:16

May God bless you and I can't wait to see you on November 8th!

Sincerely in Christ,

Diane Studer

Founder/Executive Director

Soles For Jesus



1,000,000 pairs and counting!



Event tables and individual seats are selling fast for our luncheon and auction celebrating *One Million Pairs & One Million Souls* on November 8th! Over 500 seats have already been filled, and we sincerely thank each sponsor and 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 have Lance Allan return as our emcee. We hope that you will join us at the Brookfield Conference Center for this milestone 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.

Early Access Bidding: On Wednesday, November 5th, each person who has registered their email address will gain access to online bidding 3 days before the event! There will be a photo of each item, so you can see it prior to bidding. Please note that gift certificates can be mailed, but larger items and baskets must be picked up at the SFJ office. If you or your table guests have not yet added an email address to your registration, please do so by **November 4th!** Emails will be used by each guest for both early bidding and at the event, as well as to receive important updates.

Welcome To Our New Intern, Maddie!

Please join us in welcoming our fabulous fall intern, Maddie! She is no stranger to Soles For Jesus and she served as a member of Team Benin in 2024 and has also volunteered in our warehouse. Now, Maddie is bringing her passion and experience to support our staff and to help us prepare for our upcoming luncheon. We are so excited to have Maddie on the team this season and please give her a warm welcome when you stop in.



Auction Items: We appreciate every business and individual who has already donated to this year's auction! September's Wish List features sporting event tickets. Are you a season ticket holder for one of Wisconsin's favorite teams and would be willing to donate your seats for one game to our auction? To fulfill this request or to contribute a donation of any kind, please contact Nicole at NJenkins@SolesForJesus.org.

Remember: All auction items must be received at the SFJ office by Friday, October 17th.



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!

Volunteer of the Month

We are thrilled to honor Tom Eide as our September Volunteer of the Month! Tom's heart for missions and his faithfulness to serve and support Soles For Jesus in many ways continues to make a huge impact! Tom was also a special member of our Eswatini Mission Team in May and he and his wife Lisa have been longtime friends and supporters of the ministry.

Tom shares, *"I love missions, and I feel blessed and fulfilled when I can serve. There's a longing within me to be involved in missions. I may not be called to go as a missionary, but I know I'm called to support them."* Since retiring, Tom has made the most of his time— going on multiple mission trips each year and jumping in to serve whenever possible. Whether it's working in our warehouse, preparing shoes for shipment or encouraging others to get involved, Tom brings joy and purpose to everything he does. When he's not serving, Tom enjoys woodworking, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren—his favorite way to unwind and pour into the next generation.

What is Tom's advice for those new to the SFJ ministry? *"Start by volunteering here locally at the SFJ warehouse. You'll learn more about the ministry and how the shoes are used to lead many to Christ. Then let God lead you— maybe even to Africa one day!"* Thank you, Tom, for your servant heart and for helping us send hope one pair of shoes at a time!



Thank You, Tom!



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

Burkina Faso Shipment with WMP

We are grateful for our partnership with World Missionary Press and it is a joy to send our shoes with Gospel booklets printed in many languages! It is our heartfelt hope that these shoes will be a blessing to those who receive them, meeting both practical needs and serving as a reminder that they are cared for and not forgotten. We are praying for Pastor Lompo and his team, as they are preparing to receive the shoes and seeking God for a distribution strategy. We are thankful for his leadership and dedication to make Jesus known in his nation!

View more photos [HERE](#).



Joint shipment to Burkina Faso!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Spaghetti For Soles in California - Our California State Representative is amazing! Thank you, Maria, for hosting a delicious spaghetti fundraiser to benefit Soles For Jesus. Over 70 people gathered to hear more about the ministry and to help support the sharing of the gospel and shoes in Africa. We are so encouraged by the faithful support of Maria and her church community and God bless you all!



Thank You, Maria and Friends!

Distributions in Uganda

We are so thankful for Sister Doreen and her dedicated team who are working diligently to begin distributing the shoes. The desire of their hearts is for every person in their nation to experience the love of God in real and transformative ways. One of the first distributions was at a local orphanage. They were able to share shoes with many of the kids and reveal God's plan of salvation for them. We appreciate their partnership and can't wait to hear the powerful testimonies as they minister in His name!

View more photos [HERE](#).



Transformation in Uganda!

Missions Event, Spring Creek Church - Our team had a wonderful time representing Soles For Jesus at Spring Creek Church for their Missions Event last Sunday. We were so grateful for the opportunity to share what God is doing through SFJ both here and throughout Africa. May God continue to bless SCC for their kingdom impact locally and across the globe!



 **SPRING CREEK
CHURCH**



Sharing Our Mission at Spring Creek Church

Shipment Arrived in Angola

What a joy to partner with World Missionary Press again and to send a 40-foot container filled with shoes and gospel books printed in Portuguese to Angola. Pastor Emanuel and his team worked hard to unload the shipment, and they are eager to begin sharing shoes and the love of Jesus. We praise God for all that He is doing in Angola and let's continue to keep them in our prayers.

View more photos [HERE](#).



Shoes and WMP Gospel booklets arrived in Angola!

Harwood Place, Wauwatosa - Yen and Alexandra had such a wonderful time visiting Harwood Place and sharing our mission! We thank Ruth for organizing this event and for inviting us. We are grateful for the opportunity to share Soles For Jesus with you and thank you for collecting shoes in your community!



Thank You, Harwood Place

Testimony From Mozambique

We are grateful to Brother Godfrey in Mozambique for sharing testimonies of many who are finding hope in Jesus. He shares that through the gift of shoes and power of His love, people are understanding how God cares for them! Many people also took the gospel booklets home that were printed in Portuguese, so they could read them with their families. As a result, many people came back on Sunday to attend church and joined discipleship groups. We are so moved by these beautiful faces and smiles, and by all that God is doing in this nation!

View more photos [HERE](#).



Sharing shoes and God's love in Mozambique!

Discover Church, Oak Creek - We enjoyed having Discover Church spend their Serve Night packing shoes for our next shipment to ~~Burkina Faso~~. Because of your hearts to serve, so many in Africa will be blessed with shoes and the gospel. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus!



Thank You for Serving, Discover Church!

Guinea Shipment Arrived

We give God glory for the safe arrival of our shipment to Guinea! We are deeply thankful for Pastor David and his dedicated team for unloading and preparing the shoes for distribution. Their faithfulness to God and their passion for making His love known in this nation is truly inspiring. Pastor David and his team are now working diligently to ensure these shoes reach those who have the greatest need for shoes and the gospel. We are excited to see God move and touch lives across Guinea!



Sent with love and prayers for Guinea!

ASSE International - We had such a great time with ASSE International students from Albania, Pakistan, and Finland. They were joined by local high school students from Divine Savior Holy Angels and many lives will be touched by the shoes they packed. It was amazing to see how we can unite through Jesus to do His work and to help expand His Kingdom!



International & Local Students on Mission

God Is Moving In Lesotho

We celebrate all that God is doing in Lesotho, as testimonies continue to pour in from Pastor Josias! He shared that many are encountering God's love in life-changing ways, with hearts wide open to learn more about Jesus. One highlight came when his team visited a village to provide shoes for the children—an act that deeply moved not only the children but also their mothers, who came to see who had blessed their families. Through this simple gift, entire households are being touched by the love of God. What a beautiful reminder that generosity opens doors and hearts for the Gospel to be received!



Life change in Lesotho!

Community Shoe Drive, Sussex - Thank you, Roxanne, for reaching out to your community and for collecting over 120 pairs of shoes all by yourself! Roxanne delivered eight large boxes filled with shoes and said that she was inspired by Roberta, a dear friend who is passionate about SFJ. We are grateful for both of their hearts to serve and by the amazing support they are bringing to those in need.



Great Work, Roxanne!

Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

Meet our Every Home for Christ Ministry Director in Lesotho, Josias Mohanoe. Since giving his life to Christ in 1987, Josias has dedicated himself to reaching the forgotten and remote communities of Lesotho with the Gospel. Under Josias' leadership, the EHC Lesotho team reaches neglected people, herd boys, widows, disabled, and others in remote mountainous areas— not just with the message of Jesus, but with tangible expressions of love.



One powerful story comes from Phamong in the Mohale's Hoek district, where the team met a man considered mentally ill and abandoned by his own family. After washing his feet and giving him shoes, he raised his hands and accepted Christ. Today, that man is healing, working, and living a transformed life—a testament to the power of the Gospel and the love behind it. Lesotho faces immense challenges. Child-headed families, a result of past pandemics, have forced children into adult responsibilities. Early child marriage and drug abuse are on the rise, especially among young girls and boys seeking protection or identity. Despite this, Josias sees hope. He shares, *"The majority of people in my country are receptive to the Gospel—that alone gives hope."* The promises of 2 Corinthians 5:17 (Josias's favorite Bible verse) echo this hope: *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"*

Please join us in lifting Brother Josias in prayer for the following needs:

- Family unity as Josias and his wife Elizabeth serve together
- More Bibles, especially audio Bibles, for the illiterate and those living in isolation
- A backup generator for rural outreach and ongoing rolling blackouts

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 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 to reserve your date and spot(s).

October

Friday, October 3rd, 9-11 am

****FULL****

Saturday, October 4th, 9-11 am

****FULL****

Wednesday, October 8th, 6-8 pm

****FULL****

Saturday, October 11th, 9-11 am

****FULL****

Tuesday, October 14th, 9-11 am

Thursday, October 16th, 1-3 pm

Saturday, October 18th, 9-11 am

****FULL****

Wednesday, October 20th, 6-8 pm

Saturday, October 25th, 9-11 am

****FULL****

Friday, October 30th, 9-11 am

November

Saturday, November 1st, 9-11 am

****FULL****

Friday, November 7th, 12-2pm

****FULL****

Friday, November 14th, 10-11:30 am

****FULL****

Saturday, November 15th, 9-11 am

****FULL****

Thursday, November 20th, 5-6:30 pm

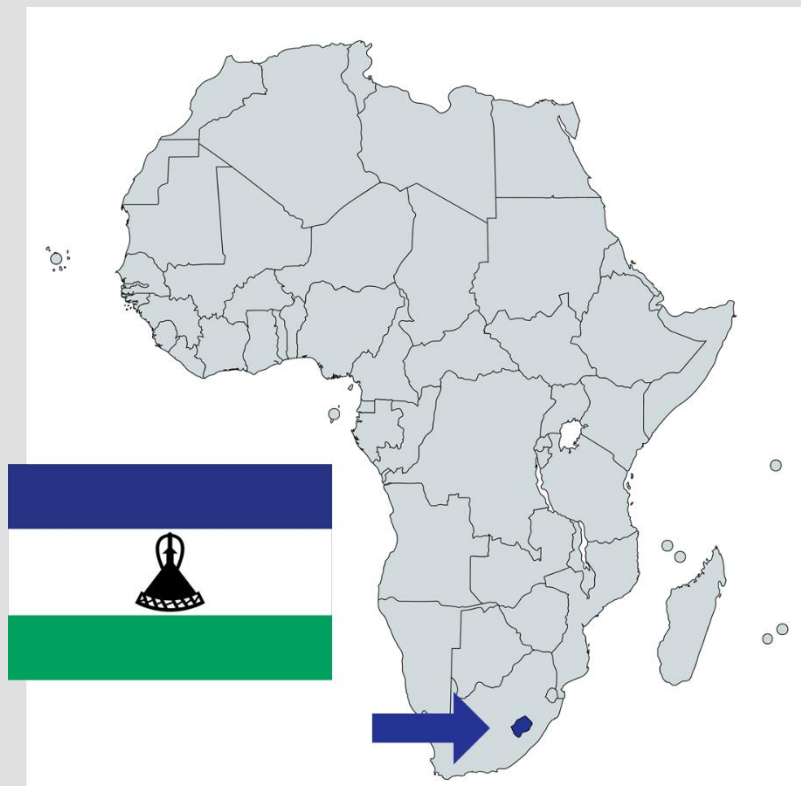
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Saturday, November 22nd, 9-11 am

****FULL****

**Choose your own date to serve by emailing us*

Where in the World is Lesotho?



The country of Lesotho is a small landlocked nation, surrounded entirely by South Africa. Similar in size to the combined area of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, Lesotho is home to two million people, 99.7% of whom are part of the Sotho ethnic group. Lesotho translates to “land of the Sesotho speakers” (the native language) and was formed in 1822 and became a British royal colony in 1884 until its independence in 1966. Lesotho is generally reliant on imports of food to sustain its relatively dense population, as land suitable for growing crops is limited and droughts frequently affect harvests and livestock. Primary education is free and mandatory; thus, Lesotho has one of the highest literacy rates among African nations, nearly 80% of the population. Unfortunately, HIV/AIDS has a major impact in Lesotho, and the nation has one of the highest rates of infection in the world. Young women account for over half of reported cases, and thus the number of children living with HIV has also risen largely due to mother-to-child transmission. We pray that new doors will be opened for the Gospel across Lesotho and that people will be transformed by the saving love of Jesus!



Thank you World Impact Ministries & MIX Church!

“Business Hours” SOS: Volunteers can 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 more. It’s entirely up to you and 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 or (414)365-1392.