



Dear Friend,

We just sent our final shipment of the year to Mozambique, and I want to thank each person who helped impact eternity for so many people in 2025. Praying, volunteering, washing feet, giving shoes, and providing funds to help send them are all needed—and may God bless the many hands and hearts who help make this possible! Each pair of shoes sent this year represents one life that heard about Jesus, as they received shoes and had their feet washed. Our ministry partners in Africa continue to share testimonies about how these shoes open doors to sharing the Gospel in villages with

Happy New Year!



As we step into a new year, our hearts are filled with gratitude for all that God has done. Every pair of shoes donated, every hour volunteered, and

great physical and spiritual needs. To God be all of the glory!

As this year comes to a close, we have a special opportunity to make an impact. Pastor Godfrey in Mozambique invited pastors from 42 churches to a special service honoring them with foot-washing, new shoes and a Bible printed in their language. For the first time in many years, churches came together in unity and this led to a spiritual breakthrough! You can read more about this and how you can help in this [LETTER](#).

Not only are you providing shoes and the Gospel for those who are in great need, but you are also covering the feet of pastors who walk great distances. Godfrey shared, *“What a joy to cover the feet of those who bring the Good News! Many pastors received their first pair of new shoes. This was a spiritual milestone that serves as a reminder that the global body of Christ stands with them. Each pair is a tool for evangelism since they walk great distances. Dignity was restored, as many were ministering in torn shoes or barefoot.”*

I invite you to take a moment to watch our **2025 Year in Review Video** so you can see the incredible ministry that is happening across the United States and

every financial gift has carried the love of Jesus across oceans and into the lives of those in need. Because of your faithfulness, families throughout Africa are walking into 2026 with renewed hope, dignity, and new life in Christ! Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus, and may God bless you in the new year.



You Can Still Make A Gift!



throughout Africa. As people continue to find new life in Jesus, follow Him in water baptism, and receive discipleship, we praise God for the eternal impact! All of us at Soles For Jesus are consumed with an urgency to keep pressing forward in the new year and we thank you for your partnership. As I watched the video below, I was in awe of all that the Lord has done this year. Each time that someone comes to faith in Jesus, it's worth it! I believe that the best is yet to come as we continue to follow His lead.

Thank you for joining us in this timely mission to help bring salvation in Jesus to every tribe and tongue!

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer

Founder/Executive Director

Soles For Jesus



It's not too late to give! We sincerely thank each person who has already given a gift this season. To ensure 2025 eligibility for your gift, please remember the following:

- Donations made by credit or debit card must be completed by 11:59 pm on 12/31.
- Mailed checks must be postmarked by 12/31. You can also drop off your donation at our office through the end of the day on Wednesday, 12/31.

Give a Gift

Christmas Joy for Mozambique

Our final shipment of the year is packed and on its way to Mozambique! We are praying for Pastor Godfrey as he carries out his vision to share the Gospel and distribute these shoes where they're needed most—bringing dignity and the hope of Jesus to all. Every pair of shoes is given with a gospel book printed in their language and we look forward to seeing what God will do in this nation.

View more photos [HERE](#).

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Portview Church - Thank you, Portview Church, for the hundreds of pairs of shoes that you donated from your annual shoe drive! We are so grateful for your faithful partnership and that you also came to volunteer and help pack 700 pairs of shoes for our next shipment to Africa. We are also want to thank Mark and Liz for your leadership over this annual project and for the many ways that you serve the Lord through Soles For Jesus. God bless you all!



Thank you, Portview Church

Konicek Family - Way to go, Konicek Family! Thank you for serving with us this



Christmas shoes to Mozambique

Shoes, Smiles & God's Blessings in Uganda

It is such a blessing to see these kids in Uganda receive new shoes, along with a presentation of the Gospel and giving God the glory for this provision. The kindness shown by Sister Doreen and her team as they helped each child try on their new shoes reflects the deep love of Christ behind this outreach. She shared with the children that the shoes are not only a gift of protection and comfort, but they are also a reminder that God's love walks with them every step and every day. We give thanks to the Lord for using this simple gift to bring hope and new life in Christ to these precious children!

month at a SOS event and for hosting a shoe drive in your neighborhood. We are inspired that your community responded by donating over 200 pairs of shoes, along with the funds to help ship them to Africa! Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus.



We are grateful for this special family

Denmark High School - Over 800 pairs of shoes were donated by the students and families of Denmark High School during the Christmas season. What an incredible response and blessing! We thank Mark for delivering all of the shoes and Hayley for coordinating this drive. We are so thankful to everyone who made this incredible donation possible.

View more photos [HERE](#).



May God continue to bless Uganda

Sierra Leone Arrival

We are filled with gratitude and joy as we celebrate the safe arrival of our shipment to Sierra Leone. After eight years of waiting for God to re-open this door, our second shipment has arrived in this nation! Seeing these boxes unloaded and ready to bless the people of Sierra Leone is a powerful reminder of God's perfect timing and unwavering faithfulness, after so many years of prayer. We praise God for His goodness, for every hand that helped make



THANK YOU



Thank you, Denmark High School

St. Marcus Lutheran Church - Thank you to Kelsi and the families at St. Marcus Lutheran Church & School for hosting a shoe drive that collected over 300 pairs of shoes! Because of your generosity, so many in Africa will be blessed!

Thank you!



ST MARCUS

Great job, St. Marcus

St. Mary's Parish School - December was a great start to the shoe drive at St.

this possible, and for the lives that will be touched through this delivery. To Him be all the glory!

View more photos [HERE](#).



Sierra Leone

Unloading special cargo in Sierra Leone

**New Shoes & New Beginnings,
As The Gospel Impacts Mali**

During September and October, Every Home for Christ Mali distributed shoes and shared the Gospel in the villages of

Mary's Parish. Their goal is to collect at least 500 pairs of shoes this winter, and they are well on their way! Great job to these amazing students with a heart to serve others so well!



Students serving Jesus together

Journey Church, Kenosha - Thank you Journey Church for joining us and for being the hands and feet of Jesus! We had such a great time sorting and packing shoes with you for our next shipment to Africa!

Banankoro, Nianian, N'Tobougou, and Kanfara. These communities are facing growing hardship, and by working alongside partner churches, Brother Elise and his team were able to offer practical support and hope to families who rely mostly on agriculture and small trade for survival. Many adults and children expressed deep gratitude, sharing that this was their first time to ever receive new shoes.

These outreaches also sparked a spiritual response that continues to grow. Eleven young people in Nianian, two adults in N'Tobougou, and seven teenagers in Kanfara all dedicated their lives to Jesus. This led to new Christ Groups and ministry connections being formed and schools opening their doors for future visits, as community leaders recognize the impact of these outreaches. Every Home for Christ Mali extends heartfelt thanks to Soles For Jesus for making this powerful ministry possible.

View more photos [HERE](#).



Thank you, Journey Church

Christmas Deliveries - This Christmas season has been full of blessings arriving in bags of shoes. We want to give a big shout-out to every school, church, business, and individual who hosted a drive, delivered shoes and donations to help send them. Thank you all for making an impact during this season of giving!



Sharing shoes and Jesus' love in Mali

Christmas Blessings in Guinea-Bissau



'Tis the season for giving!

We are so grateful for Brother Julio in Guinea-Bissau, who has been pouring his heart into reaching families in the villages of Patcha Yala and Embascine. Through his consistent and prayerful efforts, children and parents have received shoes and the Gospel, and mothers in Embascine were also blessed with a special Christmas gift and message of Hope. His dedication to these communities shines as a beautiful example of Christ's love, and we thank God for using his team to bring joy, hope, and practical help to so many lives!

Volunteer of the Month

This month, we are thrilled to recognize one of our longtime volunteers whose journey with Soles For Jesus began over a decade ago. Kayla Gibson first connected with SFJ in February 2014, when Xcel Sports—the gym at her church, Alliance—hosted a shoe drive and needed volunteers to help deliver their collected shoes. That simple “yes” opened the door to receiving SFJ newsletters, staying connected, and eventually stepping into deeper involvement.

In December 2016, she joined Team Kenya on her first mission trip. That experience became a turning point, leading to continued service with Team Eswatini in May 2019, joining our auction team in August 2022, and faithfully supporting the ministry by collecting shoes in the Appleton area. Today, her passion for Soles For Jesus has become a family affair. Her whole family—and many friends—now love SFJ. Shoes are collected year-round, and when the garage table fills up, it becomes the perfect excuse for a road trip to the warehouse. She shares that being part of SFJ has been a tremendous blessing—shaping her faith, expanding her view of the world, and connecting her with an incredible community of believers. Kayla and her husband, Greg, began sponsoring a table at our annual luncheon

View more photos [HERE](#).



The love of God reaching Guinea Bissau

Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

Meet our Every Home For Christ Ministry Director in the Republic of the Congo (Congo Brazzaville), Pastor Brice Séverin Mabilia Dandou.



in 2023 as a new way to share the mission of SFJ with family and friends!

We are so grateful for Kayla's generous support of the ministry, her joyful spirit, and the way she invites others into the SFJ mission. She truly embodies what it means to walk out faith—one pair of shoes at a time!



Greg & Kayla Gibson

Volunteer Opportunities

SOS (Sort & Organize Shoes) Events

Make a difference by volunteering at a two-hour SOS Event! You and your friends can

Born as the son of a pastor, Brice's faith journey was shaped through hardship. After the death of his father in 1990, Brice traveled to the capital city to live with his uncle, who was also a pastor. Following the Congo Civil War, church services were held in their home, and it was there he began to experience God in a personal way. Brice came to know Christ as his Savior in 1998 and was baptized the same year. Since then, his walk with the Lord has been marked by many powerful testimonies. One of his favorite Scriptures, Psalm 27, continues to anchor his faith and leadership.

Brice is married to his wife, Justania, and together they have two children: Archangel (14) and Bristanovie (11). His family is an essential part of his ministry life, standing alongside him in prayer and service. While the people of Congo-Brazzaville face uncertainty and fear as presidential elections approach—an event that has historically been marked by unrest and division—Brice and his team remain committed to advancing the Gospel and strengthening the Church. Looking ahead, the ministry hopes to establish a department dedicated to the youth of the nation to address the rising problem of juvenile delinquency and violence in schools.

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).

January:

Saturday, January 3rd, 9-11am **FULL**

Wednesday, January 7th, 9-11am

Saturday, January 10th, 9-11am **FULL**

Tuesday, January 13th, 6-8pm

Wednesday, January 14th, 9-11am

Friday, January 16th, 9-11am

Saturday, January 17th, 9-11am **FULL**

Saturday, January 24th, 9-11am **FULL**

Saturday, January 31st, 9-11am **FULL**

February:

Wednesday, February 4th, 6-8pm **FULL**

Thursday, February 5th, 9-11am **FULL**

Friday, February 6th, 10-11:30am

Friday, February 6th, 12:30- 2pm **FULL**

Saturday, February 7th, 9-11am **FULL**

Saturday, February 14th, 9-11am **FULL**

Wednesday, February 17th, 6-8pm **FULL**

Saturday, February 21st, 9-11 am

Saturday, February 28th, 9-11 am **FULL**

Choose your own date to serve by emailing us!

Please join us in praying for the following needs:

- Pray for the health of Brice's family and the EHC team in Congo-Brazzaville, as they continue their work of bringing the name of Jesus to some of the most vulnerable communities across their nation
- Pray that God will open doors for the Gospel where traditional religions have led people astray
- Pray for the churches planted in Pygmy villages through shoe distribution to continue growing strong in God's Word

**Where in the World is the
Republic of the Congo?**



“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 you can bring friends! Training will be provided and SFJ staff is 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.



The Republic of the Congo, also known as Congo Brazzaville, is a nation of approximately 6 million people on the western coast of Central Africa. The Great Congo River defines much of its western border, providing important transportation routes for industry as well as natural resources. On the other side of the river is neighboring Democratic Republic of Congo (previously known as Zaire), an entirely separate nation. Congo Brazzaville is a former French colony, until its independence in 1960, while DRC was previously colonized by Belgium. The diverse terrain of Congo Brazzaville ranges from lush rainforests to rolling savannas. The majority of the population resides in urban areas, including the capital city of Brazzaville and coastal Pointe-Noire. Those in rural areas face more significant challenges to their quality of life as a result of lacking infrastructure and economic



opportunities. Approximately 75% of Congolese profess Christianity, with Roman Catholicism being the most common denomination. Additionally, traditional African religions continue to influence spiritual practices, particularly in rural communities, where ancestral beliefs and rituals remain central to daily life. We pray for the Gospel to be proclaimed to all people, so they may live in the truth and freedom of Jesus Christ.

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