



Dear Friend,

Resurrection Sunday is almost here! As we prepare to celebrate our risen King, I am overwhelmed with gratitude that He paid the ultimate price on my behalf. There is no greater picture of love than the cross, and we get to share this Good News with our family, neighbors, and world. *"God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* Romans 5:8

Seeing a life made new in Christ never gets old. Testimonies from Sierra Leone are living proof that Jesus still sets the captives free! Not even chains or bars can separate us from the love of God, and Rev. Lionel just witnessed this. In a maximum security prison in Freetown, God opened an incredible door for ministry with over 3,000 inmates. Rev. Lionel and his team shared the gospel of Jesus Christ and demonstrated God's love in a tangible way. Many inmates had tattered shoes (or none at all) and came for the free shoes—but they left with so

Stroll For Soles - June 13th!

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much more. As they heard the gospel preached and saw it demonstrated with God's love, hearts were transformed from death to life! Many received Jesus as their Savior, but it did not stop there...

As a result of this move of God, Lionel and his team were given permission to lead a two-month discipleship program every Tuesday in both the male and female facilities! We praise the Lord for all that He is doing to raise up disciples for Christ, and that no person is too far. I am so encouraged by the fruit from this outreach and for each man and woman who is experiencing true freedom in Jesus. To God be all of the glory, as we celebrate every testimony of new life in Him!

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer

Founder/Executive Director

Soles For Jesus



Raised to life in maximum security prison!

Registration is now OPEN for this year's Stroll For Soles on **Saturday, June 13th** at our *new location*, Lisbon Community Park in Hartland! Enjoy a one or two mile route (stroller & wheelchair accessible), followed by lunch and fun for the whole family! Your registration also includes an event t-shirt and access to all food trucks and activities *for no extra charge*. We look forward to celebrating with you under the big party tent!

EVENT PRICING			
	3/19 - 4/7	4/8 - 6/2	6/3 - 6/13
INDIVIDUALS	\$30	\$40	\$50
CHILDREN (AGES 10 & UNDER)	\$18	\$20	\$25
FAMILIES (MAX 5)	\$110	\$125	\$150
TEAM (MAX 10)	\$210	\$230	\$250
OFF-SITE - Individual	\$10	\$10	\$10
OFF-SITE - Family (MAX 5)	\$40	\$40	\$40

Early Bird Pricing for individuals, families, and teams ends on April 7th, so click the button below to sign up TODAY!

Sponsorship Opportunities: Gold, Silver, and Bronze sponsorships are still available! Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this great opportunity to support the mission of Soles For Jesus. We appreciate each business, church and individual who helps to make this event possible. For more information, please contact Diane at Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org.

Stroll Across America is BACK for 2026!

We love being able to celebrate the work that God is doing through SFJ with all of our friends across the nation! Will you be the first to represent your state by signing up for the *Stroll Across America Challenge*? Grab your friends, family, or neighbors and walk to support lives being changed in Africa through the gift of shoes given in the name of Jesus. Help us light up the map by registering today to represent your home state!



Summer Internship Opportunity

We have an opportunity for a part-time intern to join our dynamic team this summer for approximately four hours per week. Come and be a part of a life-changing mission and gain valuable experience in the nonprofit sector. If you are interested in learning more, please send an email to Info@SolesForJesus.org.



Open to High School Seniors & College Students!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

World Missionary Press, Indiana - It was an honor for Diane to be the keynote speaker at World Missionary Press's 64th Anniversary Celebration in Indiana. We are grateful for the opportunity to link arms with this incredible ministry, and we thank God for the powerful way that He is using them to advance His kingdom through gospel literature sent around the world in 355 languages! Hundreds of pairs of shoes were collected at this event as well, and we are so grateful to have WMP as one of our key partners.

SFJ + WMP Shipment in Route to DRC!

We are excited to send our second shipment to the Democratic Republic of the Congo West! We are grateful to partner with our friends at World Missionary Press by sending a 40-foot container filled with Gospel literature and shoes that will be shared in rural communities. We truly believe God has great plans for the people of DRC West, and it's a blessing to send this shipment to our Ministry Partner, Pastor Robert. Thank you for being part of this mission and please keep DRC West in your prayers.



DRC West shipment is on it's way!



Diane sharing at the WMP banquet.

Auxano Church in Elm Grove - Auxano Church just hosted their first shoe drive and collected over 200 pairs of shoes! They also volunteered for an SOS Event to help sort and organize shoes in our warehouse, and we are so grateful for their support to impact lives with God's love.



Great Work, Auxano Church!

Sharing the Gospel in Côte d'Ivoire

We thank God for Pastor Lolo Christian and his team as they have planned many outreaches to share God's love through shoes with orphans, widows, and students. We praise Him for every child and adult who is being served and that hearts are opening to the compelling message of God's love. Lolo recently visited a school in the Sahoua region and the students were so excited as they had not received a gift like this before. Hope is being restored as many received new shoes and the message of salvation in Jesus!



God's love shared with students!

The Mission Continues in Benin

Ifill Family - Thank you, Ifill family, for your shoes and support! Jen hosted a shoe drive at Gillette Children's Hospital Pharmacy Department in Minnesota, and Sienna donated shoes from her senior season with Marquette Volleyball. Many lives in Africa will be blessed because of you, and we're so grateful!



Thank you, Ifill family!

Milwaukee Parkside Elementary School for the Arts - Thank you, Milwaukee Parkside Elementary School for the Arts, for your shoe drive that collected an incredible 573 pairs of shoes! This marks their 10th Shoe Drive in support of Soles For Jesus — WOW! We are beyond grateful for your continued partnership and generosity.



10th Annual Shoe Drive at Milwaukee Parkside!

We are delighted to receive photos and stories from Brother Avla Sunday in Benin. Their EHC team recently visited the villages of Kpomassè and Bossito to share the Gospel and distribute shoes. What began as meeting a physical need quickly opened hearts to the love of Christ, as many warmly received the message through preaching, prayer, and fellowship. *We rejoice that 21 people gave their lives to Jesus! And the chief of Kpomassè officially authorized the start of a church in this village!* This creates a powerful opportunity for discipleship and lasting impact. Thank you for your prayers and support. Lives are being changed, and the Gospel is taking root while Jesus is being made known!



Lives being transformed in Benin!

God's Love is Moving in Burkina Faso

FC WI Soccer Club - 1,835 pairs of shoes

collected...and counting! It is amazing what a community can achieve together. Huge thanks to Mason Wolf, FC Wisconsin Soccer, and Roberta Pratt for organizing this massive shoe drive, and to everyone who donated shoes in collection boxes placed at FC WI, Sussex Hamilton High School, Brookfield Indoor, The Goat, Thirsty Duck and Sussex Burn Boot Camp. Mason also hosted a drive-by shoe drop-off at the high school on Saturday, so people didn't have to get out of their cars. What a creative and successful job, and many lives in Africa will be impacted!



Thank you, Mason and friends!

We have been praying for Pastor Lompo and his team as they are sharing shoes and gospel booklets from WMP in their nation. The harvest is ready and it is our privilege to partner together to see many accept Jesus as their Savior! Lompo recently visited the Ampo Orphanage in Wemtenga, and shared testimonies from those who felt forgotten but now feel seen and heard by a loving Father. The children and staff were so encouraged by God's Word and many experienced great joy and spiritual renewal. We are thankful for how God is moving powerfully and that hearts are being restored!



Ministering at the Ampo Orphanage and sharing shoes!

Volunteers of the Month

Divine Redeemer Lutheran Church & School - Huge thanks to *Kids Connection* at Divine Redeemer Lutheran Church for their recent shoe drive and donation to help ship their shoes to Africa. We are incredibly grateful for your hearts to serve, and thank you for making a difference!



Working together to change the world.

Brookfield Academy - Special thanks to Julia for organizing a shoe drive at her school, Brookfield Academy. Because of her initiative, 164 pairs of quality shoes were donated for Africa! We are also incredibly grateful to the Connolly family for generously donating funds to help cover the cost of shipping them to Africa. God bless you all!



Way to go, Julia!

This month we are especially grateful for our SOS Leaders and the dedication they bring to this ministry. We recently had the joy of gathering together to recognize and celebrate this wonderful group!

Each of these leaders faithfully volunteers in our warehouse once a month, helping guide teams as they sort and pack thousands of shoes that will soon be on their way to Africa. Through this simple act of service, countless people have the opportunity to hear the name of Jesus and experience His love.

We are thankful not only for the impact overseas, but also for the meaningful moments that happen within our warehouse walls! Our prayer is that every volunteer who walks through our doors feels welcomed, encouraged, and loved by God. So often, it's the small things—a warm greeting, a word of encouragement, a worship song playing in the background, or a heartfelt prayer shared at the end of an event—that leave a lasting impact.

SOS Leaders, thank you for the time, heart, and compassion you pour into Soles For Jesus. Your faithfulness helps create an environment where people can serve, connect, and encounter the love of Christ. We are truly thankful for each one of you!



Celebrating this amazing team of SOS Leaders!

Triun3 - A wonderful group from Triun3 joined us to sort and pack shoes for our upcoming shipment to Burundi! We thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus and for partnering with us to bring hope in His name. May God bless you all!



Grateful for your support Triun3!

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).

Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

Meet our Every Home for Christ Ministry Director in Cabo Verde, Pastor Emanuel Monteiro. Emanuel and his wife, Diva, have three teenage children and serve the Lord faithfully in the many island communities across their nation. At the age



of 19, Emanuel heard the true Gospel for the first time through Brazilian missionaries. He gave his life to Christ and just a few years later traveled to Brazil to attend seminary. After he was ordained, Pastor Emanuel returned to the Cabo Verde Islands and has served God among his people ever since.

As the EHC team works creatively to reach communities across the ten islands that make up Cabo Verde, Pastor Emanuel notes some obstacles that are unique to island nations. *“Transportation between the islands has been a major challenge. Air travel is extremely expensive and maritime transportation is experiencing many [fleet and infrastructure] problems.”* Nevertheless, their team continues to develop new strategies to bring the love of Jesus to those who need it most. One such strategy includes training and mobilizing a greater number of local workers to plant new churches in their areas, reducing the need for island-to-island travel. This year they hope to specifically make a larger impact in the Northern Islands. Recently, 21 children who received shoes through our partnership committed to attending weekly Bible study groups in their community, and some have already chosen to give their lives to Christ. Pastor Emanuel shares, *“They themselves recount how much the Gospel has changed them through confession of sin and seeking help,”* demonstrating the personal relationship with God that we all desperately need.

Please join us in prayer for the following needs:

April:

Tues, April 7th, 6-8pm **FULL**
Wed, April 8th, 6-8pm **FULL**
Sat, April 11th, 9-11am **FULL**
Sat, April 18th, 9-11am **FULL**

Tues, April 21st, 6-8pm **OPEN**

Sat, April 25th, 9-11am **FULL**
Wed, April 29th, 6-8pm **FULL**

May:

Sat, May 2nd, 9-11am **FULL**

Mon, May 4th, 9-11am **OPEN**

Wed, May 6th, 2-4pm **OPEN**
Sat, May 9th, 9-11am **FULL**

Thur, May 14th, 9-11am **FULL**

Sat, May 16th, 9-11am **FULL**

Sat, May 23rd, 9-11am **FULL**

Tues, May 26th, 12-2pm **FULL**
Sat, May 30th, 9-11am **OPEN**

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

“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 leaders are 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.

- For the health of Pastor Emanuel and his family, including their children: Beythel, Raquel, and Jael. Beythel recently relocated to Brazil for university studies, so we pray for his safekeeping and academic success.
- For new strategies in rural areas, especially the need for willing and passionate workers who are motivated to spread the Gospel message to all
- Renewed hope for the most troubled communities that are deeply affected by alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, and destruction of the family unit – resulting in deep physical and spiritual poverty.

Where in the World is Cabo Verde?



The nation of Cabo Verde (Cape Verde) is made up of ten islands located off the western coast of mainland Africa. The islands were previously uninhabited until colonized by the Portuguese in the 15th century. The nation gained independence from Portugal in 1975. Due to limited natural resources, the economy is mainly focused on services. The total

population of the Cabo Verde Islands is about 529,000 people of mixed African and European heritage, with the majority identifying as Roman Catholic.

While Cabo Verde is known to be one of the most developed and democratic African countries, EHC Ministry Director Pastor Emanuel Monteiro describes the effects of recent events on local families. *“Unfortunately, the aftermath of Covid-19, the ongoing war in Ukraine, and drought have greatly affected the people in acquiring food. Many families are in a food crisis with rising prices, rising anxiety, depression, and suicide. Many divorces have also taken place in the midst of this.”*

We give thanks for the faithful work of Pastor Emanuel and his team to bring the love of Christ to those who are hurting, and we pray alongside them for redemptive healing.