



Soles For Jesus

April 2026



Dear Friend,

Thanks be to God for the beautiful work He continues to do in hearts and lives! The commitment of our Ministry Directors to actively reach all people is incredible. God is opening doors in remarkable ways, and our partners do not stop working, even into the night! I just received these photos and testimonies from Pastor Avla in Benin and I want you to hear it from him.

"As part of our ongoing efforts, we established a strategic partnership with a company responsible for cleaning public roads. This collaboration provided us with a unique opportunity to reach their workers who gather at night before being deployed to different areas. Our entire team conducted a nighttime outreach to share the Gospel and shoes with them. It was powerful and deeply impactful, marked by attentiveness, humility, and openness among the workers. Following the message, 67 individuals made the decision to give their lives to Jesus Christ. This was a moment of great rejoicing, as we witnessed firsthand the transforming power of God's love at work. We firmly believe that the seeds planted during this outreach will bear lasting fruit, and that God will continue the work He has begun in each life through discipleship. We are sincerely grateful for your support, prayers, and partnership. Because of Soles For Jesus, we are able to reach more people and make a meaningful and lasting impact for the Kingdom of God!"

Praise the Lord and thank you for being a part of this! I am also excited to invite you to our Stroll For Soles on June 13th. Registration includes all food trucks, t-shirts, games and activities. Come and stroll a mile or two, or just enjoy the food trucks and fun! I encourage you to register today and invite your friends and family to join you. It's one of my favorite events of summer and I'd love to see you there! Please also keep our mission team in your prayers as we leave soon for Tanzania. What a privilege to be the hands and feet of Jesus and we can't wait!

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer
Founder/Executive Director
Soles For Jesus



Stroll For Soles 2026 - Register TODAY!

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!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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.



The graphic features the text "Stroll for Soles 2026" in a large, blue, stylized font. Below the text is a blue silhouette of the African continent with "SFJ" inside. To the right of the text are four small photographs: a colorful inflatable obstacle course, a group of people walking on a path, a food truck labeled "WILMAS SMOKEHOUSE", and a person interacting with a child. Below the photos, the text "GOLD SPONSORS" is written in yellow. At the bottom, there are logos for American Imports, Octaccess, Fischer Family Foundation, Holland Group, Jung Express, Jung Logistics, Lakeshore Credit, Novak, W&D Wisconsin Shower Door, and World Impact Ministries.



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!

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

The MS Gym

Thank you so much to The MS Gym for stepping up in such a meaningful way to host this amazing shoe drive, and a special thank you to Becky for the time, energy, and heart you poured into organizing every detail. Your leadership and generosity have rallied people together in a powerful way, turning compassion into action.



Grace 242 Church

Thank you, Grace 242 Church! We are truly grateful for your faithful kingdom partnership and the way you consistently step into what God is doing through this ministry. Your recent shoe drive not only gathered 150 pairs of shoes for our upcoming shipment to Africa, but your generous financial support toward shipping costs also helped make this entire effort possible.



CTaccess

Huge thanks to CTaces for your incredible partnership and unwavering support of our ministry! We are so grateful for the way your team showed up to serve, sort and pack shoes for our upcoming shipment to Burundi. Your commitment goes far beyond a single event, you continue to be a vital part of the mission, helping bring hope, dignity, and the love of Jesus to communities across Africa.



Zion Lutheran Ministries

Thank you, Zion Lutheran Ministries in Menomonee Falls, for your incredible partnership and generosity in hosting a shoe drive that collected over 300 pairs of shoes for those in need across Africa! We are deeply grateful for your support and for the heart you've shown toward this mission, it truly makes a lasting impact.



Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Yenh had a truly meaningful time sharing the heart and mission of Soles for Jesus at Beautiful Savior Church in Mequon. We are deeply grateful for the warm welcome and the chance to connect with so many wonderful people, build new relationships, and invite others to join in God's work. We also appreciate the generosity of those who will contribute shoes through this community-wide drive!



Sussex Hamilton High School

A huge thank you to Sussex Hamilton High School for your incredible generosity and enthusiasm in coming together for this shoe drive! Your effort and teamwork have resulted in an amazing collection of shoes that will go on to serve children across Africa in a very real and meaningful way. Because of what you've done, students will be better equipped to walk to school safely and pursue their education with dignity and confidence. What a powerful difference you are making, way to go, Sussex!



Welcome Our New SOS Leader!



Maddie serving on Team Benin 2024

We are thrilled to introduce our newest SOS Leader, Maddie Schmit! Maddie's journey with Soles For Jesus began through her church, Grace Lutheran Church in Menomonee Falls. *"We regularly volunteered with SFJ, and those experiences were incredibly meaningful to me. I loved serving—sorting shoes, praying over the boxes, and being in community with others who shared the same heart for the mission."*

A few years later, that connection grew even stronger during college when Maddie felt called to join an SFJ mission trip to Benin, Africa. She shares that the experience was life-changing, offering a powerful glimpse of God's presence and deepening her faith in lasting ways. Maddie went on to serve in an internship position in our office last summer, and we now look forward to welcoming her in this new capacity as an SOS Leader.

Maddie encourages anyone who is interested in getting involved with SFJ to step out in faith with an open heart. She says, *"You never know the incredible things the Lord might do through your willingness to serve. It's an opportunity that can truly change you—and one you won't regret!"*

In addition to serving at SFJ, Maddie works full-time and enjoys spending time with friends, especially through worship and a young adults ministry called Kairos. Looking ahead, she feels called to continue pursuing global missions wherever God leads.

Updates from the Field

First Time Shipment to Equatorial Guinea!

We are thrilled to share that Soles For Jesus recently shipped for the first time ever to Equatorial Guinea! We look forward to partnering with Brother Luis to receive the shipment and he will use them to carry the mission of Christ to his nation. We eagerly look forward to hearing about the impact and the lives touched as distribution begins, believing that great fruit will come from this new opportunity!

Click the image below to view more photos.



Reaching the Unreached in Lesotho

We love this testimony from Brother Josias and his team who traveled into the remote mountains of Lesotho to reach vulnerable and neglected children. They distributed over 100 pairs of shoes and other gifts. Their efforts had a powerful spiritual impact, as parents and children gave their lives to Jesus after being so touched to have shoes. Thank you to Brother Josias and his team for going to hard-to-reach communities with the love of Jesus. Lives are being made new and forever changed!

Click the image below to view more photos.



Arrival in Cabo Verde

With great joy, we are excited to share that our shipment has safely arrived in Praia, Cabo Verde! Brother Emanuel and his dedicated team are now fully prepared to begin distribution across the villages throughout the islands of Cabo Verde. We invite you to join us in prayer for wisdom, safety, and a strategic plan as they go out to serve our brothers and sisters, bringing hope and blessing to many lives.

Click the image below to view more photos.



Arrival in Mozambique

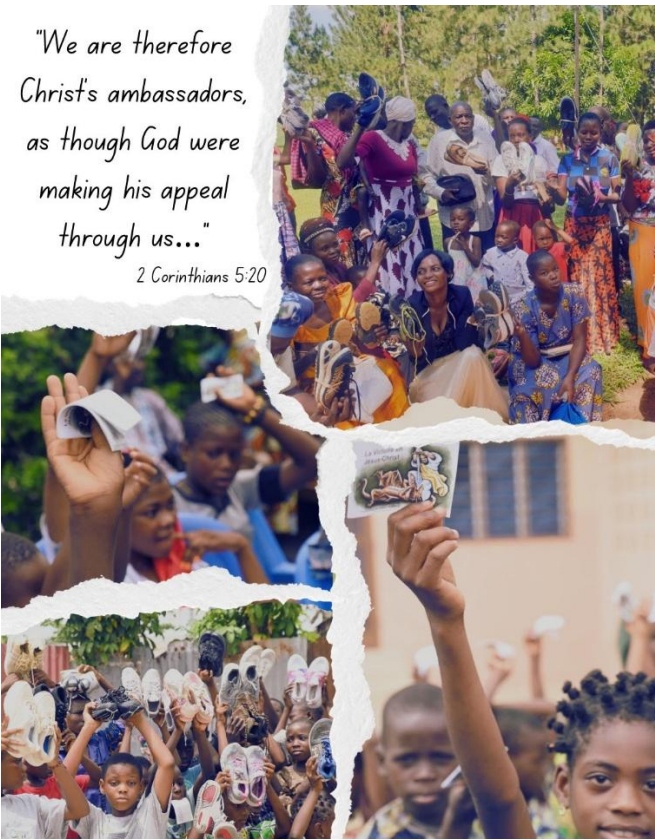
We're excited to share that our shipment has safely arrived in Mozambique, where Brother Godfrey is already hard at work receiving and handling the boxes with care. This is where the mission truly comes to life, and we are filled with anticipation for the impact ahead and the love of Christ shared through every pair distributed.



Sharing God's love in Sierra Leone

Rev. Betts recently sent us a photo highlighting the inspiring collaboration between his team and the Correctional officers in Freetown, Sierra Leone. They expressed their heartfelt appreciation to SFJ for providing shoes that blessed the inmates. The officers themselves were deeply moved to witness God's love in action. Not only were the inmates ministered to, but the officers were surprised by how something as simple as shoes can touch hearts. As a gesture of gratitude for the partnership, Rev. Betts and his team also presented SFJ shirts to the Correctional officers.

Click the image below to view more photos.



Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

Meet our Every Home for Christ Ministry Director in Guinea, Pastor David Fallah Sandouno. Pastor David, pictured here with his wife, Koumba, is committed to reaching every home in Guinea with the Gospel message and the love of Jesus. Through the work of a dedicated team, EHC-Guinea seeks to multiply disciples of Christ in a nation where religion is dominated by Islam and indigenous African beliefs. Pastor David's favorite Bible verses are the beautiful words of David in his hymn of praise found in Psalm 103:1–5: *"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!"* What a beautiful reminder to give thanks to God for His ongoing mercy and care, even when we are faced with challenges.

In the Lord's goodness and provision, the Gospel is reaching people in unique and effective ways. Pastor David shares that the team visited a government school in Conakry to serve children who were in dire need of shoes. While they were there, the regional chief and school principal were overwhelmed by the kind gesture, and the national television press group even came to cover the program. This opportunity to reach many with the name of Jesus, through the power of media, is a blessing!



Brother David asks us to join him in prayer for the following needs:

- For all of his children to know, serve, and live for Christ alone.
- That the team at EHC-Guinea will be blessed to bless others all over their nation
- For many new hearts to open to the love of Jesus in 2026 across Guinea



Where in the World is Guinea?

The nation of Guinea is a coastal country in West Africa. It is sometimes referred to as “Guinea-Conakry”, after its capitol city, to distinguish from other territories in the region (Guinea-Bissau and Equatorial Guinea). Guinea is home to 14 million people, 90% of whom identify as Muslim. Unfortunately, the country has struggled since gaining independence from France in 1956, with numerous military coups and government instability that have limited its progress as a self-governing nation. Despite having plentiful natural resources in important metals, much of Guinea’s economy remains based in subsistence agriculture. We pray for peace to reign in Guinea and for all Guineans to know the everlasting love of Jesus Christ.

Get Involved!

Sort & Organize Shoes (SOS) 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). **“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.

May:

Sat, May 2nd, 9-11am	FULL
Mon, May 4th, 9-11am	FULL
Wed, May 6th, 2-4pm	FULL
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	FULL

June:

Thur, June 4th, 1-3pm	FULL
Sat, June 6th, 9-11am	FULL
Wed, June 10th, 6-8pm	OPEN
Thu, June 11th, 1-3pm	FULL
Thu, June 18th, 1-3pm	FULL

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.

“In the region of Garoua, where the Gospel remains largely inaccessible, the shoe distribution initiative was a light in the darkness. Through this concrete gesture, many understood the love of Jesus Christ for them.”

– **BROTHER LAURENT TAGNE**
EHC CAMEROON

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Sat, June 20th, 9-11am **FULL**
Wed, June 24th, 6-8pm **OPEN**
Thur, June 25th, 1-3pm **FULL**
Sat, June 27th, 9-11am **FULL**
Thur, June 30th, 9-11am **FULL**

**OR email us to choose your own date to serve!*

