



Soles For Jesus

May 2026



Dear Friend,

Our mission team has just returned from Tanzania and we are so grateful for your prayers! Have you ever prayed and prepared so diligently for something, only to see things not go as planned? Well, that is how our trip began—but JESUS! His plans are always better and *He has the final word!* When I saw the spiritual battle surrounding our severely delayed shipment (sent seven months ago and typically taking three months to arrive at its destination), the Holy Spirit led me to pack bags filled with shoes and foot-washing supplies. Each team member also carried an additional piece of luggage filled with shoes, just in case our shipment was not released on time.

The first miracle we witnessed was getting our bags through the airport without a tax or delay. Our luggage was opened and I was questioned by the authorities, so receiving this kind of favor was a gift from God! As we left the airport with all of our luggage, I knew that God had plans for these shoes. And I am here to testify that we completed our entire ministry schedule with two bags of shoes left over! The shoes never ran out, and to God be all of the glory! Our spreadsheet accounted for 850 pairs of shoes that were packed, and He made it last. What a privilege it was to share the love of Jesus with our words and actions, and to see the harvest with our own eyes! The incredible response from those receiving Jesus as their Lord and Savior was life-changing for them and for us. We also thank the Lord that our ocean-freight shipment has finally now arrived and the EHC Tanzania Team will continue the work. We've been partnering with EHC TZ for over 12 years, and it is an honor to pass the baton of this shipment of shoes to them, as they continue to share the Gospel and disciple new believers.

I have an exciting opportunity to share with you! A generous friend responded to our need for a new forklift and offered to match all gifts up to \$5,000. If you'd like to be a part of this, just add a note to your online gift or check marked "forklift". I continue to be amazed by all that the Lord is doing right here, in our own warehouse, and you can read more about this in my recent [LETTER](#). We are so grateful for each person who has already given, and may God bless you for your kingdom partnership. I look forward to seeing many of you at our Stroll For Soles event on June 13th. For those out-of-state, please tag us online as you *Stroll Across America!*

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer
Founder/Executive Director
Soles For Jesus

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY:

Partner With Us To Make A Difference!

Would you like to *double the impact of your gift*? We are thrilled to share that dear friends of the ministry just called with an *offer to match all gifts up to \$5,000* towards the purchase of a new forklift for our warehouse! As we pack and ship thousands of pairs of shoes each month, having an efficient and well-equipped warehouse is essential to meeting our growing needs. You are invited to partner with us to help purchase important equipment upgrades that will strengthen our ability to serve, and you can read more about this in our [LETTER](#).

Every day, we have the privilege of seeing the Gospel transform lives — across Africa and here at home. From a child in Tanzania receiving their very first pair of shoes to volunteers serving side by side in our warehouse on Saturday mornings, God is using every step of this ministry to plant seeds of hope and share the love of Christ.

A busy summer of ministry is ahead, and we are excited to welcome teams from across the nation to serve in Jesus' name. Your generosity will help make this work possible — ensuring that more shoes, more hope, and more opportunities to share the Gospel reach the people who need it most. Will you prayerfully consider making a gift today?



Last Call! Are You Ready To STROLL?

Stroll For Soles is just TWO WEEKS away! On **Saturday, June 13th**, we will welcome you to our *new location*, Lisbon Community Park in Hartland! Enjoy a one or two mile route (stroller & wheelchair accessible), followed by lunch and fun for all ages! Your registration includes an event t-shirt and access to all food trucks and activities *for no extra charge*. You can still sign up to celebrate with us under the big party tent, so be sure to register 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 With Us From Your Home State!

If you can't be with us in Wisconsin, we hope that you'll still be a part of this special event through our option to *Stroll Across America!* 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. Let's fill this map! Register TODAY to represent your state, and don't forget to share this opportunity with friends across the U.S.A. too!

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Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Bridge Church

Thank you for your faithful partnership, Bridge Church! Because of your generosity, another 1,000 pairs of shoes were donated. Each pair represents a life that will be touched and a soul that will hear the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ. What an incredible impact! We are so grateful for your partnership in this mission and for the way you continue to show up with such heart and purpose. A special thank you to Allen for organizing and delivering this amazing donation—what a blessing!



Avon United Methodist Church

So many shoes are currently on their way to SFJ from Indiana! What a blessing to see communities come together to help bring hope and the message of salvation in Jesus to people across the world. A huge thank you to UMC Avon for your generosity, servant hearts, and partnership in this mission. Your support will make a lasting impact on so many lives. We also want to express a very special thank you to our Indiana State Rep, Steve Klinger, for organizing the delivery and helping make this possible!



The Vine Christian Fellowship

Thanks to The Vine for this incredible donation of shoes that will go on to bless so many lives across Africa! Every pair represents God's grace being shared in a tangible way. We are so grateful for your generosity and partnership in this mission. And a very special thank you to Kayla for taking the time to deliver this load!



St. John's Lutheran Church & School

What a blessing it is to partner with St. John's Lutheran Church & School! We are grateful for your incredible generosity through your joint annual shoe drive with Faith Lutheran Church & Preschool and for your financial support in helping ship these shoes to Africa. Because of your faithfulness, thousands of pairs of shoes will reach children and families who truly need them, while also opening doors for encouragement, opportunity, and the love of Jesus to be shared in a powerful way.



Spring Creek Church

A big shout-out to Spring Creek Church for an awesome kids' shoe drive! The boys-vs.-girls competition made things extra fun, and this time, the girls came out on top! Thanks to every student and family who supported this drive with such generosity. Because of your donations, children in Africa will receive not just shoes, but also a Gospel booklet in their language reminding them that they are loved, cared for, and not forgotten. We love seeing young people come together to make such a meaningful impact!



Mercy Hill Church

A heartfelt Thank You to Mercy Hill Church for blessing us with your recent shoe drive! Your generosity will go far beyond simply providing shoes, and it will help encourage children and families across Africa with a tangible reminder that they are deeply loved and seen by their Heavenly Father. May God bless you all!



First Presbyterian Church Cambria

Yenh had a wonderful time sharing the mission of SFJ at First Presbyterian Church in Cambria. We are incredibly thankful for their warm welcome, hearts for serving, and partnership in helping reach children and families across Africa. Thank you for also hosting a shoe drive and generously giving toward the cost of shipping the shoes overseas. Your support is helping turn simple pairs of shoes into powerful gifts of hope, compassion, and new life in Christ. We are so grateful to have you standing alongside us in this mission!



Journey 21

Nicole enjoyed participating in this year's Partner & Family Resource Night at Journey21, connecting with new friends, familiar faces, and many J21 students who have donated shoes and volunteered in our warehouse. It's always a joy to stand alongside an organization doing such meaningful work in our community. We're so grateful for our continued relationship and for the impact we are making together!



2026 Mission Trip: Team Tanzania

With great joy, we welcome home this year's mission team after an incredible time of ministry in Tanzania! We praise God for the opportunity to share salvation in Jesus with thousands of people; and we pray that the seeds planted in each heart will continue to grow through ongoing discipleship.

The team ministered in the villages of Ruvu Dajango, Mji Mpya & Mbez, and Mipeko. They also enjoyed worshiping with the community of believers at Pastor Yohana's church and will forever cherish the sweet time spent with the boys and girls at a children's home.

May the Lord continue to be glorified and lifted up across Tanzania. We also pray His blessings over Pastor Yohana and the Every Home for Christ Team as they continue the ministry of sharing the Gospel, washing feet, distributing shoes and discipling new believers!



Team Tanzania 2026

Front Row (left to right): Dr. Lanre DaSilva, Comfort, Leah Wood, Adriana Studer, Sharon Chitapa, EJ Ziebell, Emily Thomas, Aliyana Arroyo. Second Row (left to right) Julie Soyka, Maddie Schmit, Diane Studer, Becky Thomas, Yenh Mikolajewski. Back Row (left to right): Parker Tibbs, Alexandra Roque, Earl Ziebell, Mark Johansen, Jennifer Johansen, Gui Correia, Jeff Kerlin, Tina Kerlin, and Vicki Hirschfeld.

Liberia Shipment on the Way

This month, we are excited to send one of our shipments to Liberia. We are praying that Brother John is encouraged, prepared, and excited to continue the Kingdom work throughout the nation of Liberia. We look forward to hearing all that God will do through the shoe distribution outreaches once the shipment reaches the country!

Click the image below to view more photos.



God is Moving in Benin

In Grand-Popo, near the border of Togo, Pastor Sunday and his team continue to share the Gospel while distributing shoes to those in need. Despite strong traditional spiritual influences in the region, many people chose to follow Jesus Christ, turning away from former practices. While this mission brought some opposition and threats from local occult leaders, we remain steadfast and encouraged, trusting in God's protection as His Word continues to transform lives.

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Lives Changed in Cote d'Ivoire

Across several localities in Côte d'Ivoire, Brother Lolo and his team continue to carry out distribution efforts that meet essential needs and make a meaningful impact in the communities they serve, with a total of 1,280 pairs of shoes distributed between March and April.

Beyond the practical support, these outreaches strengthen community ties, restore dignity to many, and share a message of hope and love through the Gospel. Through the commitment of local partners and teams on the ground, this work continues to bring spiritual encouragement and hope to the communities reached.

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Arrival in Tanzania

We are happy to announce the arrival and release of our shipment to Tanzania! We believe the Lord has special plans for this shipment, which we have sent many times in under three months—but this time it took seven months to arrive. We trust God's timing and His perfect plan in all things. May God continue to use Pastor Yohana and his team to share the Gospel and the love of Jesus with those in need as they continue the work that our mission team began. Let's keep praying that God will be glorified through this work and that many will choose Him as Lord and Savior!

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Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

Pastor Yohana Chibwiga is the Ministry Director for Every Home for Christ in Tanzania. Pastor Yohana first found Jesus at a crusade in 1991 when he was a teenager. From that moment on, his life was transformed, and today he serves in full-time ministry, leading the team of evangelists at EHC Tanzania. Yohana shares, *“I give all the glory to God for this opportunity to serve Him.”* This year, EHC Tanzania has a goal to plant seven new churches throughout the country, so that many people will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel — whether for the first time or as a divine reminder of God’s goodness in their lives.

Two years ago, Pastor Yohana and his team encountered one such situation involving a man named Allen Longo. Allen had once been an active follower of Christ but was struggling in his faith due to life’s challenges. *“His living situation had become very difficult, and when he heard there would be a distribution of shoes for widows, orphans, and vulnerable people, he decided to come. He was given a pair of shoes and, that very day, returned to the Lord Jesus, repented, and renewed his faith. Now, he is a great blessing to the church and serves as the chairperson of the church choir, where he is also a Gospel singer.”* With joy, Allen now sings praises to the God who never gave up on him!

Pastor Yohana asks us to join him in prayer for the following needs:

- For peace and justice across the nation of Tanzania
- For the provision & protection of Yohana, Hidaya, and their children: Praise, Ester, Angel, Comfort, and Aaren.



- That construction will soon be completed on Pastor Yohana's church. May it be a place of refuge for the weary, where God's Word is shared and lives are changed through the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ.



Where in the World is Tanzania?

The United Republic of Tanzania was formed in 1964 through the unification of mainland Tanganyika and archipelago Zanzibar. Tanzania is located in East Africa, along the Indian Ocean, and is home to several famous natural wonders, including: Mount Kilimanjaro, The Serengeti, and Lake Victoria (along with two more of the African Great Lakes). Religious affiliations are split among Christianity, Islam, and a variety of indigenous traditions. Many people adopt "fluidity" to their belief systems by adhering to a mix of practices. Much of the economy is based in agriculture, along with a growing tourism sector. Of the 63.5 million people living in Tanzania, nearly 2/3 reside in rural areas. Public services, such as healthcare and education, are limited in these rural areas and pose challenges for meeting basic daily needs -- particularly for women and children. We give thanks to the Lord for the work being done to reach the people of Tanzania with the Gospel and pray God's blessing upon this nation.

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.

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.

June:

Fri, June 5th, 9-11am	OPEN
Sat, June 6th, 9-11am	FULL
Wed, June 10th, 9-11am	OPEN
Thur, June 11th, 1-3pm	FULL
Tue, June 16th, 9-11am	OPEN
Thu, June 18th, 1-3pm	FULL
Sat, June 20th, 9-11am	FULL
Thur, June 25th, 1-3pm	OPEN
Sat, June 27th, 9-11am	FULL
Thur, June 30th, 9-11am	FULL

July:

Wed, July 8th, 9-11am	OPEN
Thur, July 9th, 1-3pm	OPEN
Sat, July 11th, 9-11am	FULL
Tue, July 14th, 6-8pm	FULL
Thur, July 16th, 1-3pm	OPEN
Sat, July 18th, 9-11am	FULL
Sat, July 25th, 9-11am	FULL
Thur, July 30th, 1-3pm	OPEN

**Or email to choose your own date to serve!*

"In the past, Noubadoum Richard was a gentleman who never stopped fighting against the church in his village. But, the day he received shoes, he decided to go to the church and even danced to the rhythm of the choir. From then on, he stopped fighting and actually became a member of the church, because God grabbed him through a pair of shoes."

– PASTOR BELEDE OSEE
EHC Chad



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