



Soles For Jesus

June 2026



Dear Friend,

It is exciting to receive reports and photos from our **first shipment to Côte d'Ivoire!** Pastor Lolo and his EHC team are working diligently to bring shoes and the gospel to those who need it most. Kodjokro is a rural community with economic challenges and many people depend on agriculture for their livelihood. When the ministry team arrived, the village chief and his elders were there to greet them and they observed the entire day of ministry. They heard the gospel message, saw God's love demonstrated, received shoes— and the entire community was greatly impacted.

Many people listened carefully to the Word of God that was preached and also chose to receive the gift of salvation through Jesus on this day. Pastor shared, *"Through this outreach, the shoes became much more than a material gift. They served as a tangible expression of Christ's love and helped strengthen the relationship between the church and the community of Kodjokro. Simple acts of generosity open hearts, build bridges, and create eternal impact in communities, and we thank God for your partnership!"* As a token of gratitude, the chief presented them with a huge bundle of **bananas!!** To some this may seem like a modest gift but it was quite the opposite. It expressed the depth of his gratitude and the impact of the gospel and shoes - to God be the glory!

I want to sincerely thank each sponsor and person who came to our *Stroll For Soles Event*. 423 people gathered on a beautiful day to enjoy the new scenic trail, food trucks and fun! We are also grateful for each person who strolled from your own state, and please keep sending those fun photos. I look forward to this event each summer and we are already planning for next year!

God bless you and thank you for your support of all that the Lord is doing through Soles For Jesus.

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer
Founder/Executive Director
Soles For Jesus



First shipment to Côte d'Ivoire!



Thank You For Strolling!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's *Stroll For Soles*! Your presence made the day truly special. It was wonderful to see so many families, friends, and supporters come together to walk in support of Soles For Jesus and the important work God is doing through the ministry.

From the smiles along the walking route to the laughter around the bounce house and games, the day was filled with joy. We hope you enjoyed the delicious food truck lunch and time of fellowship under the big party tent. Moments like these are what make our community so strong.

Because of your participation and enthusiasm, this event was more than just a walk—it was a meaningful gathering that brought people together to glorify Jesus. Thank you for supporting this mission and we can't wait to see you again next year!

Click image to [VIEW this year's highlight video!](#)



Celebrating 2026 Stroll For Soles Sponsors

GOLD SPONSORS:



SILVER SPONSORS:



BRONZE SPONSORS:



We are incredibly grateful to our amazing event sponsors for helping make this year's *Stroll For Soles* such a success! Thanks to your generosity, families in our community enjoyed a fun-filled day of walking, connection, and a shared picnic celebration. Your support truly makes a difference, and we couldn't do it without you. Thank you for stepping up and walking alongside us!

17th Annual Luncheon: Tickets Available Soon!

The countdown is on for our favorite event of the year! We are excited to invite you to our **17th Annual Luncheon & Silent**

Auction on **Saturday, November 7th** at the Brookfield Conference Center.

Tickets go on sale August 13th, so be sure to save the date! Seating and tables will be reserved in the order tickets are purchased, and we'll be sharing details about our keynote speaker in the coming weeks.

You can sponsor a table, gather friends to attend, or reserve your own seat through our website or by calling **414-365-1392**.

We are grateful for your faithful support and look forward to celebrating and making an impact together this November. We can't wait to see you there!



Click image to VIEW a highlight video from last year's One Million Pairs Celebration!

Event Sponsorships

Sponsorships are available now for this year's event. Invitations will be printed soon and we'd love to add your name to the cover as a Platinum or Gold Sponsor. As an event sponsor, your name or business will be recognized through printed material, social media and company signage, as well as honored at our event. To be an Event Sponsor, please contact Diane for more info at DStuder@SolesForJesus.org.



Silent Auction Donations Needed

Our Silent Auction is a highlight of the event, and we are incredibly thankful for the generosity of businesses and individuals who help make it a success.

Popular auction items include weekend getaways, vacation stays, themed gift baskets, sports or entertainment tickets, and unique experiences. We also welcome creative donations such as private boat cruises, chef-hosted dinners, lessons, tours, or other memorable experiences that guests will love to bid on.

If you would like to donate an item or learn more, please contact Nicole at NJenkins@SolesForJesus.org. **Be sure to click the image and explore our Amazon Wish List**, and thank you for partnering with us to make this year's event a meaningful and impactful celebration!

Say Hello to Our Summer Interns!

We are so blessed to have an incredible team of THREE interns serving alongside us this summer! Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Claire Leverenz, Lauren Sells, and Kylie Strassburg.

Each of these ladies brings a heart for service along with unique gifts and talents, and we are excited for the ways they will contribute to the ministry in the months ahead. We look forward to all that God will do through their time with us.



Claire Leverenz



Lauren Sells



Kylie Strassburg

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Discover Church - Oak Creek

Thank you, Discover Church! We are so grateful for your incredible partnership and generosity! Through your recent shoe drive, over 2,000 pairs of shoes were collected that will impact 2,000 people in Africa. It was a joy to have your group serve alongside us, sorting and packing shoes that will not only meet a practical need but will also share the hope and love of Christ with those who receive them. A special thank you to Patricia for leading and organizing this effort!



Aurora Pediatrics & UW Specialty Medicine - Green Bay

A huge shout-out to Aurora Pediatrics & UW Specialty Medicine! Thank you for hosting a shoe drive that collected 262 pairs of shoes for our next shipment to Africa! Each pair represents an opportunity to not only meet a practical need, but also to share the life-changing hope found in Jesus Christ. That's 262 souls who will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel and experience the love of Christ. A special thank you to Jennifer for organizing this effort and coordinating the delivery of these shoes from Green Bay.



New Beginnings Fellowship Church -Kentucky

What an incredible time of serving by this group! We had an absolute blast welcoming New Beginnings Fellowship Church, who traveled all the way from Kentucky to serve alongside us! Their energy, joy, and servant hearts were such a blessing as they helped sort and pack shoes that will soon be making their way to communities across Africa. A huge thank you to New Beginnings Fellowship Church for not only giving of their time, but also for hosting a shoe drive and generously providing funds to help ship shoes overseas. Your partnership is helping bring hope, dignity, and the Gospel to thousands who desperately need to hear the name of Jesus!



Blackhawk Ministries - Indiana

We are so thankful for this amazing team who traveled all of the way from Indiana to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Their middle school group brought contagious energy, joyful hearts, and a genuine passion for Christ that was evident in everything they did. It is so encouraging to see the next generation boldly living out their faith and serving others with such enthusiasm! Not only did they roll up their sleeves to help sort and pack shoes, but they also collected over 700 pairs of shoes that will help bring hope, dignity, and the love of Christ to communities throughout Africa. Every pair represents a person who will not only receive a practical gift but also have the opportunity to hear the life-changing message of the Gospel. Thank you, Blackhawk Ministries, for investing in the Kingdom and raising up young disciples with hearts to serve.



Milwaukee's Philanthropic Community Podcast

We were honored to have our Executive Director, Diane, join Milwaukee's Philanthropic Community (MPC) Podcast with host Jill Economou to share the mission and ministry of Soles For Jesus. We are grateful to Jill and MPC for providing a platform to highlight the work of nonprofits throughout our community and for giving us the opportunity to share the story of what God is doing through Soles for Jesus!



Wisconsin Shower Door

A big thank you to Wisconsin Shower Door for hosting a shoe drive and partnering with us in this mission! We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and commitment to making a difference. Your willingness to come alongside Soles For Jesus is helping bring hope to communities across Africa in a tangible and eternal way. Because of your support, more men, women, and children will receive the gift of a new pair of shoes—providing dignity, protection, and hope. But more importantly, each pair creates an opportunity for someone to hear the life-changing message of the Gospel and experience the love of Jesus Christ!



Updates From The Field

SFJ + WMP Mali Shipment on its Way

We are excited to announce that our joint shipment with World Missionary Press has officially left our warehouse and is now on its way to Mali! We continue to pray for Pastor Elise and his team as they prepare for upcoming outreaches. May God be glorified through every pair of shoes distributed, every booklet shared, and every life touched by the message of Jesus throughout this nation.



God is Moving in Cabo Verde

Pastor Emanuel and his team recently held an evangelistic outreach in Canelo, Cabo Verde, a rural community facing economic hardship. Through sharing the Gospel, distributing shoes, and serving local families, many experienced God's love in a tangible way. One young man struggling with addiction committed to attending Bible studies after receiving a Gospel booklet and shoes. The team also served at a preschool, sharing Bible stories, washing children's feet, and distributing shoes, bringing joy and encouragement to the community.



The Work Continues in Tanzania

Since our SFJ mission team returned to the United States, Pastor Yohana and his team have continued distributing shoes and the Gospel throughout Tanzania. We are grateful to see how God is using these outreaches to bless countless lives and open doors for salvation in Jesus. Please join us in praying for Pastor Yohana and his team as they continue this important work. May God strengthen, protect, and bless them as they serve their communities and share the love of Jesus with those in need!

Burundi Shipment is on the Move

We are grateful to send another shipment this month, and this one is on its way to Burundi! Please join us in prayer for Pastor Evariste as he prepares to receive this shipment and share shoes and the love of Jesus with communities throughout his nation. May God use every pair distributed to open doors for the Gospel and bring hope to those in need.

Click the image below to view more photos.





Burkina Faso: More Than Shoes

Pastor Lompo and his team in Burkina Faso continue to share the love of Christ through shoe distributions in communities facing great hardship. During a recent outreach, many children heard the Gospel and committed their lives to Jesus! What began as the gift of a pair of shoes became the beginning of a new journey of faith, as these children now gather regularly for Bible studies and discipleship. Through simple acts of kindness, hearts are being opened to the life-changing message of Christ.

Click the image below to view more photos.

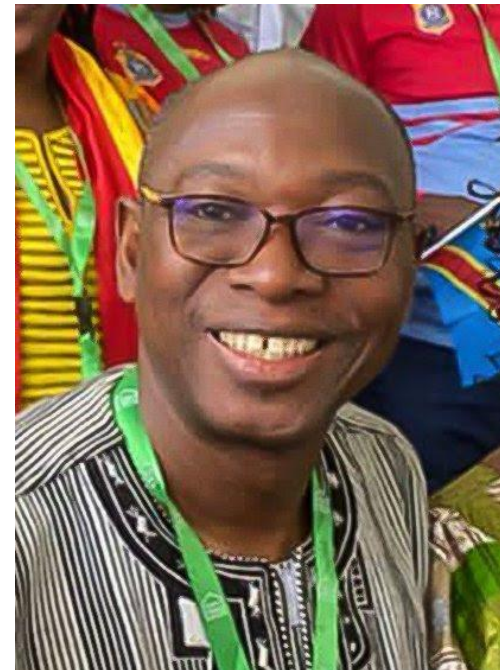


Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

Meet our Every Home For Christ Ministry Director in Togo, Reverend Remy Agossou. Born into a pagan family, Remy came to know Jesus in 1989 through a personal encounter that transformed his life. Despite initial resistance to church attendance, a divine prompt led him to purchase a Bible and attend a service, where he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior. This marked the beginning of a deep and lasting relationship with Christ, one that continues to guide his life and ministry.

Reverend Remy was appointed the EHC Ministry Director over Togo in 2023 and has worked passionately to mobilize church leaders and believers across Togo to share the Gospel with others. He is focused on leading his network to reach thousands of homes each month with the message of Christ and prays for the unity of the body of Christ in Togo in order to accomplish this goal.

Remy's story of faith is a testimony of God's grace and the power of the Gospel to transform lives. With God's wisdom and direction, he hopes to continue impacting Togo and beyond; helping others to experience the same joy and peace he found when he first encountered Jesus.



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

- For the health of Remy and his family: his wife, Fidele Ablavi Nadhon-Agossou, and their three children: Joëlle, Anne, and Eunice.
- For the hearts of political leaders in Togo to be moved to reverse heavy regulations on the ability to formally establish new church plants
- That God will provide the necessary resources for the ministry growth



Where in the World is Togo?

Togo is a small West African nation and a land of diverse landscapes, which also shape its diverse population. Togo is home to numerous ethnic groups among its population of nine million people—including the Ewe, Kabyé, and Mina. The country's economy relies heavily on agriculture, with coffee, cocoa, and cotton being major exports. The area also possesses significant phosphate reserves, which contribute to its mining industry. As a previous territory of France, French remains the official language of Togo, and an additional 38 languages are also spoken among various Togolese people groups. While six years of primary education is compulsory, limited resources and a shortage of teachers in rural areas have created barriers to education for some children. Traditional religious practices of animism and ancestor worship remain strong influences in this area of Africa, with many people mixing these practices into Christian and Islamic teachings. We give thanks for the work of the EHC Togo team and pray that the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be proclaimed across the nation for all to hear!

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.

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

August:

Sat, Aug 1st, 9-11am	OPEN
Wed, Aug 5th, 9-11am	OPEN
Thur, Aug 6th, 6-8pm	OPEN
Sat, Aug 8th, 9-11am	FULL
Wed, Aug 12th, 9-11am	OPEN
Thur, Aug 13th, 2-4pm	OPEN
Thur, Aug 13th, 6-8pm	OPEN
Sat, Aug 15th, 9-11am	OPEN
Wed, Aug 19th, 10-12pm	FULL
Sat, Aug 22nd, 9-11am	OPEN
Wed, Aug 26th, 3:15-5:15pm	FULL
Sat, Aug 29th, 9-11am	OPEN

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

*"My children have been wearing torn shoes for months.
This gift brought tears to my eyes. God bless all those
who gave and those who brought them."*

– MARY ANYAN
Widow & Mother
Katapor, Ghana



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