



# Soles For Jesus

July 2026



Dear Friend,

Every three weeks, a shipment leaves our warehouse for our Ministry Partners throughout Africa. In many reports and photos, I continue to see that the Lord is using these shoes for life-changing ministry. When someone experiences the love of God along with foot-washing and a gospel presentation, eyes and hearts are opened to the Truth! Once you meet Jesus, His kindness compels a response, and many are surrendering their lives to Jesus and being discipled. To God be the glory!

Pastor Josias journeyed with his team into the remote mountains of Lesotho.

The focus of this mission was to bring Hope in Jesus to the most vulnerable and forgotten children who live there. More than 100 children gathered for this outreach, where God's Word was shared along with the gift of shoes that were desperately needed! These kids walk daily on rough, mountainous terrain and were overjoyed to receive new shoes and a message of God's love. The impact reached far beyond their physical needs, as deep spiritual needs were met too. While the gospel was preached, many parents who came with their children also made the life-changing decision to place their faith in Jesus Christ! They felt the love of God too and their eyes were opened by the compassion shown to their families. To God be the glory!

I pray that you will join us on November 7th as we Celebrate 17 Years at our Luncheon & Auction. Event Sponsorships are available now! Please reach out to me if you're interested, and you can also click here for more info: [Event Sponsorship](#). We can't wait to celebrate with you and thank the Lord for all that He continues to do!

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer  
Founder/Executive Director  
Soles For Jesus



### **17th Annual Luncheon & Auction Celebration - November 7th**

**Tables and tickets go on sale Thursday, August 13th** for our 17th Annual Luncheon & Silent Auction Celebration! You will not want to miss this one, and the big event will take place on **Saturday, November 7th** at the Brookfield Conference Center.

We are excited to welcome Dr. Lanre Da Silva, Regional Director of Every Home For Christ, as our key-note speaker! Dr. Da Silva joined our recent Tanzania mission team, and we look forward to hearing firsthand testimonies of hope and the impact being made throughout Africa. Our dear friend, Lance Allan, is returning as our emcee and his heart for our mission inspires us all.

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

KEYNOTE  
**Speaker**



**Dr. Lanre Da Silva**  
EHC REGIONAL DIRECTOR

EVENT  
**Emcee**



**Lance Allan**  
CBS 58 Sports Director



**Sponsorships are available now** for this year's event. 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 information at [DStuder@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:DStuder@SolesForJesus.org). You can also click the image to see sponsorship options that are available. Thank you for your support and God bless you!

### **Help Make This Year's Auction a Success!**

Our Silent Auction is one of the highlights of the event, and we are deeply grateful for the generosity of every business and individual whose donations make it possible. Their support not only creates an exciting experience for our guests but also helps further the SFJ mission.

If you would like to donate an item or learn more, please contact Nicole at [NJenkins@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:NJenkins@SolesForJesus.org). Thank you for partnering with us to make this year's event a meaningful and impactful celebration!

Click [HERE](#) to view a list of this month's amazing donors!



## Fall Intern Opportunity

We are looking for a dependable & motivated intern to join our team this fall!

### Responsibilities include:

- Annual event support
- Data entry
- General office support
- Social media & graphic design projects

### Ideal candidate:

- Available 3–4 hours one day per week during business hours
- Demonstrates a high level of personal responsibility and attention to detail
- Has an interest in nonprofit ministry work

If you or someone you know may be interested, we'd love to connect! Please contact us at [Info@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Info@SolesForJesus.org) for more information.

## Mission Trip Supplies Needed by August 20th!

Our next mission trip to **Angola** is scheduled for **May 2027**, but our shipment will be leaving the warehouse very soon! A number of important items are needed for the shoe distributions, feet washing, and ministry that will happen in the villages of Angola. Will you help us fill these needs?

The easiest way to make an impact is by shopping directly from our [Amazon Wish List](#). Simply select the items you'd like to donate, and they'll be shipped directly to our office—making it quick and convenient. To ensure the shipment departs on time, **all donated items must be received at the Soles For Jesus office by August 20th.**

Every item you provide helps us equip our team to serve communities in Angola with practical care while sharing the love of Jesus. Thank you for helping us get mission ready!

**HELP US GET**  
*Mission Ready!*

You can make a **BIG** impact by purchasing needed supplies for our upcoming mission trip.

**SHOP OUR AMAZON WISH LIST!**

Every item purchased helps meet real needs on the ground.

Your generosity helps us share shoes, hope, and the love of Jesus in practical ways.

Together, we can make a *lasting* difference!

*Thank you* ❤️  
FOR BEING THE HANDS  
& FEET OF JESUS!

**SHOP TODAY. CHANGE A LIFE.**  
*Thank you for your support!*

**CLICK HERE TO SHOP OUR WISH LIST**

## Volunteer of the Month

This month we celebrate our new SOS Leader, Parker Tibbs, as Volunteer of the Month! Parker first learned about Soles For Jesus at Perissos Church; SFJ is one of their partner organizations and he chose to volunteer on a Serve Saturday. Parker was drawn to the clarity of SFJ's mission and the efficiency of the shoe-packing process, which allows volunteers to make a big impact during their time in the warehouse.

For those considering getting involved, Parker recommends attending a two hour SOS Event (Sort & Organize Shoes) as a great first step. *"It is a truly enjoyable experience and also a great opportunity to bond with the people serving alongside you,"* he said.



Serving with Soles For Jesus has given Parker a deeper appreciation for the impact that a simple gift can have. While serving on our 2026 Tanzania Mission Team, Parker witnessed firsthand how providing a pair of shoes helps lay the foundation for sharing the gospel, and he believes that the same principle of meeting practical needs can be applied in many areas of life.

Outside of volunteering, Parker enjoys racing motorcycles and spending time on the golf course or tennis court. We are so grateful for Parker's passion for service and the enthusiasm he brings to the Soles For Jesus mission.

#### **Ridgewood Church - Brookfield**

Over 300 pairs of shoes—and still counting! What an incredible blessing from Ridgewood Church. Thank you for your enthusiastic support and for collecting so many shoes that will soon be on their way to communities across Africa. Thank you, Ridgewood Church, for helping us bring hope, dignity, and the love of Christ to souls in Africa!

#### **Passion Church - Hales Corners**

Thank you, Passion Church, for hosting a shoe drive and partnering with us to bring hope to people across Africa! Because of your generosity, hundreds of children and families will receive the gift of a new pair of shoes—along with the life-changing message of the Gospel. Special thanks to the Auton family for organizing and delivering this shoe drive.



### Calvary Church - Marinette

Thank you to Calvary Church for collecting shoes that will make an incredible impact across Africa! Your generosity is helping provide practical care to those in need while creating opportunities to share the hope of Jesus! We are so grateful for your partnership and your heart for serving others. Every donation helps bring comfort, dignity, and the love of Christ to communities around the world. Thank you for making a difference!



### Ulster Project - Ireland

What a wonderful time of serving with these students from Northern Ireland and Wisconsin! We were so grateful to welcome the Ulster Project again this summer, as they joined us in sorting and packing shoes for Africa. Thank you for serving with such joyful hearts and making a lasting impact!



### High Hill Christian Church - Missouri

This amazing team jumped right in to sort shoes, serve with joyful hearts, and help prepare thousands of pairs that will soon bless families across Africa. Before they left, they gathered together in prayer—lifting up the people who will receive these shoes, the ministry, and one another. Thank you, High Hill Christian Church, for being the hands and feet of Jesus. Your willingness to serve and your heart for the Gospel will make an eternal impact.



### Trinity Lutheran Church - West Bend

Thank you, Trinity Lutheran Church, for your recent shoe drive that collected over 540 pairs of shoes! So many people across Africa will be tremendously blessed by your generosity. A special thank you to Denise for organizing the shoe drive and delivering these wonderful donations to Soles For Jesus. We are so grateful for your partnership in helping share the love of Christ!



Thank You



Trinity Lutheran Church

## Updates From The Field

### Democratic Republic of the Congo Arrival

Our joint shipment with World Missionary Press just arrived in Kinshasa, DRC West! Pastor Robert has successfully unloaded

### God is Moving in Guinea

Pastor David in Guinea has been faithfully distributing shoes and Gospel booklets in remote villages, sharing Christ's love

the container and will soon begin distributing the shoes alongside the Gospel booklets. Please join us in praying for Pastor Robert and his team as they serve their communities. We look forward to hearing how God uses these gifts to transform lives and share the hope of the Gospel throughout their nation.



### **The Work Continues in Cote d'Ivoire**

In Cote d'Ivoire, Brother Lolo and his team continue to dedicate themselves to sharing the Gospel in rural communities. In the village of Touih, where many families face daily hardships, a recent shoe distribution brought hope and encouragement. Among the recipients was Basindou Cherif, a

with those in need. During a recent outreach, many children who had been unable to attend school because they lacked proper shoes received a new pair. Now, they can walk to school safely and attend classes regularly, a simple gift making an eternal and life-changing impact.



### **Shipment to Botswana on its Way!**

We are excited to announce that our joint shipment with World Missionary Press left our warehouse and is on its way to the nation of Botswana. Please join us in prayer as Brother Tanga eagerly awaits this shipment so he can utilize the shoes as a tool to reach more people with the love of Jesus!

Muslim father who received shoes for himself and his family. Deeply moved, he proclaimed, *"It is Jesus who has just saved me from this situation."* This testimony reminds us that these distributions share not only shoes, but also the love and hope of Christ.

Click the image below to view more photos.



### Benin Shipment on its Way!

We're excited to share that our latest shipment to Benin is now on its way to our faithful ministry partner, Pastor Sunday! We pray that every pair of shoes will be a tangible expression of Christ's love, opening doors to share the hope of the Gospel with communities across Benin.

Click the image below to view more photos.



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Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

Meet our Every Home For Christ Ministry Director in Mali, Brother Elisé Dabou. Although he grew up in a Christian family, Elisé spent much of his childhood away from home, where attending church was difficult. At the age of fourteen, after hearing the gospel at a public evangelism event, he made the decision to follow Jesus and committed himself to growing in God's Word.

That commitment continued through high school and university, where Elisé became involved in Bible studies and evangelism. Today, he leads Every Home for Christ's ministry efforts in Mali, bringing both humanitarian aid and the message of salvation to communities throughout the country. Despite ongoing challenges, including insecurity in northern Mali and recent fuel shortages, Elisé and his team remain steadfast in their mission to reach people with the love of Christ.



One recent testimony comes from a gentleman named Balla Sissoko, who encountered the gospel during a shoe distribution in the village of Sirakorola. Deeply moved by the volunteers who washed his feet before giving him a pair of shoes, Balla listened as they shared about Jesus' sacrifice and love. That day, he chose to place his faith in Christ. *"From that day on, my heart is filled with joy and peace,"* Balla shared. *"I no longer hate people. I want to do good and be friends with many people. Having Jesus in one's life is the best thing that man really needs."*

Stories like Balla's are a powerful reminder that God is at work in Mali through faithful servants like Brother Elisé, who continues to hold fast to the promise of 1 Corinthians 15:58: *"Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."*

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

- For the activities of EHC Mali to bear much fruit for the Kingdom of Heaven and open the hearts of Malians to the Gospel message, leading to many conversions to Christ (Romans 10: 9-10)
- May Almighty GOD be gracious to the nation of Mali for true security economic and political stability.
- For God's wisdom to be over Elisé & his wife, Hawa, as they management of the Every Home Ministry in Mali.

### Where in the World is Mali?



The Republic of Mali is a nation of nearly 22 million people in West Africa. About 65% of the total area of Mali is covered by the Sahara Desert and it has one of the hottest climates in the world, with an average temperature of 83°F. Mali ranks among the lowest countries worldwide for life expectancy and many people, especially children, suffer from malnutrition. An estimated 90% of the population is Muslim with an additional 5% of Malians practicing traditional African religions. Historically relations between Muslims and minority faiths have been cordial, however in recent years persecution of Christians in the northern parts of Mali has become a significant issue. We pray for peace and safety in Mali, with many hearts being opened to the 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](mailto: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 (414)365-1392 or [Aroque@SolesForJesus.org](mailto:Aroque@SolesForJesus.org)

## AUGUST

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| Sat, Aug. 1  | 9–11 AM | OPEN |
| Wed, Aug. 5  | 9–11 AM | OPEN |
| Thu, Aug. 6  | 6–8 PM  | FULL |
| Sat, Aug. 8  | 9–11 AM | FULL |
| Wed, Aug. 12 | 9–11 AM | FULL |
| Thu, Aug. 13 | 2–4 PM  | OPEN |
| Thu, Aug. 13 | 6–8 PM  | FULL |
| Sat, Aug. 15 | 9–11 AM | OPEN |
| Sat, Aug. 22 | 9–11 AM | FULL |
| Sat, Aug. 29 | 9–11 AM | OPEN |

## SEPTEMBER

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| Thu, Sept. 3   | 9–11 AM | OPEN |
| Sat, Sept. 5   | 9–11 AM | OPEN |
| Tues, Sept. 15 | 6–8 PM  | OPEN |
| Sat, Sept. 12  | 9–11 AM | OPEN |
| Thur, Sept. 24 | 9–11 AM | OPEN |
| Sat, Sept. 19  | 9–11 AM | OPEN |
| Tues, Sept. 29 | 9–11 AM | OPEN |
| Sat, Sept. 26  | 9–11 AM | OPEN |

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

*"Our work is to go to any place where people are found. Where there are people, you will see us. Even here at the dumpsite, we found those working here and desired to come to share the gospel of life."*

— PASTOR JOSEPH GULE

*Every Home for Christ - Eswatini*



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