



Soles For Jesus
September 2026

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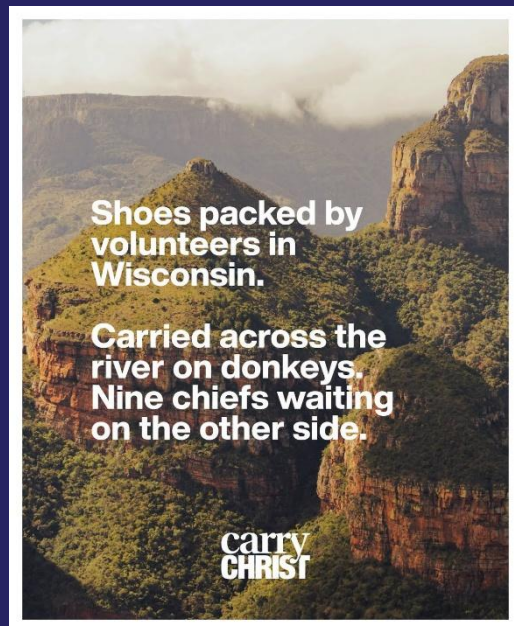
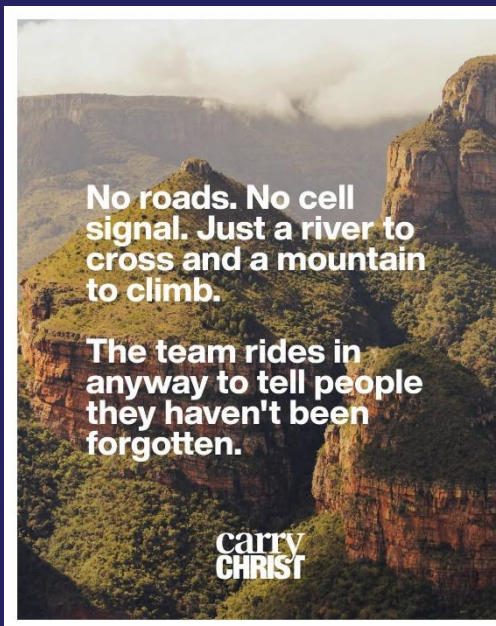
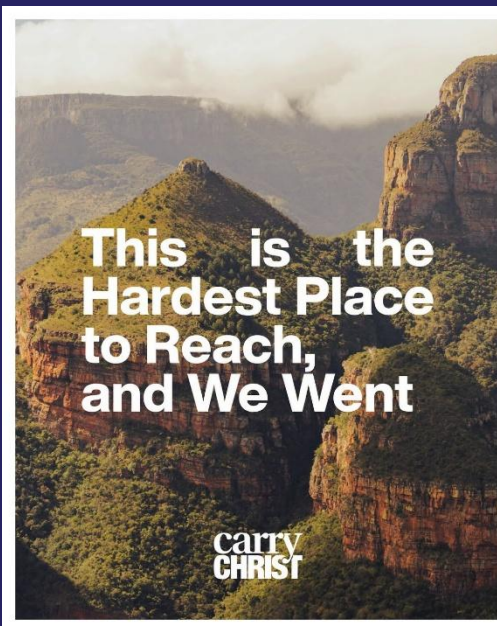
I am thrilled to share that you will be able to see a portion of the film *Carry Christ* at our luncheon on November 7th! We'll be showing an exciting clip from this Every Home Film, where a shipment of shoes is shared with people living in the mountains of Lesotho. So many of you are a part of making this ministry possible, and you'll be amazed to see how the Lord continues to use the gift of shoes to open doors for sharing the Gospel in hard to reach places. In the film, you'll recognize some of our leaders and volunteers in the warehouse preparing the shipment, and our EHC partners receiving it in Lesotho. You'll see their journey first-hand as they travel over rural landscapes, sail by boat to cross the river, and ride horses to climb a mountain—just to carry Christ to these beautiful people. Nine chiefs were waiting on the other side, and you don't want to miss it!

I am also excited to share that we'll enjoy live instrumental music (while you visit with friends and enjoy a warm meal), a special song by a children's choir, a moving message from Dr. Da-Silva, and an incredible video from our recent trip to Tanzania—all hosted by our emcee Lance Allan. I'll also briefly share a ministry update and where the Lord is leading us.

I want to sincerely thank each person who has purchased a table for November 7th—and I'm personally inviting you to secure yours today, if you haven't yet. I'd love for you to join us, as we celebrate and testify of all that the Lord is doing. It is an honor to partner with you for the sake of the Gospel and I can't wait to see you there!

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer
Founder/Executive Director
Soles For Jesus



Join us on November 7th! Register at SolesForJesus.org

17th Annual Luncheon & Auction Celebration



Join us for an unforgettable celebration! It's not too late to reserve your table or seats for this year's 17th Annual Luncheon & Silent Auction! On **November 7th at the Brookfield Conference Center** we'll enjoy an exciting afternoon of fellowship, inspiration, and celebration of all that God is doing through Soles For Jesus. Luncheon is Noon-2pm, with a silent auction from 10:30-Noon. More than 450 guests have already reserved their seats, and we are so grateful for the sponsors and supporters who will be joining us! There's still room for you—and we'd love for you to bring your family and friends along to experience this special event together. We're excited to welcome Dr. Lanre Da Silva, Africa Regional Director at Every Home for Christ, as our Keynote Speaker, and Lance Allan will serve as our event emcee.

Gather your family and friends, reserve your table or seats, and come celebrate with us! Your participation helps support the mission of Soles For Jesus and makes it possible to continue providing shoes and sharing the hope of the Gospel with people in need across Africa. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Call the SFJ office at **414-365-1392** to reserve your table or seats today.

Important Note For Attendees! If you or your table guests haven't yet submitted an email address for each attendee, along with their meal selection, please do so **by October 21st** (due date for lunch count & dietary needs). Each guest's individual email address will be used for early bidding, event access, and an important email will be sent on Monday, November 2nd. You should have received a link to enter your guests' information, or you may send their names and emails to Info@SolesForJesus.org.

Support SFJ Through Event Sponsorship

We are still welcoming event sponsorships and would love to have your support! As a sponsor, your name or business will receive valuable recognition through printed event materials, social media promotions, company signage, and special acknowledgment throughout the event. Now is the time to reach out and learn more! Click [HERE](#) to explore all of our sponsorship opportunities. Please contact Diane for more information at DStuder@SolesForJesus.org. Thank you for your support and God bless you!



Access to Early Bidding: On Wednesday, **November 4th**, each person who has registered their email address will gain access to online bidding — 3 days before the event! There will be photos and full descriptions available for each item. Take advantage of this opportunity to get a head start on your auction bidding! We are so grateful for all of the amazing donors who contributed to this year's auction and we can't wait to share these exciting items with you!

Can't make it to the big event, but still want to show your support? You can use the "Buy Now" button above to register for FREE as an **Offsite Bidder**! This gives you full access to the Silent Auction and allows you to bid alongside our in-person attendees. Please note that gift certificates can be mailed, but larger items and baskets must be picked up at the SFJ office beginning Monday, November 9th.

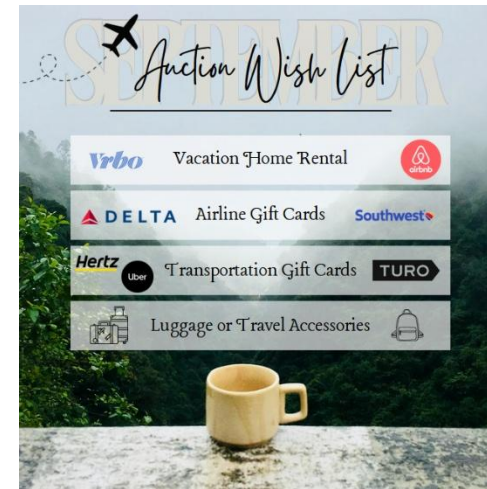
It's Not Too Late to Support This Year's Auction

We are still gratefully accepting donations of auction items to make this year's event a big success. Item donations are due to the SFJ office by **Friday, October 16th**, so don't wait if you are hoping to participate! Proceeds from the auction support shipping all year long and we are so thankful for the generosity of every business and individual who makes this possible.

In September, our Auction Wish List is featuring some exciting travel ideas that would be a joy to share with guests. **Be sure to click the image and explore these items along with our complete Amazon Wish List.** Items from this list can be easily shipped directly to the SFJ office!

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

[VIEW](#) a list of this month's amazing donors!



Volunteers of the Month

We are excited to celebrate Jeff & Tina Kerlin as our September Volunteers of the Month and introduce them as new SOS Leaders!

Jeff and Tina first heard about Soles For Jesus through friends at their church, Spring Creek, who had served with SFJ and shared their experiences. Their interest quickly grew into involvement—and eventually a mission trip. The Kerlins were a part of Team Tanzania in May, where they had the opportunity to see the ministry's impact firsthand.

"Being involved in this ministry has strengthened our faith and drawn us even closer to our Lord," they shared.

After seeing the difference a donated pair of shoes can make and witnessing the way Soles For Jesus partners with local pastors to reach their communities, Jeff and Tina came away with a renewed

perspective on serving. Their encouragement to others is simple: *"Our time is valuable, and investing it in something that has eternal impact is time well spent."*

Outside of SFJ, Jeff and Tina love to travel—and with nine grandchildren living in three different states, they have plenty of opportunities! Jeff also shares that they make a great team in the kitchen: Tina is a fantastic cook, while he is a fantastic eater!

We are so grateful for the Kerlins and for the time, energy, and heart they have poured into Soles For Jesus. Thank you, Jeff and Tina, for serving so faithfully and helping us put shoes on feet and the Gospel in hearts. Your SFJ family loves you and God bless you!



Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Every Home For Christ — Colorado

What a beautiful picture of kingdom partnership during a wonderful week in Colorado as we celebrated alongside our ministry partners at Every Home for Christ! Hundreds of ministry leaders from across the globe gathered together to celebrate the faithfulness of God and the incredible ways He is working around the world. We were especially honored to be presented with a beautiful golden shoe from the Africa team—a meaningful reminder of the lives being impacted through our shared mission.



GE Healthcare — Milwaukee

Thank you, GE HealthCare! We are so grateful for this amazing load of work boots that will soon be making their way to Africa to bless so many people in need. These boots will provide protection, giving people the opportunity to work and provide for their families. What an incredible gift and kingdom impact!



Community Shoe Drive — Appleton

A huge thank you to Aimee & Judy for bringing us this amazing delivery of shoes all the way from Appleton! We are so grateful for your continued support and for helping us get these shoes one step closer to someone in need!



Community Shoe Drive — Michigan

What an amazing load of shoes we received from Michigan! We are so incredibly grateful to Sue for organizing this wonderful effort and helping provide shoes that will bless so many people across Africa. Thank you, Sue, and all who helped make this donation possible! Your generosity is making a difference!

☀️ Thank You! ☀️



Spring Creek Church — Pewaukee

We had a wonderful time at Spring Creek Church's Mission Partners Weekend! It was such a joy for the team to attend and share the mission of Soles For Jesus. We're incredibly grateful for this kingdom partnership and for the opportunity to serve together to bring shoes and the Gospel to Africa.



Oak Creek United Methodist Church — Oak Creek

Yenh had a special time at Oak Creek United Methodist Church sharing about the mission of Soles For Jesus! We're so grateful for your shoe drive and for the funds you provided to help ship these shoes to Africa. Thank you for partnering with us and helping put shoes on feet and hope in hearts!



Updates From The Field

Angola Mission Trip: Shoe Send off!

A new shipment of shoes is heading to Angola for our 2027 mission trip! We are especially excited since this is a joint shipment with World Missionary Press.

Please join us in praying for Pastor Emanuel and his team as they prepare to host our team in May. They have begun praying over the villages that will receive these shoes and planning for the mission ahead. We are looking forward to sharing the amazing testimonies of what God will do in Angola! Meet our team below.

Click the image below to view more photos.



God Is Moving In Liberia

Reverend John and his team ministered with shoes to children at two orphanages in Margibi County. Thanks to the generosity of all who supported this shipment, these children received more than shoes: they experienced a tangible reminder that they are loved, valued, and remembered.

We are grateful for this partnership as they continue to serve children, share Christ, disciple new believers, and transform lives.

Click the image below to view more photos.



Hope in Mozambique

After facing fuel shortages across the country for several months, Brother Godfrey and his team were finally able to travel for an incredible outreach opportunity!

Their group shared the Gospel and shoes with a large crowd, and 170 people gave their lives to Jesus! Please keep Mozambique, Brother Godfrey, and his team in your prayers as they continue this beautiful work to make Jesus known!

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A New Beginning in Tanzania

Our EHC partners in Tanzania met Bibiyu, a 60-year-old widow caring for her six children and three grandchildren. Bibiyu and her family have been facing many hardships. When she and her grandchildren received new shoes, she was overjoyed, especially since the children had been attending school in torn shoes. Moved by the love shown through this gift, Bibiyu shared that she is ready to give her life to Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Thank you, Jesus, for another life transformed and renewed!

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Benin Shipment Has Arrived

Our Benin shipment has successfully arrived and is now in Pastor Sunday Avla's hands!

We can't wait to see what God will do through these shoes and the outreaches Brother Avla and his team are prayerfully preparing for in the coming weeks. Please keep them in your prayers as they seek God's plans for how to effectively share His love and truth.

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Equatorial Guinea Arrival

Pastor Luis has finally received our very first shipment to Equatorial Guinea and distribution will soon begin across the country! This is our first shipment to this nation and we are praying for a mighty harvest of souls as salvation in Jesus is preached. Please join us in praying for Pastor Luis and his team as they prepare to share these shoes in communities throughout the country. May God use every pair of shoes as an opportunity to reach hearts, open doors, and share His love through the Gospel. What an exciting step forward as the Lord continues to expand our reach to a new nation!

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Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

Meet our Every Home for Christ Ministry Director in São Tomé & Príncipe, Pastor José Carlos Té. José and his team are serving faithfully to bring the gospel to communities where churches have not yet been established. His vision is to see every village and community reached with the hope and transforming power of God's Word.

One area where that vision is becoming reality is in the village of São João on Príncipe Island. For years, this community had been largely forgotten. Through the distribution of shoes, Brother José and his team were given an opportunity to enter the community and share the gospel.

The impact has been remarkable. Many people gave their lives to Jesus, and at the beginning of 2026, 10 people were baptized—something that had never happened before in that region. Today, a church is meeting and growing in São João, standing as a testimony to what God can do when His people are willing to serve.



Brother José's favorite verse is John 12:26: *"If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him."* He has lived that calling since finding Jesus at age 14 and now serves the Lord full-time alongside his wife and children. As their ministry continues to reach new communities across São Tomé and Príncipe, we give thanks to the Lord for every soul who is touched by the life-changing message of the Gospel.

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

Pray for the growth of churches that have been established in communities across the island where there were previously no houses of worship

Strength and resolve for José's wife, Zinaida, so she can successfully complete her studies and use her giftings to bless the world around her

May God continue to care for the daily needs of their family and for their children to walk with Jesus each day of their lives (Joseina - age 8, José Carlos Jr. - age 4, Josiane - age 4)

Where in the World is São Tomé & Príncipe?



The country of São Tomé and Príncipe is made up of two main islands as well as smaller land formations. Located in the Atlantic Ocean off the western coast of central Africa, this island nation is Portuguese-speaking and home to 215,000 people. The economy has historically been agriculturally focused, with cocoa beans as the primary export crop. The limited number of workers on the islands prevents São Tomé and Príncipe from producing the volume of goods necessary to meet the needs of local markets, often resulting in high costs for goods. Over half of the population identifies as Roman Catholic with traditional cultural influences, while another 20% of residents are non-religious. We lift up in prayer our brothers and sisters of São Tomé and Príncipe! May their nation be saturated with the Good News 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.

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

OCTOBER

Thurs, Oct. 1st	4 – 6 PM	CLOSED
Fri, Oct. 2nd	9 – 11 AM	CLOSED
Sat, Oct. 3rd	9 – 11 AM	OPEN
Sat, Oct. 10th	9 – 11 AM	CLOSED
Thurs, Oct. 15th	6 – 8 PM	CLOSED
Sat, Oct. 17th	9 – 11 AM	CLOSED
Sat, Oct. 24th	9 – 11 AM	CLOSED
Tues, Oct. 27th	6 – 8 PM	OPEN

NOVEMBER

Thurs, Nov. 5th	12 – 2 PM	OPEN
Sat, Nov. 7th	LUNCHEON & AUCTION CELEBRATION <i>at Brookfield Conference Center</i>	
Sat, Nov. 14th	9 – 11 AM	OPEN
Wed, Nov. 18th	6 – 8 PM	OPEN
Fri, Nov. 20th	10:30 AM – 12 PM	CLOSED
Sat, Nov. 21st	9 – 11 AM	OPEN

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

*"Praise the name of God for using
this simple gift of shoes as a means to
bring his sheep back to the father's house!"*

– Pastor Osée Béledé
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