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"...Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for me."

Dear Evan,

Even though my heart aches and I severely miss the people of Africa, I am grateful that our work has not stopped! Every six weeks a shipment of shoes is sent to Africa and the Lord is gathering the harvest across the nations. I can't wait to go back to Africa with our team, and in the mean time photos (like the one below) fill my heart. People are choosing Jesus as their Savior at every gathering, and this is why we cannot stop!

Before a shipment of shoes is sent from our warehouse, much work is prayerfully done by our partners to prepare distribution strategies and locations. They also work with their government in order to successfully receive each shipment. Many nations are pleading for a shipment because our EHC partners are committed to the Great Commission and these shoes are door openers! Our partners are men and women of God who have surrendered their lives to His call; and they will not stop until every home in their nation has been reached with a presentation of the Gospel.

I'll never forget when our partner in Burundi, Evariste, shared with me that, "A shipment of

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Silent Auction Wish List!

We often hear from our supporters that they'd like to donate to our silent auction but they do not know which items are helpful. So, we put together a wish list just for you!

Here are some of the items that we'd love to have available for bidding this year. If you would like to donate or if you know of a business or family who would like to contribute to our auction, please contact us at Info@SolesForJesus.org. Thank you in advance for your support!

shoes will help us run an extra mile deep and a thousand miles wide in sharing Jesus on high speed. People carefully listen to our Gospel message because our communities are very poor and needy. A shoe preaches louder than a megaphone to a Muslim, and I am also committed to reaching their communities." To God be the glory for sharing Jesus in "high speed," and for shoes that "preach louder than a megaphone!"

Thank you for helping us make it possible for villages, leaders and people of all backgrounds to come together in the name of Jesus. They will never be the same again, once they encounter His love!

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer
Founder/Executive Director
Soles For Jesus, Inc.

Wish List

1. Sporting event tickets
2. Autographed memorabilia
3. Museum, other attraction tickets
4. Home cleaning services
5. Swim, dance, music lessons
6. Fire, police, TV station tour
7. Restaurant gift certificates
8. Cooking classes
9. Timeshare stays
10. Disney world tickets



Together we are making Jesus known!

Annual Luncheon & Silent Auction:

***Tables Go LIVE August 19th!**



SOLES FOR JESUS

LUNCHEON & AUCTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021
10:30AM-2PM | ITALIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

FEATURING MUSIC BY BRENT TAYLOR
EVENT EMCEE: LANCE ALLAN OF TMJ4

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Shipment to Mali

Our very first shipment of shoes is on its way to Bamako, Mali! This is the 28th African nation to receive shoes from Soles For Jesus. We are praising God for opening the door to another nation that we have not been able to reach yet. Our partner, Elise, is eager to receive the shoes. He is already busy planning evangelistic outreaches and he knows that the people in each location are going to be thrilled by the blessing of shoes and deeply encouraged by God's Word. Please pray with us that the Gospel will change many lives in the nation of Mali.

View more photos [HERE](#).

Event sales will go **LIVE** on August 19th at 9am, so please mark your calendar! We are extremely excited about this event and you can purchase your table on our website or by phone at 414-365-1392.

This is going to be a fabulous luncheon with a special musician that you don't want to miss! Tables are assigned in the order they're purchased, so be sure to act fast and we can't wait to see you there!

Event Sponsorships: Sponsorships are available now. As an event sponsor, your name or business will be recognized through printed material, social media, and company signage. You'll also receive one table with premiere seating for ten guests. If you're interested, please contact Diane Studer for information at Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org.

Auction items: We are also grateful for those who donate items to our silent auction! Fun packages like weekend get-aways and vacations, gift baskets, sports tickets and suites are all great items for guests to bid on. We also appreciate creative ideas for services, items or 'experiences' (i.e.: boat tours or gourmet dinners) as donations. Your business and item will be listed in our event program and we will acknowledge your tax-deductible donation after the event for tax purposes. Please contact Kris at Kmonteen@SolesForJesus.org if you are able to donate. Thank you for your support!



Guests enjoying the silent auction

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Annabelle's Graduation - Thank you, Annabelle, for thinking of us during this special time in your life as you graduated from high school! We are so touched by your kindness and pray God's abundant blessings on your future!



Shoes & Gospel booklets in route to Mali!

Testimony From Congo

Our partner in Congo, Brice, is seeing God move in many people's lives as a result of their ministry team preaching and distributing shoes. He sent the following testimony to us earlier this month. *"Jeannette was an avid follower of traditional practices called Nzobi, an ancestral religion based on mystical practices. After receiving the shoes, she asked to pray to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior and to be baptized. Every week she is attending a Bible study at the church near her home."* Praise God for transformed lives! View more photos [HERE](#).



Congrats and thank you, Annabelle!

Cardinal Sussex Shoe Drive - What an honor for our friend, Roberta, to throw the first pitch at a game with the Cardinal Sussex team. We're grateful for all the shoes collected at this baseball game, and we are cheering you on for the rest of your season!



Cardinal Sussex Shoe Drive

Cardinal Sussex game & shoe drive!

St. Joseph Catholic Church Rummage- We want to thank all of the families of St. Joseph for including SFJ in their annual rummage sale. By donating all of the shoes that were not sold, you are touching many lives in Africa!



Lives are being transformed in Congo.

Shipment to Guinea Bissau

Julio, our key partner in this nation, sent us the following report. "We thank God for protecting our ministry team as we traveled to many difficult places to deliver the shoes. God provided a reliable car that a friend allowed us to borrow to make this ministry possible. The roads at this time of year are in very poor condition and it took us a long time to arrive at our destinations. But we are so happy to share that the Gospel was preached, shoes were distributed and many people have chosen to serve the Lord. Everyone was so excited that we were willing to come to their hard to reach village."

View more photos [HERE](#).



Sharing the Gospel before sharing shoes.

Testimony From Eswatini



St. Joseph Catholic Church Shoe Drive

Jessica's 40th Birthday Shoe Drive - In honor of her special birthday, Jessica reached out to family and friends to donate shoes. Her friend, Catherine, was so inspired by the mission that she also decided to collect shoes in her neighborhood. We are grateful to these friends for making a global impact from their communities!



Thank you Catherine (left) & Jessica (right)!

Jaskowiak Chiropractic - Thank you for partnering with us to send quality footwear that promotes health and well being for many in Africa. We appreciate being included in your "Patient Appreciation Day," and that you invited your clients to donate shoes again to SFJ!

Joseph and his ministry team shared a testimony with us about the impact of the Gospel and shoe distributions in his nation. Mrs. Tsabedze shared this with him: *"God has remembered us today. My children and I now have good quality pairs of shoes because God's followers have been so generous. Good shoes are hard to find and very expensive. We only have flip flops to keep us from going barefoot. These shoes are a miracle from God. Blessings to everyone who helped make this possible for my family."* View more photos [HERE](#).



Mrs. Tsabedze sharing her testimony.

Meet One of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ (EHC) ministry partner in Central Africa, Leon Dede. Leon is the Zone Director for Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad and Gabon. Leon received Jesus at the



age of 17, and has been working as an evangelist ever since. The scripture that he leans on the most is John 15:8, 16, *"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples...You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit — fruit that will last — and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you."*

Leon would like to train 500 Sunday School teachers for children in rural areas, especially in the Bulungu and Idiofa territories. He also has a goal of planting a church in a neglected area called Kinshasa. This past Christmas, Leon spent the holiday in these areas with his team. They stayed for two days, doing shoe distributions and sharing the Gospel and there were many decisions for Christ!



Jaskowiak Chiropractic Shoe Drive

Leon asks us to pray for the following:

- Health, favor and protection for Leon, his wife, Edizonette and their children, Dedy, Monique, Miriam, Esther, Jael, Timothy, Michee, Winner, William and Daniel.
- That Leon's children will continue to be true Christians who fear God in their lives
- For the provision of Christian spouses for the children
- For the means to purchase a home and a car
- Wisdom for Leon to lead those who are under his responsibility
- That the children in rural areas can be reached and the means to provide training workshops for Sunday school teachers in these rural areas

Volunteer Opportunities

SOS Events (Sort & Organize Shoes)

Join us for a 2-hour SOS Event! You and your friends can volunteer at our Milwaukee warehouse to help prepare shoes for shipment.

New volunteers are always welcome but you must sign-up! We will have a brief orientation before each event. Please contact YenH at (414)365-1392 or YenH@SolesForJesus.org to reserve your spot(s) and to sign-up for a date and time.

August

Saturday, August 7th, 9-11am
 Saturday, August 14th, 9-11am
 Thursday, August 19th, 6-8pm
 Saturday, August 21st, 9-11am
 Friday, August 27th, 1:30-3:30pm **FULL**
 Saturday, August 28th, 9-11am
 Tuesday, August 31st, 6-8pm

September

Saturday, September 4th, 9-11am
 Tuesday, September 7th, 6-8pm
 Saturday, September 11th, 9-11am
 Saturday, September 18th, 9-11am
 Wednesday, September 22nd 9-11am
 Saturday, September 25th, 9-11am

Volunteer of the Month

We are thrilled to honor Brooke Rawls as our July Volunteer of the Month! Brooke is our State Representative in North Carolina and recently shipped a container full of shoes to the SFJ warehouse.

Brooke learned about SFJ from a Google search! She was cleaning out her kids' closets and thought it was a shame to waste so many pairs of shoes just because the kids grew out of them.

"In my mind I thought, 'there have got to be people in need somewhere that don't have any shoes and would benefit from these.' It prompted a Google search and I found several places that will take shoes that are new, or those that will take them and recycle the materials if they are worn....but I really wanted to find a place that would use them for HIS work," Brooke shared.

The search led Brooke to SFJ and she found the perfect connection. She felt led to not only donate her shoes to SFJ, but also become involved by becoming the State Rep for North Carolina.

Brooke recently launched a new consulting company and enjoys playing tennis in her free time. Thank you, Brooke, for supporting SFJ all of the way from NC! We appreciate you so much and pray blessings over you and your family!



Youth Group from Immanuel Lutheran Church

"Business Hours" SOS: Volunteers can also come during weekdays to pack shoes (Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm). Come and sort shoes when it fits your schedule. You can sort for an hour or a day; it's entirely up to you and please feel free to bring friends! Training will be provided and SFJ staff will be available to provide support. For more information, contact Mark at Mellefson@SolesForJesus.org (414)365-1392.

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, 2-hour, team building opportunity for youth and adults. Please contact Yenh@SolesForJesus.org or 414-365-1392 to set up your group.



Brooke with a shipment of shoes from NC!

Support SFJ While Shopping!

Since we are all doing more online shopping these days, did you know that you can give to SFJ while purchasing from Amazon?

"Amazon Smile" will donate a portion of your purchase(s) to SFJ and it's very easy to set up. Click on the image below to get started! Thank you for your support & happy shopping!



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