

SFJ Newsletter May 2022

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

Dear Evan,

I'm so grateful for answered prayer! Our first shipment to Chad just arrived and we praise God for this miracle. It was not without hardship and several delays but the Lord continues to make a way!

Chad is one of the world's least developed countries and it is landlocked in central Africa. 55% of this nation is Islam and we have so much love for these beautiful people. God is moving and the Lord has given Pastor Osee a strategy for how and where to share the shoes. He can't wait to experience doors being opened to places that are hard to reach. Pastor Osee has watched other nations partner with SFJ and it's finally his turn to share the Good News with shoes. Please join with us as we pray for each person who hears the Gospel message and that many will receive the gift of salvation in Jesus.

The Lord has also opened the door to Togo! You can be a part of this first-time shipment to help us reach our goal by June 17th. A letter sharing more about this can be found **HERE**.

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Time is Running Out!
Register Now for
Stroll For Soles on June 25th!



Join us for our 2nd Annual, "Stroll For Soles," at Fox River Park in Waukesha. You can choose a 1 or 2 mile paved route and walk, roll or push a stroller in honor of the lives we are serving. You can also enjoy food trucks, games & fun activities for no extra charge!

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Stroll for Soles event in a few weeks and please take a minute to sign-up and join us! You can walk 1 or 2 miles, enjoy lunch served by the food trucks and so much more. God bless you and thank you for your support!

In Christ alone,

Diane Studer
 Founder, Executive Director
 Soles For Jesus

Sign up today before time runs out! You can Register online (link below) or call us at 414-365-1392.



First-time shipment to Chad has arrived!



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Register Now

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Wisconsin Juniors Volleyball - WJV "Grand Slam Shoe Drive" was a huge success! WJV challenged all teams competing at the WI Center to donate shoes and offered a \$500 gift card to the team who collected the most. A grand total of 1,706 pairs of shoes were donated and the WJV 13-Elite team won the prize! Thank you girls and families for your kindness to impact lives in Africa from Wisconsin.

REGISTER at SolesForJesus.org			
	3/30 - 5/10	5/11 - 6/14	6/15 - 6/25
INDIVIDUALS	\$25	\$35	\$40
CHILDREN (UP TO AGE 14)	\$10	\$10	\$15
FAMILIES	\$70	\$85	\$95
TEAM (8 or more)	\$175	\$210	\$250



WJV Grand Slam Shoe Drive!



Click photo to VIEW 2021 highlights!

Welcome Nicole!

We are thrilled to welcome Nicole Jenkins to our SFJ team!

Delivery by our CA State Rep, Maria -

We are sincerely grateful for our California Representative, Maria, and her friend, Nancy, for making the long road trip to deliver 669 pairs of shoes from Sacramento to Milwaukee! We enjoyed their visit so very much and we're extremely grateful for their partnership. We'd also like to thank: New Hope Community, Ignite Community Church, Empowered By Grace, and the Golden State Lion's Club of Sacramento for contributing to this amazing shoe drive. Lives in Africa will be forever changed because of your kindness and may the Lord bless you abundantly!

Nicole has been involved with Soles For Jesus for many years and began by donating shoes at her church. In 2018, she felt a call from the Lord to apply for the SFJ mission trip for the following Spring; and in May 2019 she traveled to eSwatini with our team. Nicole describes the experience as, "incredibly life-changing and a very special blessing."

Nicole has also volunteered as a SOS Leader since that trip. Nicole and her husband, Greg, have three children: Emmy (7), Leila (4), and Brooks, (who celebrated his 1st birthday this month), along with a spunky terrier named Enzo. Together they enjoy biking, camping, and lake time as a family. Nicole is looking forward to serving the ministry in this new capacity. Welcome, Nicole, we're so blessed to have you!



Maria and Nancy at our warehouse.

YMCA Pabst Farms, Oconomowoc -

We enjoyed having this group from the YMCA Pabst Farms visit us and they also brought a huge delivery of shoes! They worked so hard and we are grateful for every life in Africa that will be impacted by these friends with big hearts to serve!



YMCA Pabst Farms Shoe Drive.

Christian Education Leadership Academy, WI - We are extremely grateful for the students, families and staff of Christian Education Leadership Academy (C.E.L.A.) in Pewaukee! They hosted a fantastic shoe drive, collecting over 500 pairs of shoes to impact the lives of kids and adults in Africa. We are so touched by their compassion and we thank everyone at C.E.L.A. for making a huge difference!



The Jenkins Family

Shipment to Sao Tome & Principe

Our third shipment of shoes to the islands of Sao Tome & Principe is on its way to Africa. We thank God and each person who has donated and helped pack and send approximately 8,000 pairs of shoes. We could not do it without your faithful support.

Join us in praying for protection and wisdom for our ministry partner, Jose, and his ministry team. We pray blessings over them and that all of their efforts are fruitful.

View more photos [HERE](#).



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
 -John 13:34-35



SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS



Thank you, CELA, for your support!

Wisconsin Athletic Club, Menomonee Falls
 - Hundreds of shoes were collected by the WAC in Menomonee Falls and we want to thank Jennifer Miller for organizing this amazing drive! On behalf of the hundreds of lives that will receive quality footwear and be impacted by your generosity, we Thank You!



God bless Sao Tome & Principe!

A Child's Testimony in Lesotho

We received this beautiful testimony from a boy in Lesotho.

"I thank the Lord very much who shows me His love. My heart was so angry and I wasn't able to be happy or laugh, but as I came and listened to the Bible stories, my heart changed. I asked Jesus into my heart to forgive me of my sins when the people came to my village to tell us about Jesus. I am happy I was given a pair of shoes and a booklet in my language that teaches me about God's love."

Praise God for this life change! Please join us in praying for this sweet boy as he grows in his new faith.

View more photos [HERE](#).



Blessings to the children of Lesotho!



Wisconsin Athletic Club
Menomonee Falls



Thank you for the great shoes, WAC!

Northwestern Mutual "Tee Time/Shoe Drive"
- We love seeing creative ways to host a shoe drive! A big thanks to Northwestern Mutual in Elm Grove for "teeing off" a shoe drive in a fun way with their employees. Special thanks to Kristen Adam for organizing this fun drive. They were able to round up a full box of shoes to donate for Africa! God bless you all for making a global impact from your office.



Northwestern
Mutual



NWM "teeing off" their shoe drive!

A Widow's Testimony

We received this testimony from our partner, Josias, in Lesotho.

"Thank you very much for blessing me with these shoes. I am a widow and my sons are no longer able to take care of me because their families are their priorities now that life is so difficult here. These shoes were a very special gift and I know that God sees me. May God bless SFJ and your partners for this gift."

View more photos [HERE](#).



Please pray for the widows of Lesotho

Distributions in Liberia

Hundreds of residents turned out and expressed their gratefulness for the recent shoe distribution in Margibi County Liberia. 432 people, including children and babies, received shoes and also received a message of hope with the word of God. Many responded to the invitation to receive salvation in Jesus! Thank you, Rev. Jonel Weeks, for your passion to serve the people of Liberia.

View more photos [HERE](#).

Save the Date! 11-12-22

13th Annual Luncheon & Auction



Mark your calendars and tell your friends about our 13th Annual Luncheon & Silent Auction!

You are invited to celebrate with us on **Saturday, November 12th!** We can't wait to share who will be joining us as our musical guest. This will be a special performance for all men, women and children - so stay tuned for more details!

If you'd like to be an event sponsor, please contact Diane at DStuder@SolesForJesus.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

SOS Events (Sort & Organize Shoes)

Join us by volunteering at a 2-hour SOS Event! You and your friends can help Sort and Organize Shoes at our Milwaukee warehouse to help prepare shoes for shipment to Africa.

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.

June

Saturday, June 4th, 9-11am

Tuesday, June 7th, 12:30-2:30pm



God bless the people of Liberia

Meet One of Our Partners

Meet our Every Home for Christ ministry partner in Benin, Avla Sunday. Avla grew up in a home that worshiped idols and was not allowed to speak to Christians. One day while visiting



a relative, Avla made a new friend and was invited to a movie at the friend's church. While Avla thought he was going for entertainment, the movie was actually about heaven and hell and followed by a gospel message from the pastor. After listening to the pastor, Avla went up for the altar call and received Jesus.

"They taught me about real salvation and six months later I was baptized. There was a fire in me and I wanted to tell the story of heaven and the hell to all my people. Soon after, God called me into evangelism. Today I can say that Jesus is everything I am and everything I have," Avla shared.

Avla's main ministry goal for this year is to reach the Muslim and voodoo communities, which make up about 60% of Benin. He also wants to

Saturday, June 11th, 9-11am
Monday, June 13th, 10am-noon
Saturday, June 18th, 9-11am
Tuesday, June 28th, 6-8pm

July

Wednesday, July 6th, 10-noon
Saturday, July 9th, 9-11am
Wednesday, July 13th, 10-noon
Saturday, July 16th, 9-11am
Monday, July 18th, 9:30-11:30am
Saturday, July 23rd, 9-11am
Tuesday, July 26th, 6-8pm
Saturday, July 30th, 9-11am



*Thank you Grace Lutheran Ministries,
Evangel AG and CrossWay 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.

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

bring the gospel to every school and prison. The Bible verse that encourages him is Ephesians 2:10, *"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."*

Avla asks us to pray for the following:

- Safety and protection for Alva, his wife, Veronique, and their family.
- Divine healing in Veronique from a blood infection that is weakening her immune system.
- Protection over the ministry work being done in Benin, known as the capital of voodoo.
- For the souls who are still in bondage, that their lives be touched when the team proclaims the Gospel.

Support SFJ While Shopping

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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