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

Dear Friend,

As 2024 comes to a close, I want to give honor and thanks to our faithful God. He has provided through many of you and we are so grateful. I am thrilled to share that our 14th shipment of 2024 is on its way to Liberia and every 3.5 weeks you helped us send another 8,000 pairs of shoes (an increase from 12 shipments sent last year)! Each pair of shoes was packed and prayed over by our volunteers and will be given with a gospel booklet and so much love by our partners in Africa. As I reflect on this year, I continue to see how these shoes are opening doors to share God's love and I feel so blessed to be a part of this.

I just received a testimony

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Happy New Year From SFJ!



As we say goodbye to 2024, we want to thank each person who has donated shoes, volunteered in our warehouse and office, hosted a shoe drive or collection site, and supported through your financial gifts and prayers. May God bless you for your

from Burkina Faso that reminded me of the vast reach of this mission. Not only are we ministering to those who have great physical and spiritual needs— but we are also covering the feet of those who are bringing the Good News. Papa Danem Pelga is an evangelist who is 68 years old and he still walks great distances to villages to share the gospel. His shoes were completely worn out when Pastor Lompo met him at a village outreach and shoe distribution. When Danem shared about his passion for evangelism, he was prayed over and given two pairs of shoes! He left full of gratitude and empowered to continue proclaiming the gospel. Since that day, Danem has become an outreach leader for the Plateau Central Region. *"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news!"* Isaiah 52:7

partnership to impact lives for eternity and Happy New Year!



You Can Still Make a Gift!



It's not too late to give! We sincerely thank each person who has already given a gift this season. To ensure 2024 eligibility for your gift, please remember the following:

- Donations made by credit or debit card must be completed by 11:59pm

I invite you to watch our "2024 Year in Review Video" below to see how God is moving both here and through out Africa.



It is such a critical time to share the Hope that we have in Jesus and I thank you for being a part of this. We could not do this without the help and support of many and I sincerely thank you for giving to the Lord. May God bless and guide you throughout the new year!

Sincerely in Christ,

Diane Studer
Founder/Executive Director
Soles For Jesus



2024 Year In Review

Click to **VIEW** Video

on 12/31.

- You can donate online by clicking [HERE](#).
- Mailed checks must be postmarked by 12/31. You can also drop off your donation at our office until 5pm on Monday 12/30.

Shipment To Eswatini

Our Christmas shipment is on its way to Africa! It is with joy that we send these shoes to Eswatini for our next mission trip in 2025. Pastor Joseph and his team are excited to receive these shoes, and they are prayerfully choosing the villages and places that will receive them. We can't wait to share photos and testimonies with you of all that God will do in Eswatini!

View more photos [HERE](#).

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

St. Nicholas Surprise! - These red boxes filled with new shoes appeared on Nicole's porch just in time for St. Nicholas Day! We love this sweet surprise during this season of celebrating Jesus, and we can't wait to share these beautiful shoes with many in Africa!



St. Nicholas Shoe Delivery

Portview Church - We are grateful to partner with Portview Church again, as they organized a shoe drive and brought a group to volunteer in our warehouse. Over 500 pairs were packed and we are excited about the impact this will have on many people in Africa!



Love and Prayers for Eswatini

The Gift of Jesus in Cabo Verde

We are so grateful for Pastor Emanuel and the ministry that he is doing in the island country of Cabo Verde. He recently visited the community of Capela where he washed feet, distributed shoes, and preached the Gospel. This is a special time of year to be giving the gift of Jesus and there was a great response from the people, with many giving their lives to Christ and opening their hearts to discipleship! We praise the Lord for this harvest and please join us in praying for them and also for Pastor Emanuel and his team.

View more photos [HERE](#).



Thank you Portview Church

Appleton Shoe Delivery - A big thanks to Dan and his special helper, Hannah, for dropping off 400 pairs of shoes from the Appleton area. The Vecharts deliver shoes multiple times a year from family & friends and we are grateful for their dedication!



Celebrating the Gift of Jesus!

14th Shipment of 2024

We praise the Lord as we celebrate our record-breaking 14th shipment sent in 2024! To God be the glory, for over 112,000 pairs of shoes that were sent this year. Our Ministry Director in Liberia, Sister Jonel Weeks, is excited to minister and be the hands and feet of Jesus with her team when they receive this special shipment. Please join us in praying for this precious cargo as it goes by land and sea to reach thousands for Jesus!

View more photos [HERE](#).



Daddy & Daughter Delivery

Thank you, Kalan - We enjoyed having our Fall Intern, Kalan, with us over the past few months. She was a blessing and a great help with our office and warehouse projects.

***Spring Intern Opportunity:** We have an opening this spring for an intern! If you know someone who may be a good fit please have them email us at Info@SolesForJesus.org for details!



God bless you Kalan

Denmark High School - The students and staff at Denmark High School did an incredible job by collecting over 400 pairs of shoes to impact lives in Africa. Special thanks to Hayley



Final Shipment of 2024 to Liberia

Joy in Cameroon

We thank Pastor Laurent for the wonderful work that he is doing for the Pygmies of Niété, Cameroon. The Pygmies are a very marginalized and isolated people group. They live in communities in the countryside and avoid any contact with the outside world. Unfortunately, they are also a vulnerable people, often exposed to many things like bacteria and bad weather. When Pastor Laurent arrived with the gift of shoes, he was so glad that he came. He immediately saw many who were walking barefoot, and others with old sandals or torn shoes. When villagers saw the bags of shoes, they thought they were for sale. But as soon

for organizing this shoe drive and God bless you all.



Shoe Drive at Denmark High School

PGAE, Milwaukee - We had a great time hosting *Pretty Girls Are Educated*, an organization in Milwaukee that mentors girls. Their group arrived for the evening with shoes to donate and helped pack over 525 pairs for shipment. For several girls, it was their first time volunteering and we are grateful to help impact lives locally and in Africa!

as they heard the gospel and that the shoes were being given for free, they were filled with such joy that they began to sing and dance! Afterwards, many made a decision to receive Jesus and the door is now open to continue ministering the gospel to this community!

View more photos [HERE](#).



Shoes helped open the door!

Arrival in Mozambique

We thank the Lord that Pastor Godfrey received another shipment of shoes in Mozambique. We were excited to hear that he received them during this season of giving,



Serving with our community for Africa

Volunteer of the Month

We are thrilled to recognize Sarah Baratka as our Volunteer of the Month! Sarah is an integral part of our Soles For Jesus team and we are so thankful for her dedication to leading volunteer groups in our warehouse and for meeting various needs of the ministry.

Through her involvement with SFJ, Sarah has witnessed the heart transformation that takes place in many people as the Gospel is advanced across Africa and here in Milwaukee – herself included! She shares, *"The biggest impact I've seen while helping at Soles is the change in my own heart. Sometimes I get so focused on the routines and distractions of*

so he can minister to those who are needy for shoes and the gospel. We pray that God will touch many hearts as they come to know the true meaning of Christmas and that He will continue to move in the nation of Mozambique in the new year.

View more photos [HERE](#).



Mozambique

God Bless Mozambique

Meet One of Our Ministry Partners

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

daily life that I forget just how big God's world is. Helping at Soles reminds me of God's love and care for the entire world."

In addition to her time at SFJ, Sarah is also deeply committed to her family, church and community. She is married to Steve and their son, Josh, is in college, and their daughter, Faith, is in high school. Sarah contributes to the library at CrossTrainers Academy, serves at her local church and volunteers in the Children's Program at Bible Study Fellowship. Her dedication to her family and community are a true reflection of her servant heart and we appreciate you, Sarah!



God bless you, Sarah!

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 today.



Rev. Remy was appointed the EHC Ministry Director over Togo in 2023 and he has worked passionately to mobilize church leaders and believers across Togo to share the gospel with others. He is focused on leading his network of people to reach 26,000 homes per month with the message of Jesus. We stand with him in prayer for the unity of the body of Christ in Togo in order to accomplish this goal. With God's wisdom and direction, Remy hopes to continue helping others to experience the same joy and peace that he found when he first encountered Jesus.

Volunteer Opportunities SOS Events

Join us for a 2-hour SOS Event! You and your friends can help *Sort and Organize Shoes* at our Milwaukee warehouse to help prepare them for shipment to Africa. New volunteers are always welcome but you must sign-up! Contact YenH at Yenh@SolesForJesus.org or by calling (414)365-1392 to reserve your spot(s).

January 2025

Saturday, January 4th, 9-11am

Saturday, January 11th, 9-11am

Tuesday, January 14th, 6-8pm

Saturday, January 18th, 9-11am

Monday, January 20th, 10-noon ***FULL***

Saturday, January 25th, 9-11am ***FULL***

Friday, Jan. 31st, 12:15-2:15pm ***FULL***

February

Saturday, February 1st, 9-11am

Thursday, February 6th, 9-11am ***FULL***

Please join us in prayer over the following needs:

- Good health for Brother Remy and his family. He is married to Fidele Ablavi Nadhon-Agossou and they have three children: Joëlle (21), Anne (20), and Eunice (15).
- Hearts of political leaders in Togo to be changed and reverse a ban on new church planting that was imposed by the Ministry of Territorial Administration
- Resources for the continued growth of EHC Togo's ministry and work

Where in the World is Togo?

Saturday, February 8th, 9-11am

Tuesday, February 11th, 6-8pm

Saturday, February 15th, 9-11am

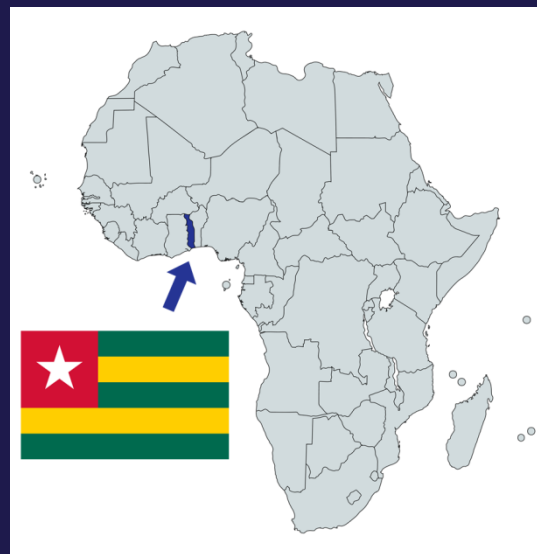
Saturday, February 22nd, 9-11am



St. John's West Bend and World Impact Ministries

“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, and feel free to bring your 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 at your work, school, church, or community? Volunteering together to organize and pack shoes for Africa is a rewarding two-hour team building opportunity for



Togo, a small West African nation, is a land of diverse landscapes, which has also shaped 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, the official language of Togo is French, and an additional 38 languages are also spoken among various Togolese people groups. While six years of primary education is compulsory, limited resources

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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 will continue to be proclaimed across the nation for all to hear.

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