



Dear Friend,

When I received the vision for SFJ in an Ethiopian village, Matthew 25:40 immediately came to mind; and it's been our verse ever since we began. This morning my Bible reading led me back to this passage and it came ALIVE all over again! *"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? The King will reply, Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

The truth is that Jesus is always among us, even to the ends of the earth. And we can demonstrate our love for Him by serving those in great need. As we minister to those who are

Get Ready to Stroll!

Stroll
for
Soles
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We invite you to lace up your sneakers and join us on **Saturday, June 21st** for our annual *Stroll For Soles* event at Fox River Park in Waukesha! This is a fun celebration for the whole family, as well as a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the impact of shoes and the Gospel across Africa. Choose a one or two mile route

hungry, thirsty, sick, naked, imprisoned and forgotten, we are doing it unto Him! As I look at these faces below, I am overwhelmed with love and that we get to be Jesus with skin on for them. What a privilege it is to serve men, women and children in need who are across the globe from where we are. Not all of us can go to Africa and that's okay. Many of you are sharing His love by serving in our warehouse and you are the last ones to touch and pray over the shoes before they begin their journey. Other friends are donating their shoes and funds from near and far, which is so critical to the ongoing mission— each part is making a kingdom impact!

We are able to love because He first loved us, and we get to be His living witnesses. I am amazed at how many opportunities come my way when I start my day by asking Him to love through me. Sometimes I just smile after the moment is done and I can almost hear Him say, “*You did that for Me.*” It's incredible that He is such a loving Father who walks and talks with us each day. I pray that you are encouraged and that you would know just how wide and long and high and deep the love of Christ is for **you!**

Because He first loved us,

Diane Studer
Founder/Executive Director
Soles For Jesus

(both are stroller or wheelchair accessible), followed by a delicious lunch and fun for all ages! NEW this year: for the first time in Stroll history, Bernie Brewer™ will be making a special appearance and we are renting a huge party tent for all to enjoy lunch under the canopy.

Registration begins on **March 27th** for individuals, families, and teams, so be sure to take advantage of the *Early Bird Pricing* while you can! Your registration includes t-shirt(s), food truck lunch and shaved ice treat, parking, and access to all activities.

Sponsorship Opportunities: Gold, Silver, and Bronze sponsorships are available now! Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this great opportunity to support the mission of Soles For Jesus. We appreciate each business and individual who helps to make this event possible. For more information, please contact Diane at Dstuder@SolesForJesus.org.



Click on the video above to see last year's fun!

Spring Internship Opportunity

We are looking for a part-time intern to join our dynamic team for this spring semester! Come and be a part of a life-changing mission and gain valuable experience in the non-profit sector. If you are interested in learning more, send Yen an email at



Whatever you do for the least of these, you did it for Me.

Shoe Drives & Special Thanks

Spring Creek Church Shoe Drive - We are excited about this church-wide shoe drive and Upward Basketball is joining them too! Diane and Nicole loved being with them last Sunday to help kick off their shoe drive and to announce that their financial gift and shoes will send an ENTIRE shipment to Cameroon, Africa! A mountain of shoes will be growing in their lobby until March 9th, with a goal of reaching 8,000 pairs of shoes. Thank you for your kingdom partnership, SCC!



Spring Creek Church & Upward Basketball Shoe Drive

Des Moines Christian School Chapel -

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- ✓ Flexible and part-time
- ✓ Make a global impact
- ✓ Develop professional skills
- ✓ Join a dynamic ministry

Open to College Students and High School Seniors!

Shipment to São Tomé & Príncipe

Our next shipment of shoes to Africa is now on its way to São Tomé & Príncipe. We thank the Lord for His provision and we appreciate each person who donated or helped pack these 8,000 pairs of shoes. We could not do this without your faithful support! Please join us in praying for our ministry partner, Pastor Emanuel, and his team. God is doing a beautiful work in the island nation of São Tomé & Príncipe and we look forward to sharing testimonies and photos with you soon.

View More Photos [HERE](#).

The students and families of Des Moines Christian School are at it again! To kick off their annual shoe drive, several students interviewed Pastor Sunday in Benin during their school chapel! A zoom call made this possible and it was so special to hear him share his own experiences of what a blessing shoes are while ministering the gospel in his nation. Shawn Thacker, who is a father to several DMCS students, was on our last mission team to Benin, so this was extra meaningful. The Thacker family is a tremendous blessing to SFJ and continues to make a huge impact from Iowa. God bless you all!



DMCS invites a chapel speaker from Benin, Africa!

LEAD Event - Grant enjoyed sharing the SFJ mission at the LEAD Event for Lutheran Schools at Martin Luther High School. We are grateful for the many shoe drives and volunteers from these Lutheran schools over the years. May God bless you all as you grow in leadership and walk in His purposes for your lives.



Love and Prayers for São Tomé & Príncipe

Testimony From Mali

Our Ministry Director in Mali, Brother Elise, has been evangelizing in this nation for many years and is often reminded of his first encounter with one man named Souleymane Coulibaly from Nianreko. Souleymane is now sharing his testimony with others:

“For many years, Christians had been coming to our village to talk to us about the Christian religion. I had heard many times that it is Jesus who can save a man from sin, but I was never interested in these words. Yet, I did not have any assurance in my heart that I was on the right path as a Muslim. When they returned to our village for a special service and shoe distribution, the message that was shared really touched my heart. Especially the words from the Bible that say, 'For there is one God and one mediator between God and men: the man Christ Jesus.' It was the first time I heard these words and received a gift of this kind and I realized this



LEAD Event
at Martin
Luther High
School

Grant sharing our mission with the students

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Watertown - Look at these creative students from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and the fun shoes they have decorated. They organized a shoe drive and decided to add a personal touch by making notes and decorating several pairs as well. We are excited about the impact these gifts will have on many kids and adults in Africa!



*Good
Shepherd
Lutheran
Church*

Thank you for the creative shoes and notes!

was my opportunity to accept Jesus. I thank God for the assurance of eternal life and I also rejoice for the gift of shoes."

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The best gift of all is eternal life in Jesus!

Angola Shipment Arrived

After traveling over 7,100 miles, our shipment to Angola has reached its destination. We give thanks to the Lord for the safe arrival of this precious cargo. We continue to pray for our Ministry Director, Pastor Emanuel, and his team as they share the love of Jesus and distribute these shoes. May many hearts respond to Jesus and may He continue to bless and guide them in their walk of faith.

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World Missionary Press & Pine Ridge Bible Church - Yen had a great time visiting World Missionary Press and Pine Ridge Bible Church in Indiana. WMP is an amazing ministry partner and they print the gospel booklets in many languages that are shared with our shoes. It was also a joy to share the Missions Moment at Pine Ridge, since they have been donating shoes for many years. Special thanks to the Sonntag family for your loving support and for hosting Yen so well!



Yen visiting WMP & Pine Ridge Bible Church

Milwaukee Parkside School of the Arts - We are grateful for these young students who collected over 511 pairs of shoes to bless kids in Africa. This is their 9th Annual Shoe Drive and we also thank their teacher, Jessica, for making this an all-school event!



May God bless the people of Angola

Love in Chad

We received this testimony from our Ministry Director in Chad, Pastor Osee. During a shoe distribution in Bedaya, a pair of shoes was given to a man named Richard. In the past, Richard always fought the Christian church in his village. He had declared that he hated the pastor, his church, and all the members. But when he listened to the Gospel and received a pair of shoes, his heart was instantly changed. Richard decided to go to church that very day, and he was filled with so much joy that he started dancing in worship. Since that day, he stopped fighting the church because the love of God had changed his heart while the gospel was spoken and demonstrated.

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9th Shoe Drive at MKE Parkside School of the Arts!



Sharing God's Love in Chad

Volunteers of the Month

It is a joy to honor our SOS Leaders this month for their faithful service! We were blessed to celebrate this team at a special dinner this week. Each of these leaders commits to serving in our warehouse once a month, by helping teams of volunteers sort and pack thousands of shoes for Africa! We praise the Lord for each and every person in Africa who hears the name of Jesus Christ through the gift of shoes; and we also give thanks for the many moments of ministry that happen right here in our warehouse throughout the year! We desire for each person who enters our building to experience the love of Jesus, and much of that happens through the caring guidance of our SOS Leaders. A sweet conversation with a stranger, an upbeat praise song on the speakers, a heartfelt prayer to close the SOS event -- all of it matters in the eyes of the Lord. THANK YOU, SOS Leaders, for making a difference!

Meet One of Our Ministry Directors

Meet our Every Home for Christ Ministry Director in Tanzania, Pastor Yohana Chibwiga. Yohana and his team



are committed to expanding God's Kingdom across Tanzania by reaching people through creative means. In addition to church plants, his goal this year is to establish television and radio broadcasting. These platforms will enable the ministry to share messages of hope, healing, and salvation with countless people who may not otherwise have access to the Gospel. Such resources are also deeply impactful for new believers who are growing in their faith.

Brother Yohana shares that many in Tanzania are facing difficult times and desperately crave the hope of the gospel in the face of hardship. Drought conditions



Celebrating this amazing team of volunteer leaders!

Volunteer Opportunities SOS (Sort & Organize Shoes) 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 help prepare 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 Yenh at (414)365-1392 or Yenh@SolesForJesus.org to sign up for a date and reserve your spot(s).

March

Saturday, March 1st, 9-11am **FULL**

Saturday, March 8th, 9-11am **FULL**

Thursday, March 13th, 9-11am

Super Saturday, March 15th:

9-11am | 11:30-1:30pm | 2-4pm FULL

Thursday, March 20th, 6-8pm

Saturday, March 22nd, 9-11am

Saturday, March 29th, 9-11am

are affecting agriculture and water sources, leaving communities vulnerable to famine. Yohana is encouraged by the words of 1 John 5:4, *“For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.”* This verse serves as a reminder that no matter the challenges or adversity, we are empowered to overcome through our faith in Jesus Christ.

Thank you for joining us in prayer for the following needs:

- Health and safety for Brother Yohana, his wife, and their 5 children.
- Construction of a new church building in their local community where many can gather to worship together
- EHC-Tanzania ministry team will be blessed with the resources needed to reach people in all corners of their nation – specifically, a vehicle and sound equipment.

Where in the World is Tanzania?

April

Wednesday, April 2nd, 10:15-12:15pm

Saturday, April 5th, 9-11am **FULL**

Thursday, April 10th, 6-8pm

Saturday, April 12th, 9-11am **FULL**

Saturday, April 26th, 9-11am **FULL**

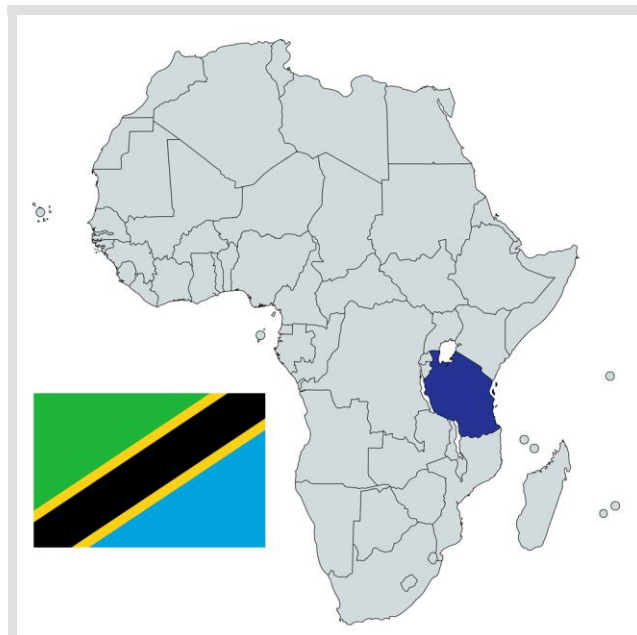
Wednesday, April 30th, 4-5:30pm



Thank you for serving, Brookfield Christian School!

“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 are welcome to stay for an hour or for the 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 two-hour team building opportunity for youth and adults. Please contact us by emailing Yenh@SolesForJesus.org or calling (414)365-1392 to learn more.



The United Republic of Tanzania was formed in 1964 through the unification of mainland Tanganyika and archipelago Zanzibar. Tanzania is located in East Africa, along the Indian Ocean, and is home to several famous natural wonders, including: Mount Kilimanjaro, The Serengeti, and Lake Victoria (along with two more of the African Great Lakes). Religious affiliations are split among Christianity, Islam, and a variety of indigenous traditions. Many people adopt “fluidity” to their belief systems by adhering to a mix of practices. Much of the economy is based in agriculture, along with a growing tourism sector. Of the 63.5 million people living in Tanzania, nearly 2/3 reside in rural areas. Public services, such as healthcare and education, are limited in these rural areas and pose challenges for meeting basic daily needs -- particularly for women and children. We give thanks for the work being done to reach the people of Tanzania with the Gospel and pray God's blessing upon this nation.



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