

Hay Guf, where did you put my new shoes?



Thanks to the generous donation of several AHMEN and Limon Aid members as well as other supporters of our mission efforts we have recently acquired over 1500 pairs of brand new shoes from an organization in Nashville, Tennessee, called Soles4Souls (<http://www.soles4souls.org/>). S4S was founded in 2004 by Wayne Elsey, a retired executive in the footwear industry. Since that time, Soles4Souls has distributed over four million pairs of new and refurbished used shoes to needy people in over 70 countries. Their motto is "Changing the World One Pair at a Time." We are fortunate and excited about the prospects of an enduring association with Mr. Elsey and Soles4Souls.

The collection of shoes that we have purchased includes a wide range of sizes for Toddlers, Boys, Girls, Women and Men. Rick Watson, our

webmaster, has posted several pictures of the shoes on the honduranmissions.com website (see <http://www.honduranmissions.com/2009/Shoes/shoes.htm>). Several of our sponsoring members have already selected shoes for the Limon Orphanage, Limon Nurture Center, Yorito Soup Kitchen and the Shalom House. There still are about 1000 pairs of these shoes that are available for sponsorship or general distribution within Cruzadas.

These shoes are going to be sent down on the spring container. Sponsors who have purchased or wish to purchase shoes for specific destinations will be responsible for transporting and distributing their shoes to their destinations. Soles4Souls receives surplus shoes from US manufacturers under the promise that their shoes will not be sold by the receiving organizations and that those persons to whom the shoes are given are demonstrably in need. As a result, S4S has very specific protocols as to how their shoes are to be distributed. Those guidelines are:

- AHMEN agrees to provide S4S an **update and status report** every **thirty days** until the shoes are distributed. This update will include the current location of the shoes and the estimated date of arrival at the selected destination and the estimated date of distribution to the recipients.
- AHMEN agrees to provide to S4S **within thirty (30) days** of the distribution of the shoes received from S4S, a **brief summary** of the exact location of where the shoes were distributed, a **description** of how the shoes made a difference in the lives of the recipients of the shoes, and **photographs** of the shoes being distributed.



Mary Guffey will provide S4S with the status reports and distribution reports. Sponsoring members are responsible for providing her with the brief summaries, impact statements and pictures that are required in the second set of stipulations given above. When asked if we might acquire shoes as frequently as twice a year, the manager of the Roanoke regional distribution center for S4S said yes if we could continue to provide adequate documentation as to the where, when and how the shoes are distributed.

Anyone who would like to become a sponsor of shoes for a specific destination within Cruzadas is encouraged to contact Mary at [hjguffey@earthlink.net](mailto:hjguffey@earthlink.net) .

Mary, is this kid to young for shoes?

