

“Samaritan’s Feet” holds new socks and shoes give a wa

More than 500 pairs of gym shoes and socks were given to children from the Greater Lansing area at the Hill/Southside Community Center, 5815 Wise Rd., Lansing, MI on Dec. 19, 2009.

The youth first had their feet measured for adequate shoe sizing, and then they are escorted to the “Foot Washer” who washed their feet and placed a new pair of socks and shoes on their feet. Samaritan’s Feet, founded in 2003, is a humanitarian relief organization based in Charlotte, NC that puts shoes on the feet of children all around the world. With more than 300 million children going without shoes everyday, their goal is to provide for 10 million impoverished people in 10 years. To date, nearly one million pairs of shoes have been collected for children around the world.

At age nine, Manny Ohonme, Samaritan’s Feet president and founder, received a pair of shoes from a missionary. He started playing basketball and other sports with his new pair of shoes. He played so well that he earned a spot on a traveling basketball team and eventually earning a number on his high school team.

After high school, Ohonme was offered a basketball scholarship at the University of North Dakota (Lake Region), where he received his bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees.

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