

PRAISE For: Continued construction of the Bishop's Gathering Place.

- The many mission teams and volunteers.
- Rev. Howard and Peg Hess 2-month service.
- Groundbreaking of the Diocesan Training Center.
- Successful Youth Rally at St. Luke's Ankilifaly.
- Continued church construction at Fort Dauphin.
- Ordination of Rev. Donne in Fort Dauphin.
- Generous giving by partners in ministry.
- 23 Confirmations and 22 Baptisms.

PRAYER For: The next steps for the completion of the Diocese of Toliara.

- Financial support of partners and churches in 2010.
- Completion and defense of doctoral projects.
- A donation of a used car for Charese.
- Rainfall for farming co-ops at Sakaraha & Betaola.
- Political stability of Madagascar.
- PRP Board meeting in Delray, FL in Nov.
- Safe travel and health for the McGregors in US.
- Corbi and Charese in their university studies.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Oct. 24-Nov.22 Todd and Patsy in USA
(www.peoplereaching.org church visit schedule)

PRP Board Meeting and Diocesan Dinner Scheduled

PRP's volunteer Board of Directors will hold its annual meeting in Delray Beach, FL November 10-11. The two-day meeting will include a ministry update from the McGregors, election of new board members and officers, review of the work accomplished in 2010, and planning for 2011. Following the meeting, the Episcopal Diocese of SE Florida will hold a dinner at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Stuart, FL, as part of their annual convention, with the proceeds going to support the work of the McGregors. A number of fundraising events will take place during the dinner, with board members participating. Many thanks to the Diocese of SE Florida for their long-term support of the McGregor family and PRP!



PRP MISSION

The Mission of People Reaching People is: "To transform lives and make disciples of Jesus Christ by serving the poorest of the poor in Eastern Africa through Evangelism, Education and Economic Developments."

Our Core Values:

Glorifying God

(Revelation 7:11b-12)

Transformation in Christ

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

Living the Great Commission

(Matthew 28: 18-21)

Serving with Christian Integrity

(Ephesians 4:1, 5:1)



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The Gathering Place

PATHWAYS TO CHRIST

By Peggy Hess

In our several visits to the construction site of the Bishop's Gathering Place in Toliara the past two weeks, I have been struck by how many people's paths already cross this beautiful site each day - so many that in any direction one sees dozens of paths worn deep into the grass. The name "Gathering Place" depicts the place where all the Diocese of Toliara can come to worship, study, meet and greet each other - as well as guests and mission teams traveling to southern Madagascar. Many walk one of the paths or ride a bicycle or an oxcart across the land - some were on their way home to get water, traveling to the nearby primary school, soccer game or an outdoor market for selling cattle or goats.

As I have watched this constant activity - from the prayer walk around the property and from the second-floor balconies and from a window as we worshiped this morning in a temporary sanctuary - the meaning of the name "Gathering Place" has expanded for me. (continued inside)

Bishop McGregor Leads Kinshasa/Maluku "Mission Africa"

The Democratic Republic of the Congo was host to the Kinshasa/Maluku Mission Africa project, organized by churches and partnerships of the African Enterprise. Bishop Todd McGregor participated as one of the mission leaders for church leader training, community outreach, and evangelism. After overcoming several "transportation challenges," Todd addressed a pastors' conference in Kinshasa, stressing the need for the church to focus on evangelism and discipleship for revival and growth in response to the Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20 and on 2 Timothy 2:2. Church rallies and services with healing followed over the next week.

In Maluku, a city of 4,000 people, the mission enabled 12 denominational churches to come together at the Kermes Place, a market center and local playground. 750 people gathered the first evening, with 250 people inviting Jesus Christ into their lives. On the second day, 850 people attended and more accepted Christ. 1050 people attended the closing rally on September 4th. Many sick people attended, with Todd and the other ministers laying on hands in prayer for healing and strength. There were remarkable stories of restored health and salvation. Todd and other team members also visited clinics and maternity hospitals, praying for the sick and vulnerable and for the doctors and nurses. One nurse accepted Christ while on duty.

The closing rally was organized in the city center of Kinshasa at the Protestant Cathedral in partnership with Christian TV and Radio Sango Malamu Ministries. More than 4,000 gathered in the garden of the Cathedral, and 200 people gave their lives to the Lord, while many more reconciled and rededicated their relationship with Christ. The rally was carried on TV and radio.



We give praise to our Lord for the success of the Mission Africa ministry that fulfilled His purpose in the Congo. Prayers are needed for discipleship work, financial resources, and for the people of the country as they face the impacts of civil war and poverty.

PATHWAYS TO CHRIST (Cont. from front)

It is evident that this place will continue to be a place where people travel to for many reasons, including a place to seek Christ. When the construction is completed, they may continue to pass by, or to stop and observe, to stay for a while, or to come again and again.

The picture of our prayer circle at the temporary gates of the Gathering Place shows



the numerous paths worn into the land from every direction. This special location is already a place of gathering, a place with which people in the neighborhood are familiar. May God bless and speed its completion and the fruition of its many purposes for the Diocese; for Bishop Todd McGregor and the Rev. Patsy McGregor and their family; for the Diocese's leadership and people; and the neighborhood and communities surrounding it.

The Rev. Howard Hess, Rector, Church of the Ascension, Knoxville, TN and his wife, Peg, spent two months in Toliara in 2010 with the McGregors.

STILL TIME TO BID ON PRP AUCTION ITEMS

Join our ONLINE AUCTION for several donated vacations, with all proceeds going to the McGregor ministry in Madagascar. Our fabulous items include:

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WATERFRONT B&B IN VIRGINIA
GOOSE HUNTING CHESAPEAKE BAY**

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CORNERSTONE LAID FOR DIOCESAN TRAINING CENTER

Construction has started on the new Training Center, as part of a phased Diocesan complex in Toliara. Funds for construction came from a generous grant of the United Thank Offering Board of the Episcopal Church of the USA.

The multi-purpose facility will serve as the center for discipleship formation to equip and develop clergy, evangelists, and worship leaders. The training of evangelists and clergy is critical to the spread of the Gospel in southern Madagascar, where less than 20 percent of the population is Christian. The current training program addresses the initial study (one year) for reproducing Christian leaders, including a greater understanding and use of scripture and the liturgy, improved skills to evangelize and disciple others, and leading other Christian leaders to roles as evangelists and clergy.

In addition, the Training Center will offer facilities for spiritual enrichment and educational meetings; economic (micro-finance) development training courses; primary health care offerings, nutrition and maternal classes; adult and youth gatherings; and similar outreach functions addressing the needs of the community.

Design plans call for a building with four rooms: a main assembly room (200 people capacity), a small classroom for 12 students, and two offices



designated for diocesan economic and social development departments. Construction will be completed within 12 months.