

People Reaching People

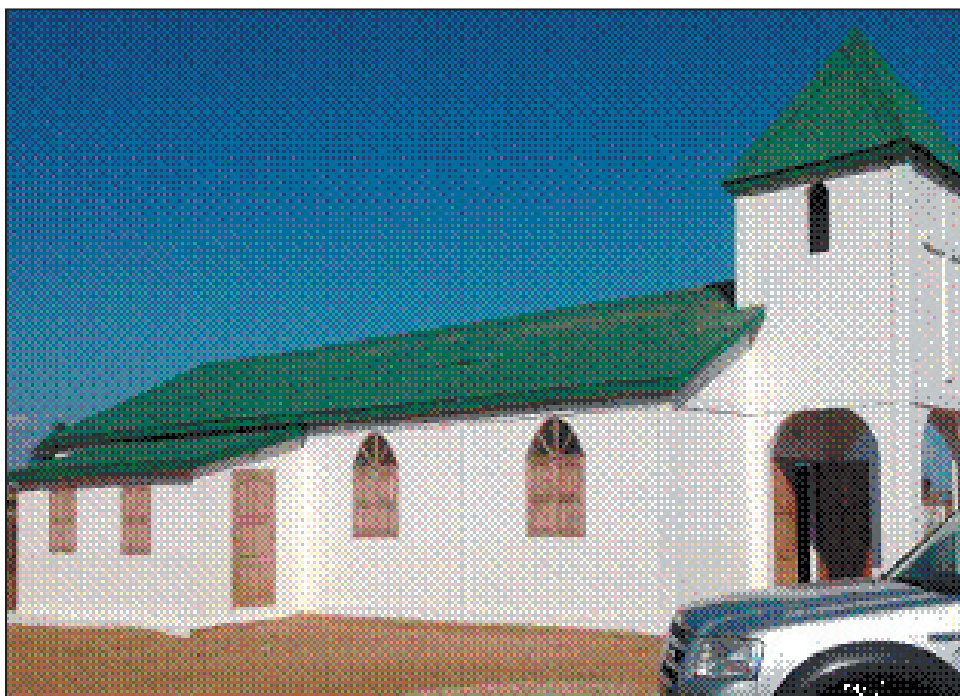
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CYCLONE RELIEF UPDATE

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to all of you for your overwhelming response to the devastating Cyclone that we in South Western Madagascar experienced earlier this year. The response was over \$108,000. These funds have been designated for the relief, emergency and renovation of properties damaged by the cyclone.



This church was severely damaged and has been repaired with your donated funds.

The diocese has distributed over 17,060 kilos of rice (in April and June distributions) for over 3,735 people living in 18 different communities in Sakaraha and Toliara parishes. We have also distributed 40+ boxes of used clothing. We have also repaired or built temporary housing for over 231 families. Funds will also be used to repair or replace some of the damaged church properties.

The storm destroyed the rice crops and your donations enabled the purchase of rice for distribution to the needy.





Your money provided a new house for this family. The old one was completely wiped out.

CLICK FOR MORE CYCLONE DAMAGE PICTURES AND DETAILS

MISSION TRIPS

Here are the results of three exciting Mission Trips to Madagascar. Why don't you consider coming and being with the McGregors and the people of Madagascar? It will be a life changing event for you and your family as well as for the people of Madagascar. For details contact Betsy Wenzel at

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Merrick Family

In July our family was blessed to spend 10 amazing and eye-opening days with Todd and Patsy, visiting a number of the churches they have planted across southern Madagascar. We were able to see first-hand the tremendous work Todd, Patsy and People Reaching People have accomplished in bringing the gospel of Christ to the people of this region, while helping address some of their most basic needs. In particular we witnessed how PRP has eased the suffering of many of the people affected by the recent cyclone. Along the way we also helped with a soccer tournament (our boys were able to play some!), participated in an English language service, assisted with a few office IT needs, and got to see plenty of lemurs at the spectacular Isalo National Park. We were all inspired by how God is using the McGregors and PRP to reach the wonderful Malagasy people, and hope to return on a short term mission before too long. *Phil, Caren, Jackson and Hudson Merrick.*

The Merricks attending church in one of the cyclone damaged churches that will be repaired with your generosity.



Gustinelli Family

From mid-July to August, my Mom, Lisa and I had an amazing opportunity to teach basic computer skills at two parishes of Bishop McGregor's ministry: Sakaraha and Ft. Dauphin. Computers were obtained by many generous donations in the U.S. Although we were to arrive in both locations without the McGregors, and therefore were feeling a bit anxious, we were quickly put at ease by the warmth and openness of Father Theodore's and Father Dieu-Donne's congregations. What ensued next was singing, dancing, an amazing amount of home-cooked Malagasy food, and an experience that we will never forget. We had with 25 students in the Sakaraha location and 43 in Ft. Dauphin! By the end of the week-long computer program, students were introduced to using a mouse and basic computer functions as well as Powerpoint, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word



and Paint. We held a small graduation ceremony and presented students with certificates. Particularly close to me are memories of climbing Peak St. Louis in Ft. Dauphin with Priest Dieu Donne's son and trekking the plains of Sakaraha with local Catechist, Alfred. *Julienne Gustinelli*

Graduation day at Computer Camp. How proud they were!!!

For more details click here <http://www.peoplereaching.org/how-can-i-help/come/>

Mason Family

This past July our family was blessed to once again be able to make the long journey over to Madagascar to serve alongside Bishop Todd (Patsy was still in Mauritius). It was our second trip, and we arrived ready to jump right in and minister among the Malagasy people. The amazing and unique thing about coming to serve on mission with the McGregors is their desire for people to serve in the areas they are most passionate about. For me (Bruce) that passion is the ministry of healing. Some of my favorite moments were the afternoons I spent out in local villages going door to door praying for people. It was a truly humbling experience, and we saw many people healed by the power of God. My wife, Shay, has a particular passion for the arts. She led two Saturday VBS-style gatherings in local churches where kids were given the opportunity to try their hand at drawing. Some had never drawn before! We were truly amazed at the talent many of the children have. Our children, Abigail and Avery, helped out with everything we did, and they witnessed God act in both simple and hugely miraculous ways. Overall, we came away having fallen even more in love with Madagascar and the Malagasy people. Bishop Todd and his team made us feel like family rather than just visitors, and it touched us deeply. We are already making plans to return next summer, and this time we hope to bring a team to work alongside us. If you are interested in learning more about our recent experiences in Madagascar, you can visit our blog at:

<http://masonsinnada.blogspot.com>



A Thank You from Todd and Patsy

Truly we are grateful to all of you. The mission field is filled with a myriad of experiences ranging from dull days of loneliness to challenging times of crisis such as our recent experience and the devastation of Cyclone Haruna in Madagascar. The support we draw from our donors does not go unnoticed. I am reminded that our supporters are very much like Aaron and Hur, who held up the arms of Moses when he was extremely tired, physically as well as emotionally (think of 40 years of complaining Israelites!). I am sure he was spiritually exhausted too... (God, where are you?). But as long as his hands were raised, there was victory. YOU are the faithful, loyal support, holding the missionaries' arms high, so that the Lord can do his work and set his captives free.

†Bishop Todd and Rev. McGregor, Madagascar

Mark your calendars for November to hear all about our Funding the Future Campaign!

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