



### CHURCH CONSTRUCTION

We are experiencing God's blessing in several areas of church planting. Construction of the walls has begun in Sakaraha (above) with planned completion in May. The foundation and walls are complete for the Morondava church with only painting remaining; to be dedicated November 8th. We are awaiting land purchase for the church in Anketrika. Construction will begin in April for the church in Mahabo.

### EVANGELISM

Training began on January 5th for evangelists in Southern Madagascar.

They will continue through a six-month internship. The short-term mission team led by Kennon Vaughn trained our clergy, evangelists & laity regarding discipleship. Kenyan clergy will be trained in Marsabit, Kenya in July.



### EDUCATION

After meeting with the Mayor of Toliara, an agreement has been made to provide requested land for a girl's secondary boarding school. As well, PRP has begun paying tuition fees for 12 children, clergy and evangelists in the Toliara region.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

There is the potential to purchase 10 more acres of land for agriculture cultivation. Funding has been received to buy 1000 mosquito nets for the parish of Toliara to help fight malaria. Three organizations in the area have been contacted by PRP for partnership to provide for the people in Southern Madagascar.



### FAMILY NEWS

In December, we received a very warm welcome from St. Luke's in Toliara. During the official welcome, Patsy was blessed with a customary gift of a turkey. Charese came from Rift Valley Academy to join the celebration! There was a reception line to greet us and to welcome us to our new home. Corbi joined the rest of the family in early December and we enjoyed our first Christmas together in Toliara. We had family time at the beach, made cinnamon buns and decorated our home. We also met up with some old friends from when we previously lived in Madagascar, which was a joy to reunite and share stories.

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# PEOPLE REACHING PEOPLE

A MINISTRY OF BISHOP TODD AND REV. PATSY MCGREGOR



### ST. LUKE'S, TOLIARA

Todd blesses the children during a Sunday church service. The Anglican Church of Toliara is right next door to our home. The church consists of 50% youth from the nearby community. Students training to be evangelists from the diocese come here for education. Patsy is active in discipling three women, teaching a weekly women's Bible study and leading a contemporary English church service.

## PRAISE & PRAYER

- *PRAISE* for temporary housing now with running water, electricity, plumbing, new floor & paint.
- Training of new evangelism leaders and churches under construction in Morondava and Sakaraba.
- Tennessee mission trip in March, more trips scheduled.
- Land purchases, new crops for rice cultivation.



- Land purchase underway for Cathedral and residence (below). Revival in Madagascar, especially in area of Toliara. Pray for new believers to have growth and joy as they walk in the fullness of the Spirit.



- For Corbi, a good finish to her first year at Dickinson, and for summer employment. Charese, as she graduates, decides on a college, and for funding.
- For Patsy, as she heads to the USA for speaking engagements, studies & travel. Todd, wisdom as he leads the Diocese of Toliara & travel. For Bishop Remi who retired March 31, for the Lord's will to be done as they elect the next Bishop of Antananarivo.
- Purchases of land and consistent electricity for the McGregor home, and vehicle/transportation needs.
- Visit [www.peoplereaching.org](http://www.peoplereaching.org) for schedule details.

# An Exciting Beginning . . .

## SHORT-TERM MISSIONS ASSISTS REVIVAL BY REV. PATRICIA MCGREGOR

It was only two days after the mission team left. Taking my usual afternoon nap, I heard two men talking on a grass mat, next to the bamboo hut outside my bedroom window. One of the young men was asking Freddie about salvation. They were both reading passages from the new Bible given to them just a few days ago.

The Down-Line Ministries mission team from Tennessee came for one week to teach about reproducing disciples. It was a wonderful time for the 30 clergy, evangelists and lay people in the southern area of Madagascar to receive encouragement in their faith. It took a third of those attending as many days walking or by taxi-bus to arrive as it did for the group to fly from Memphis! People were excited about the teaching and were being renewed. Towards the end of the training, all were given Bibles. Those who already owned a Bible were given one to give away to the one they would go back to disciple. The Bible was not theirs to collect dust, but to share. Seeing them come to church the following Sunday brought such joy to my heart as they grinned from ear to ear, carrying their new treasure.

~ It wasn't a Mercedes or even a new outfit. Josienne was saving up \$5 to buy a prayer book. After being given a Bible, a smile spread across her face. "Now," she said in Malagasy, "All I need to do is gather money for a Book of Common Prayer." In US terms, the cost is equivalent to a cup of gourmet coffee. For her, it's a week's wage - that is if she had a job. In the meantime, Josienne hopes to

gather enough water bottles we have been drinking from to resell for a few Malagasy Francs to make her desired purchase.

~ Nolavy had a dream. In her midst was a deep, dark chasm which engulfed several neighborhood children. She recognized their faces. Although she was weak, she was given strength to help pull these children from their despair. Nolavy knew it was strength from above and that she was the vessel from which God wanted to use to help deliver these children.

~ Again, the lights were out, but darkness did not prevent the faithful believers from gathering at the Lord's house. There was something special about saying the Stations of the Cross by candlelight during Holy Week. Several congregates gathered around a single liturgy by the light of a few candles. One candle, an inch long, dripped onto Adrienne's fingers, going unnoticed due to her calloused hands from picking up pots unprotected from charcoal burners. Nothing will stop this group of Christians from growing in their faith. Revival is among us.

Interestingly enough, Todd and I are studying revival in our current Doctoral Program at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. The focus is: Outreach and Discipleship. Papers, case studies, reports, and reading 3000 pages, we are seeking the answer to a common question, "What is revival?"

"Revival is a fresh touch from God, releasing his people unto fullness of blessing. It is a divine invasion of love, joy, peace and conviction. It is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the church, empowering believers to love each other unconditionally, to rejoice in the Lord plentifully, to praise God appropriately, to serve Him productively, to live lives that are godly, and to witness for him convincingly." (Dr. Roy Fish to Douglas Munton, July 31, 1994.)

Considering this definition, I would say we are experiencing revival in Toliara. Perhaps the Lord has put a practical case study right in our midst.

