

People Reaching People

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MADAGASCAR



STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE NEW DIOCESE OF TOLIARA



CONFIRMATION IN MOROMBE

Exciting things are happening for the Diocese of Toliara, the newest diocese in the Anglican Communion. Highlights include:

Sabbatical for Todd – Todd was able to live in Jerusalem for six weeks, praying and walking many mornings in the Holy City. Along with refreshment and renewal, Todd focused this time on writing his autobiography, which he hopes to have published.

Patsy has returned to Madagascar – After living in Mauritius for 15 months and making a few adjustments and negotiations of household responsibilities, they are living like newlyweds.

First Diocesan Synod for the Diocese of Toliara – The focus of this convention was to write a mission and vision statement. There was much excitement during the strategic planning and development sessions. This process helped unite the people as they took ownership of the new Diocese.

Discussion held around women in ministry – The Diocese has set up a task force on the topic of women and vocational ministry. In the meantime, Patsy is grateful to be able to fully function as a priest.

Building a Cathedral – It was apparent at the Synod that it is necessary to have a building which will hold **all** the Anglicans in the Diocese and will officially seat the Bishop. We are outgrowing our current facilities quickly! Thanks be to God for the \$80,000 which has already been donated toward the Cathedral. There is an opportunity for others to be involved through a matching gift of another \$80,000. Please pray about your involvement and be generous in your giving as the Diocese of Toliara grows and moves forward in Christ.



HAPPY STUDENTS



A PRAYER SESSION UNDER A TREE



CONTINUING RICE DISTRIBUTION AT ANDRANOMENA

The Christians continue to grow in their relationship with Christ and one another. Christian weddings in the church are becoming more prevalent as leaders are taking a stand to have their marriages blessed by God. Most Malagasy have civil service weddings only.

Todd baptized 221 in new church plants in rural villages in the south. Thank you for keeping these new Christians in your prayers.

Todd appointed head of ecumenical movement in Toliara for 2014 – Please pray for him as he leads churches of different denominations while the country undergoes political transition. Pray, also, for a peaceful transition of government!

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