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## **A TIME OF CELEBRATION! – A TIME TO DANCE!**



**THE MCGREGORS 25 YEARS IN  
THE MISSION FIELD**

**BISHOP TODD BEING A BISHOP  
FOR 10 YEARS**

**BISHOP TODD BEING ORDAINED  
FOR 20 YEARS**

**REVEREND PATSY BEING A PRIEST  
FOR 10 YEARS**

Can you believe it! After departing the USA for Madagascar in 1991, some people thought we would only be overseas three years and now look at all these milestones that have happened in the last 25 years. Many of these celebrations mentioned above were beyond comprehension, but not beyond God's grace and mercy. As Patsy and I come into this festive year, we thank each one of you as we could not have done this without your prayer and financial support. To God be the Glory!

This is our season of FUNDRAISING. Thank you for your support of the Diocese of Toliara. Your generous donations will go towards some of these ongoing projects:

- Economic Development: Famine relief with rice cultivation and supplemental food assistance funds for clergy and evangelists; Guesthouse in Anakao; Days for Girls and Handicrafts at the Women's Center;
- Educational Scholarships: Support of 50+ children to attend school
- Evangelism: School for Evangelism and Evangelistic missions, Church pews
- Leadership Development: Clergy/Evangelists stipends and benefits; Evangelist Gaston's theological education; Rev. Hery's Doctoral program; Administrative costs

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## Newly Dedicated Women's Center

Women's lives are being transformed as they currently develop God-given talents in the newly dedicated Women's Center. Women gather daily in this place of safety to work, learn and grow, building community and cultivating God's love. Joyfully walking long distances to this educational center, women seek training and achieve a life of fullness and integrity. Thank you for your support of this transformational Women's Center!



Approximately 1,000 women at the Center's dedication and Women's Union Conference

## National Mothers' Union Conference

On September 1st–4th approximately 1,000 women traveled several days from all over the nation to the Diocese of Toliara. The opening and closing ceremonies were held at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. We were blessed with sacred worship and joyful celebrations including a performance of *Miaraka: A Time to Dance* and the dedication of the Women's Center. Other SAMS missionaries participated in the Conference. Wendy Bellmore, a short-term SAMS Bridger, presented a medical first aid lesson and the Rev. Jessica Hughes, SAMS missionary working in Uganda, preached one morning. This time of women coming together to worship and fellowship gave opportunity to make more visible women clergy serving as church leaders in Madagascar.



Washable sanitary liners are now being produced and sold at the Women's Center. This not only provides an economic opportunity for the Women, it also solves a social problem.



Constructing a Tippy Tap—a simple hygienic construction for hand washing with running water.

## Days for Girls and Tippy Taps Report on Short Term Mission Trip August 2016

—Simon & Sue Babbs and Maggie & Paul Simmons

Days for Girls is a not-for-profit organization providing washable sanitary liners in developing countries where women might otherwise use sand, leaves, corn-husks, cardboard, etc. These kits enable girls to go to school, and women to continue working, (and thus earn money to care for their family) all month round.

Classes at the Cathedral Complex in Toliara ran for 12 days, with 26 women attending. Nearly 200 women and girls learned about health education and use of kits. 48 kits were given out for free, but, on the advice of the local women, most of the kits will be sold, as the local women will then wash them properly.

We appointed Chretienne, one of the women on the course, to be assistant coordinator of the Women's Center. 10 people undertook the test of sewing to see who would be the first six women to be employed at the Women's Center. Work started the following Monday.

After Maggie and Sue left for home, the Malagasy women taught at the Youth Conference, and then the national Mothers' Union conference, where they sold their first 12 kits. Everyone can really see the benefits of these kits and are very excited by them.

After learning about the spread of disease through germs (demonstrated by shaking hands with glitter on them), the people were also interested in Tippy Taps - a simple hygienic construction for hand washing with running water. Paul & Simon enabled the building of two sets at the Cathedral, and Development Coordinator, Gasthé, taught the people at Amboasary (outside Fort Dauphin) to build and use one. It is thrilling to see these ideas spreading without us being present!

God graciously guided us over the last year, from the woman who unexpectedly told Sue about Days for Girls, through the 23 suitcases of supplies arriving in Toliara, to Malagasy people taking up the idea with enthusiasm. There are many strands to this story – it took more than a village to make it all possible! See <http://babbsandbaobabs.blogspot.com> for more!

**Article By Rev. Victor, Priest at Mahabo  
The 2nd Diocesan Youth Conference Report:  
Toliara 25-28th August 2016**

All was set for the second Diocesan youth conference and everyone was looking forward to this exciting time to experience the Lord in a special way and meet new friends from other regions of the province. This kind of conference happens once every three years. We had targeted 200 young people but we managed 170. This number though was higher than the previous conference where we had slightly above 100 youth.

The conference was also graced by a team of six from South Africa who did an awesome job with the youth in both teachings and all around games. They exposed the theme taken from Romans 12:1. "Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to the Lord."

Bishop Todd led a Bible study on Romans highlighting that the works of righteousness without a relationship with God is a waste of time. Bishop Todd emphasized that we need to walk along the straight path which is the way of the cross under the Lordship of Christ and that we should let the Holy Spirit lead and direct our lives for He will guide us in all truth.

By the grace of God, many young people surrendered their lives to the Lordship of Christ while others re-committed their lives to the Lord. Some reaffirmed their faithfulness in being a true disciple in order to be a sweet aroma to the Lord from day one of the conference and are hoping to live that throughout their lives, even as they return to their respective homes. Other speakers handled key issues like globalization in this fast paced society in relation to Christianity, Health and First aid, the biblical roles of men and women as well as youth and leadership. We elected our diocesan youth committee on the final day of the conference and youth leadership training is on top agenda of our next program. This will help a majority of our young people to be fully involved in Christian leadership and not shy away from responsibility.



Bishop Todd sharing the Word with the attendees at the youth conference.

Over 170 youths attended the youth conference in the Diocese of Toliara





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## PRAY WITH US

**Prayers** for the new Christians in Madagascar and for continued leadership development for the Diocese of Toliara.

**Prayers** for the funds for ministry support for Todd and Patsy.

**Prayers** for funds for economic development and growth within the Diocese of Toliara.

**Prayers** for additional parish links, connecting parishes inside and outside the Diocese of Toliara.

**Praise** for the premiere U.S.A. performance at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church in Boca Raton, Florida of the musical, *Miaraka: A Time to Dance*, written by Rev. Patsy and Colette Maurel. CDs and devotional books are available.

**Praise** for the many partners who make it possible to serve and make a difference in Madagascar.

**Praise** for the dedication of the Women's Center.

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