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Endowment Fund Created to **"CELEBRATE THE PAST & SECURE THE FUTURE"** *– a Dream Come True*

During the October 2017 People Reaching People Board of Directors meeting, exciting news was announced! The Bishop Todd and Rev. Patsy McGregor Diocese of Toliara Endowment Fund (the Fund) has been created as a dream come true for the McGregors, a new pathway of financial support for the future growth of evangelism, education, economic development, and engaging partners in southern Madagascar.

Transforming lives comes with financial costs. Together with the PRP Board, Todd and Patsy established the Fund to create a sustainable way for continuing God's work in the Diocese of Toliara for years to come – building new churches, equipping evangelists to spread the Good News, educating hundreds of students and building new schools, growing local economic projects, and engaging long-term partnerships.

A \$1,000,000 goal was set for the Fund, with the annual earnings being available as grants for continued impactful work in the Diocese of Toliara. Todd and Patsy are thrilled to announce the PRP Board and alumni members raised over \$251,000 during the Board meeting in support and commitment to the McGregor's ministry. It is exciting to see what God will do with our financial support as we bless some of the poorest people in the world.

You can participate in the Endowment by making a cash donation, a single or multi-year pledge, a living legacy bequest, or a gift from your estate plan. Make your check out to SAMS-USA and mail to PO Box 399, Ambridge, PA 15003, memo "Endowment", or go to peoplereaching.org to use a credit card. Call Julie Kirik or Denise Cox at SAMS (724) 266-0669 for other types of donations.

Thank you in advance for being involved in this great ministry and may God bless you as you choose to bless others!



NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF TOLIARA

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New Assistant Bishop Approved for Toliara

The diocese received official word from the Provincial Archbishop that the House of Bishops approved and accepted the nomination of Rev. Canon Razafindralambo Samitiana Jhonson as the new Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Toliara.



Missionary Couple Heading to Toliara

We welcome Church Mission Society missionaries Rev. Derek & Jane Waller, from England, who are coming to the Diocese having served previously in South Sudan. Please pray that that all travel will be straightforward, that they will make good strong connections with the community in Toliara, and learn the language swiftly and easily. More information on the Wallers is available on the PRP website.

New Connecting Link Formalized – A Memorandum of Understanding Was Signed

Bishop Todd and Patsy McGregor with Reverend Seth Cooper and Wardens Mavis Stevenson and Jerry Swallow sign the Memorandum of Understanding in Saint Saviour's Church, Walmer.



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Diocese Hosts National Malagasy Episcopal Church Men's Conference in September

More than 450 men from all over Madagascar traveled to Toliara to worship God, study Scripture, fellowship together, and discuss many issues of the church. Meeting at the Cathedral Complex, we received many compliments for the warm hospitality and beautifully kept facilities. The conference is held every three years for the Malagasy Episcopal Church.

Venerable Hery Tiana Writes to Diocese

Rev. Hery Tiana is Venerable for the Diocese of Toliara, stationed out of Sakaraha Parish. Through the generous donations of people partnering with PRP, he has traveled to South Africa for studies required to apply for a PhD program of Philosophy. His translated letter written to the Diocese is available on the PRP website: www.peoplereaching.org.

Excerpts from Sunday School In Madagascar

by Nolavy Osoro

Teaching Sunday school in Madagascar is an exciting experience. It is a special call like no other. The only tool the teacher has is the Bible – and their love of Christ. In most of our churches, children are the majority. Sadly, some of these children have no one to teach them. But these children hunger and thirst for righteousness.

The few teachers are so committed to meet these children and transform their lives. This means that the teacher must also be growing in their prayer life and seek to have a Christ-like character. Given the limited resources in teaching materials and aids, one has to be very creative on how to pass the message to the young ones. Especially, that most teachers have the zeal to teach but have not yet had enough training. And so as the children's coordinator, my first task was to train Sunday school teachers with basic teaching skills and how to develop a growing spiritual life...

(Continued on PRP website)



DEAR SUPPORTERS,

Thank you for all your prayers and monetary contributions. Because of your love and support in being People Reaching People in Madagascar, God continues to move. We have a few exciting updates that we want to share with you:

The Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Toliara, Rev. Canon Samitiana, will be consecrated on February 25th 2018. Praise God for his willingness to serve the Diocese and pray for his transition with his wife, Holy and their children.

The completion and opening of the new primary school in Morondava is finished this month! We are very excited about this as it will open up new opportunities for children to learn and follow their dreams.

We thank God for the starting of the new Bishop Todd and Rev. Patsy McGregor, Diocese of Toliara Endowment Fund. This will help secure the future for the Diocese of Toliara and the Malagasy people. We have already raised \$251,000 of the targeted goal of \$1,000,000. Thanks be to God!

Please pray and give thanks for these requests as we continue to discern God's will for the Diocese. Thanks for all you have done to make these things possible.

Serving Christ Together, The McGregors

PRAY WITH US

Prayers for the new Assistant Bishop, Rev. Canon Samitiana and his wife, Holy.

Pray for additional godly leaders to be raised up and serve as clergy for the Diocese of Toliara.

Prayers for donors supporting the McGregor's ministry and the Bishop Todd and Rev. Patsy McGregor, Diocese of Toliara Endowment Fund.

Prayers for the Children's Sponsorship Program.

Prayers for arrival and transition for our new missionaries, Rev. Derek and Jane Waller (CMS) and Jacky Lowe (SAMS) serving the Diocese of Toliara.

Prayers urgent prayers that the plague in Madagascar will be contained especially in the cities of Antananarivo and Tamatave and for families as they mourn loved ones.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? PRAY! • PARTICIPATE! • DONATE!

Partner with us by donating to our work:

Mail checks to SAMS-USA

Attn: Denise Cox or Julie Kirk, PO BOX 399, Ambridge PA 15003

MEMO: McGregor Ministry or Diocese of Toliara or Toliara Endowment

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