



A MINISTRY OF BISHOP TODD & REVEREND PATSY MCGREGOR

**Engaging Partners in Evangelism,
Education & Economic Development**

MCGREGORS' FAREWELL: COMMON QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why are the McGregors leaving Madagascar?

After 30 years of global ministry and many years of prayer and discernment, Bishop Todd and Rev. Patsy believe God has called them to leave Madagascar and return to the United States. This has been a difficult decision and yet a leadership team has been raised up to move the Diocese of Toliara forward.

What will the McGregors do next?

God is opening new opportunities for Todd and Patsy to use their talents, education, training and experience. Starting in February 2021, Rev. Patsy will begin serving as the Director of Spiritual Formation and an assistant priest at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, in Stuart, Florida. She will focus on multigenerational spiritual growth. Patsy will remain with SAMS as a volunteer associate missionary. Bishop Todd, will remain as a full time SAMS missionary using his years of experience to encourage global missions while focusing on church planting, discipleship and evangelism.

How can supporters continue to partner with the McGregors?

Despite the McGregors leaving Madagascar, their ministry as People Reaching People continues. Along with Patsy's ministry at St. Mary's, Patsy will continue to write devotional/ministry books, lead retreats and expand the musical, *Miaraka: A Time to Dance*, to an even broader scale. Todd will focus on national and international teaching in church planting, discipleship, evangelism, and global missions. Todd and Patsy will also continue to raise financial support for their ministry (via SAMS USA) and the Bishop Todd and Rev. Patsy McGregor Diocese of Toliara Endowment (via St. Gregory's, Boca Raton, FL). Your continued prayers and financial support is greatly appreciated. Please opt in for future emails from the McGregors' ministry, by clicking [HERE](#).

How can supporters continue to partner with the Diocese of Toliara?

We are excited to announce the creation of the group the Friends of Toliara ("Friends"), created to partner with the Diocese of Toliara. We fully support this group, formed by board members of People Reaching People, Inc. The Friends of Toliara will focus on assisting the Diocese of Toliara with communications, economic development endeavors, educational sponsorships, financial support for projects, parish links, partnerships and team missions. Starting January 1st, 2021, the Friends of Toliara will be independent from People Reaching People. The McGregors and the Diocese of Toliara are very eager about this new partnership between the Diocese and the Friends of Toliara and we look forward to God using this partnership for His glory. All financial giving for the Diocese of Toliara continues through SAMS USA or CMS, UK. Please opt in for future emails from the Friends of Toliara, by clicking [HERE](#).

What will happen to the current People Reaching People, Inc. (PRP)?

We are excited to share that the current People Reaching People Board is transforming into two distinct entities (People Reaching People and Friends of Toliara) in order to better facilitate the needs of both the McGregors and the Diocese of Toliara. People Reaching People will continue to focus on the ministry of the McGregors, while Friends of Toliara will focus on the Diocese of Toliara. If you would like to opt in for future emails from both the McGregors and Friends of Toliara please click [HERE](#).

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What will happen to the Bishop Todd and Rev. Patsy McGregor Diocese of Toliara Endowment (The McGregor Toliara Endowment)?

The endowment continues to be one of the biggest ways to continue the impact of the McGregors' work for the Kingdom of God in the Diocese of Toliara. The Diocese of Toliara does not currently have the financial resources needed to sustain itself because it is in one of the poorest countries in the world. The Endowment has been formed to help create a sustainable future for the Diocese of Toliara. It contributes towards assisting evangelism, education, economic development initiatives, and operating expenses. The Endowment secures the future of the Diocese of Toliara and allows continuation for the Good News of Jesus Christ to be proclaimed in the remotest parts of the island. We have currently raised \$275,000 of the \$1,600,000 goal for the endowment. There is an advisory committee encompassing all the partners involved which oversees the endowment. If you would like to give a tax deductible donation to this life-giving endowment, click [HERE](#).

Who will be leading the Diocese after Bishop Todd steps down?

Bishop Todd will resign from his position as the bishop of the Diocese of Toliara on December 31, 2020. After his resignation, the Vicar General begins leading the Diocese until a new diocesan bishop is elected. Assistant Bishop Samitiana is the current Vicar General. The initiatives, ministries, and goals of the diocese will be dependent on the objectives and priorities of the new bishop.

What is the process for the new election for Bishop of Toliara?

The Vicar General will write an official letter to the Archbishop of the Anglican Church of the Indian Ocean informing him that the seat of the bishop is vacant. Then the Archbishop will decide when to begin the official process of the election. Once the process begins they have 40 days for the delegates to submit names of candidates. At the end of 40 days, the Chancellor of the Diocese of Toliara submits all names of the candidates who meet the requirements to the Archbishop. The Archbishop then submits the names to the Diocesan Bishops of the Province. Each Diocesan Bishop has the right to add or subtract names to the list of candidates. Once the list is finalized, the Archbishop sends the official list of candidates to the Diocesan Chancellor and a date is set for the election.

How can we pray for the McGregors and the Diocese during the upcoming months?

We need your prayers more than ever! The McGregors, the Diocese of Toliara, and the Friends of Toliara are currently going through a substantial amount of transition. Please pray for the McGregors' transition as they leave a beloved home they have served for almost three decades. As well as needing to say goodbye to very good friends, they will be adjusting to a new community, culture, and environment. Pray for specific people to come into their lives who have gone through similar transitions to help guide and give wisdom. The McGregors also need prayer support for logistical items such as international flights out of Madagascar, additional luggage getting back safely to the USA, health and protection while traveling back to USA, quarantine process, finding a house in Stuart, household items, and eventually purchasing a car. For the Diocese of Toliara, please pray for servant leadership, the new bishop's election, and the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic. For the Friends of Toliara, please pray for wisdom and guidance for the newly created group and their partnership with the Diocese of Toliara.