

## VISIT THE MCGREGORS

~VIRTUALLY ONLINE

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**Facebook:** Look at all those praying for Madagascar.

### EVANGELISM UPDATE

~By Todd and Patsy McGregor

**Lifestyle Discipleship:** While brushing my teeth, preparing for bed, I was intently stared at by one of the seven girls I disciple. Todd was out of town, and Nolavy, Josianne and Saintia took turns sleeping on our couch to keep me company. It was an upgrade for them to have space all to themselves. "Do you brush your teeth every day?" asked Josianne. "Yes.

Actually, I brush my teeth twice a day. Once in the morning, and again at night." I responded. Josianne gave a brief sigh, "I used to have a toothbrush once." "What happened to it?" I inquired. "I lost it at the dedication of the new church when we traveled to Sakaraha." I noted the time frame: six months. I went to our cabinet and retrieved five extra: Pink? Blue? Purple? Yellow? Green? Intentionally living with the people allows us an opportunity for discipleship in everyday matters.

Sometimes it is not a sermon or a Powerpoint presentation, but a lifestyle of communal living that touches people's lives. As St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Preach always, sometimes using words."

*At this time we have 10 discipleship groups in Toliara. Pray for a missionary with at least a 3-year commitment to come and be Director of Discipleship.*

**CHURCH UPDATES:** Anketraka title nearly complete and we can begin building soon. We will be traveling to Ft. Dauphin in August to purchase land and begin construction. This is where an evangelism mission took place in May and already there are 50 adults attending! The construction of the church and rectory foundation is complete in Tsimahavaokely.



### FAMILY NEWS & UPDATES!

Corbi and Charise are working and living in Annapolis, MD this summer scooping ice cream on Main Street. Due to the kind gift of using an apartment, the girls are able to live rent free in historical USA! Corbi will be off to study in Australia from July-November and in August Charese will return to Ursinus College in PA. *Please continue to keep the McGregor girls in your prayers ~ wherever they are in the world!*

Todd and Patsy were back in the USA for the final residency of their doctoral studies at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. For the past three years, they have been studying for their Doctoral of Ministry: "Outreach and Discipleship, Living and Leading the Great Commission". Now that classes are finished, they will spend another year defending and writing their thesis projects. Todd is writing on "An Analysis of the African Life Cycle as a Bridge for Reproducing Malagasy Christian Leaders". Patsy is writing on "Building the Miaraka Community in Madagascar".

### NEW CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION:

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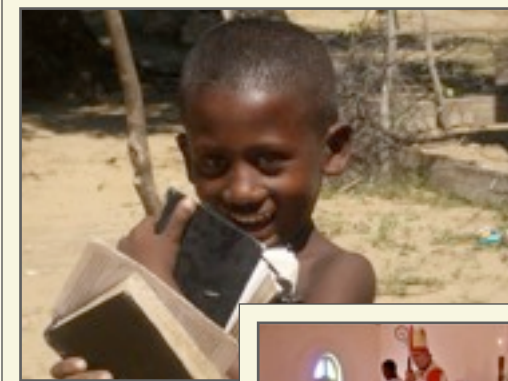
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# PEOPLE REACHING PEOPLE

A MINISTRY OF BISHOP TODD AND REV. PATSY MCGREGOR



*Young boy bringing  
Prayer Books for Good  
Friday service in  
Anketraka (above).  
Sakaraha Easter Service  
(right).*



### PRP MISSION

The Mission of People Reaching People (PRP) is: "To transform lives and make disciples of Jesus Christ by serving the poorest of the poor in Eastern Africa through economic, education and evangelistic developments."

These three "E's":

Economic development, Education and Evangelism are the pillars of PRP's mission.

Our core values remain:

Glorifying God (Rev: 7:11b-12)  
Transformation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17)  
Living the Great Commission (Matt. 28: 18-21)  
Serving with Christian Integrity (Eph. 4:1, 5:1)

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## PRAISE & PRAYER

- **PRAISE** Diocese of Virginia awarded a Mustard Seed Grant of \$4,694 to buy land to start a women-managed farm co-op in southern Madagascar. The grant will come through St. Mary's Whitechapel, and will be the focus of an October Mission Trip to Toliara.
  - The standing committee of the Diocese of Antananarivo has approved the creation of a new diocese.
  - The Diocese of Canterbury (UK) awarded a Poverty and Hope Appeal grant for construction of one classroom at the secondary school to be built in Soalara as part of the land exchange for Miaraka Resort and Spa. Ten acres of beachfront property have been donated.
- St. John's of McLean, VA Millenium Development Goals awarded a grant to start women-managed agricultural projects in Betaola area. Funds were used to purchase 50 acres enabling four church farming co-ops to increase the standard of living for the women.
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- **PRAYER** for completed title for the Cathedral complex and funding for the Bishop's house. Contributions are strongly needed. One property title is completed, second is nearly completed. Continued prayer for third title.
  - Continued prayer for all those being disciplined.
  - Pray for continued support of the ministry AND for the short-term teams arriving: St. Andrews (July), Microenterprise Team (fall), Dickenson Team (Dec.).

### IMPORTANT NOVEMBER EVENTS!!!!!!

- November 13-14, SE Diocese Convention in Key West, FL. Todd and Patsy will be in attendance.
- Save the Date! November 15, St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in Boynton Beach, FL is hosting a five-course dinner for PRP. Proceeds will go toward the McGregor Ministry. Come hear from Todd, Patsy and recent visitors about how lives are being transformed! Pray for this important event in hopes to raise \$100,000 to fund Cathedral and Bishop's residence. Check the website for more details as they become available.
- November 16-17 PRP Board Meeting.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

~ By Syd Verinder (Board Member)

What a blessed adventure ~ spending a month with Todd and Patsy McGregor in Toliara, Madagascar, a country experiencing political upheaval, drought, poverty ~ and a glorious revival of evangelism as the Good News is preached and lived out by the people.

My journey began in late March as a preliminary fact-finding trip to gauge the possibilities of starting community-based savings groups and farming co-ops through PRP. Todd met me in Antananarivo after the very long flight – what a joy to see him again! Once in Toliara, I was the house guest of the McGregors, experiencing with them the frequent power blackouts, excessive heat and bugs, a refrigerator located one story below their home, low or no water pressure, and a short walk of 2 steps to the back of the Anglican Church of Ankilifaly. But infinitely more importantly, I experienced a new level of peace and the presence of God that constantly reminded me that “I am not in control, not in charge - God is.”

During my days with the McGregors, we began daily devotionals in the church at 6:00 a.m.; preached twice at the “English language service” on Saturdays, watched Todd and Patsy mentor their discipleship groups and the evangelists-in-training and manage the many affairs of a growing ministry. We took an overnight trip to Isalo National Park and saw lemurs, beautiful birds and hawks, vast grasslands and rough hills, and a vivid rainbow following a short rain shower.

I was fortunate to be in Toliara for Holy Week, with services in several churches during this busy time – including a foot washing service and Good Friday vigil. We left Toliara before dawn on Easter Sunday for a two hour drive to the thatched-roof church at Andranavula, which was packed with over 100 adults and children. From here, we drove another hour north to Sakaraha and worshiped with Rev. Donne and 50 parishioners, followed by a church picnic to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. What a day of celebration!



Syd Verinder at Sakaraha Church

There are so many highlights to mention:



CHRISTIAN BUSINESS PRINCIPLES TRAINING

- The two-hour boat trip in a dugout canoe south to Soalara to meet local citizens and tour the property for the Miaraka Resort and Spa.
- Conducting a 1½ day introductory training class on microfinance

and Christian business principles.

- Touring the agricultural lands at Betaola and Sakaraha, seeing crops of corn, beans, peanuts, cotton, and root crops.
- Riding in a bus with the parishioners of Ankilifaly and experiencing their friendship and acceptance.
- Watching the constellation “Southern Cross” appear each night in the clear sky over Toliara.
- Formulating a concept for “Sustainable Parishes – Madagascar” to link church planting in rural communities with the purchase of farmland for sustainable crop production.

The adventure will continue in the Fall '09 with a team returning to Toliara to conduct training courses on small business management and to implement a pilot program of community-managed savings groups. If grants are received during the summer, the purchase of more farm land will be added to the itinerary. With God's mercy, may we will continue to minister to the people of Madagascar living the call of the Great Commission.



## EDUCATIONAL UPDATE

~By Will Harman (Board Member)

A mission team led by PRP board members Will and Cheryl Harman arrived in Madagascar July 1st. One of priorities of this team was to conduct a six-day Alpha Course training of which they taught 65 total participants who were given new Alpha materials translated in Malagasy. The training was done in at the church in Mahabo, which is the sister church to the Chapel of St. Andrew in Boca Raton, FL. Look for a full report from this team in the next newsletter!