

- **PRAISE:** A grant which was received for 2500 British Pounds to fund evangelism training from the United Society of Propagation of the Gospel.
- Foundations are complete on churches six (Tsimahavobe, church and ministry center) and seven (Anketrika) of the 30/10 project.
- Praise and thanks to the Diocese of SE Florida for sponsoring the fundraising dinner in November where \$58,658 was raised for the Gathering Place and \$10,000 to build a secondary school in Soalara.
- Ten new students are training to become evangelists and church leaders and a 3-room dorm has been built at the Gathering Place until the Training and Ministry Center Project begins.
- **PRAYER:** Todd and Patsy for spiritual rest and renewal, protection and perseverance as they travel, and clarity as they write their Doctoral thesis.
- Corbi for her summer internship, strength and joy as she plays on the tennis team and continues to be a Resident Assistant and a witness to her dorm.
- Charese for good relational and leadership skills in Intersarsity and to be a witness to her friends on campus. Safety and protection during summer internship in Kenya working with women refugees at Amani Ya Juu in Nairobi.
- Pray for the people of Southern Madagascar that they will know the Hope of Christ.

APRIL SCHEDULE

- 4-10 SAMS Retreat & New Wineskins, NC
 11 Christ Church, Sparta, NC
 18 Church of Ascension, Knoxville, TN
 23 Miarka Advisory Committee Meeting, VA
 25 St. John's Episcopal, McLean, VA
 26 Intern meeting, Ursinus College, PA

MAY SCHEDULE

- 1-2 Trinity Church, Potsdam, NY
 16 Christ Church, Gilbertson, NY
 22 St. John Troy, Diocese of Albany Mission Board Meeting
 23 St. John, Troy, NY

See entire schedule at www.peoplereaching.org



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 Evangelism,, Education and Economic Developments."

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)

VISIT THE MCGREGORS ~ ONLINE

Visit our website at: www.peoplereaching.org for photos, praise & prayer, calendar updates and our Facebook link.

CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION:

Credit card and EFT's (Electronic Fund Transfers) are available at: www.sams-usa.org

FOR SUPPORT OF THIS MINISTRY
 PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
 SAMS-USA

MEMO: MCGREGOR MINISTRY OR
 MCGREGOR SPECIAL PROJECTS
 ATTN: DENISE COX
 PO BOX 399
 AMBRIDGE, PA 15003
WWW.PEOPLEREACHING.ORG

SPRING 2010

PEOPLE REACHING PEOPLE

A MINISTRY OF BISHOP TODD AND REV. PATSY MCGREGOR



BISHOP'S GATHERING PLACE - A MIRACLE COMING TRUE

~ Bishop Todd and Rev. Patsy

We are very excited to report on all the work taking place on the Bishop's Gathering Place in Toliara, Madagascar. Over the past five months, we have witnessed a ground breaking and laying of the cornerstone, construction of the foundation and first floor, and completion of the second floor walls, flooring, and room layout. By the time you receive this newsletter, the roof should be nearly completed. Major outstanding items of need are installation of water and power from the nearest utility link, plus the purchase of furnishings and interior items to equip the first floor for offices, meeting space, and a temporary church (before the main church is built on the site).

Funds for furnishing the building (\$6,000) and utility hookups (\$17,000) are still needed. We ask for your prayers and financial contributions in order to move into the Bishop's Gathering Place on schedule in July. Thank you and to God be the Glory!

Evangelist Dacisy: A Work in Progress, A Step of Faith

~ By Bishop Todd

After Patsy and I served communion and blessed the children in the overcrowded bamboo hut, I told the congregation the news: their upcoming confirmation and baptismal service on Easter 2010 would take place in the Bishop's Gathering Place. It was a real step of faith. On that Sunday, the first floor walls were not in place and construction on the second floor had not started. But that's what this ministry is all about – a work in progress and a step of faith.

Evangelist Dacisy is one whose spiritual journey has also been "a work in progress and a step of faith." Coming to faith just three years ago as a result of the work of Rev. Donne in Sakaraha, Dacisy desired to share the Good News with others and become an evangelist. However, he is handicapped and requires a pole crutch to lift his body as he slides his limp leg. It was unclear to me whether he would be strong enough to walk long distances or stand for long church services. When I was asked if I would consider him to become an evangelist, I responded, "If God calls him, who am I to stand in his way."

Dacisy's first church gathering took place with just a handful of people sitting on the floor of his 10'x10' house. Last July, we built a temporary thatch church, which at Christmas squeezed in over 120 adults and children on hard benches or on the ground as they rubbed their toes in the dirt floor. Patiently, the Andranomena parishioners await their new place of worship on the first floor of the Gathering Place.

Your prayers and generosity are impacting Dacisy and the surrounding Andranomena community, as well as the thousands of lives that will be impacted by the Bishop's Gathering Place and future construction. Praise God and thank you for being People Reaching People with us in Madagascar as we continue to be a work in progress and step of faith.



SE Florida Dinner a BIG Success!

The gymnasium at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Boynton Beach, FL, was magically transformed into an Italian villa and feast in November for a gala fundraising dinner to support the McGregor ministry in southern Madagascar. Almost 300 people dined on a gourmet dinner personally prepared by Father Marty Zlatich and served by youth groups from St. Andrews School and around the Diocese.



A total of \$58,658 was raised to construct the Bishop's Gathering Place in Toliara, Madagascar. Costs of the dinner were underwritten by the SE Florida Diocese, with the World Mission Committee doing the planning and organizing. "Giving and Serving" was the theme of the event, as the night was filled with admiration, encouragement, laughter, and of course the Holy Spirit! An energetic auction was directed by Archdeacon Bryan Hobbs, who even sold the shirt right off Todd's back.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to the volunteers who shared so generously and joyously. **We are excited to announce that a dinner is planned for November 12, 2010, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Stuart, FL.**

Funds have been requested from the 2010 United Thank Offering for \$38,000 to begin construction of a Diocesan Training Center adjacent to the Bishop's Gathering Place in Toliara. The multi-purpose facility will host a variety of programs for discipleship formation to equip and develop clergy, evangelists, and worship leaders for southern Madagascar. In addition, the Training Center will offer facilities for spiritual enrichment and educational meetings; economic (microfinance) development training courses; primary health care courses, nutrition and maternal classes; adult and youth gatherings; and similar outreach functions addressing the needs of the community.

Additional funds will be needed for equipment, furniture, and classrooms. We ask for your prayers that this grant may be approved to commence construction of the Training Center in 2010.

A Spiritual Fire is Burning in the Morondava Church! ~ By Rev. Patsy

While Todd was still a priest, he and I came with the girls to Morondava in the year 2000. Recently, we saw many fruits of our labor which began 10 years ago when we arrived with a short-term mission team from the Diocese of Canterbury to work with Malagasy student evangelists and a medical mission.

In January 2010, Bishop Todd baptized 88 and confirmed 58 and performed one wedding while I stood for hours, held the Bishop's staff, preached in Malagasy, assisted with communion and prayed over the children. In between those packed-out services, we were the two key speakers for a women's conference, teaching on: Faithful Women in the Home, Church, Evangelism and Respecting your Husbands. Church members walked over 18 miles one way to participate in the services. Todd met with clergy, church leaders and evangelists and had a 3+ hour interview with Malagasy elders for his Doctoral research thesis while I took a nap and then walked 45 minutes to the church!

After the 4+ hour services, a tropical depression and making a bridge through the water to get to church, it took 1.5 hours to go 2.5 miles because two cars broke down three times. The good thing is the Bishop is never late because church will not start without him! We ate lots of rice and loaka in rooms full of flies and were hosted by a loving Malagasy family. It is amazing to see how much the Bishop can pack in 72 hours!

Over the past three years, nine new churches have been planted in Morondava parish. It only takes a spark to get a fire going. It looks like the fire is burning in Morondava Parish! Thanks for keeping us in your prayers. A good thing to include would be perseverance!

