

PRAYER BREAKFAST

with

Todd and Patsy

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Todd and the Rev. Dr. Patsy McGregor invite you to join them for a

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 17 8:30 –10:30 a.m. St. Gregory's Episcopal Church 100 NE Mizner Boulevard, Boca Raton, FL 33432

Light breakfast, teaching by Todd and Patsy and time for prayer for the ministry!

\$60,000 MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

The needs in Madagascar continue to be great. Political unrest, famine and drought make our work more important and more difficult. We continue to make great strides in all three of our mission areas: Evangelism, Education and Economic Development.

Recent accomplishments include:

- The number of permanent churches has increased to nine
- Ground has been broken on a new school/church
- · Educational support continues

PRP supporters are challenged to meet a \$30,000 match before November 15th. Additional fundraising activities will take place in November during the McGregor's visit to the U.S. The total collected funds will go to the McGregor's "Ministry Support" account at SAMS-USA for 2013 personal ministry expenses.

Please send a tax-deductable donation before November 15 to SAMS-USA with a Check Notation: \$60K Matching Gift Challenge.
Thank you for helping us reach our financial goal!

REFLECTIONS ON A FAMILY MISSION TO MADAGASCAR

by Rev. Bruce, Shay, Abigail and Avery Mason



The Mason family - Shay, Abigail (12), Avery (10), Bruce

When we first considered a family mission trip to Madagascar, we asked ourselves, could we really do it? Having now returned from Madagascar after spending two amazing weeks with the McGregors, we can say that the answer is a resounding yes!

As a clergy family, we have all been involved in various types of ministry, but God used us, challenged us and grew us in Madagascar in many unexpected ways. We taught, preached, sang, prayed and, best of all, we spent time getting to know the Malagasy people. We were humbled by their hospitality as they invited us into their very simple homes (often no more than a frame of sticks), and allowed us to pray for their family and friends who were sick. We'll never forget holding in our arms a precious little baby with a badly distended chest that rattled every time he breathed. We still continue to pray for his healing. Our hearts continue to rejoice with the two women who were willing to forgive and be forgiven and were set free from both physical and emotional pain. The excitement of the groundbreaking celebration for the new Anglican church and school in Mahaboboka remains with us. Bishop Todd and Patsy's warm welcome and support for our family (and their willingness to work with God to stretch us) blessed us deeply.

Without a doubt, our family has been profoundly impacted by our experience in Madagascar. We were met by God in every moment, every conversation, and every face. We saw the power of the Holy Spirit directly at work on people's lives, and we experienced the deep love of Jesus Christ for the Malagasy people. The old mission adage proved true: while we came to be used by God to bless others, we found that we, ourselves, were richly blessed. If you would like to learn more about what a family short-term mission in Madagascar is like, please feel free to contact us at 518-792-4909. We'd love to help!