



A MINISTRY OF BISHOP TODD & REVEREND PATSY MCGREGOR

MADAGASCAR SUNDAY



Every month, St. Luke's On the Hill in New York celebrates "Madagascar Sunday." Instead of their typical church service, the ceremony is filled with subtle Malagasy traditions. Instead of sitting at the pew during the offering, everyone is welcomed to walk to offering baskets at the altar. Homemade communion bread is broken instead of distributing wafers. People leave their pews for communion starting from the back to the front and the congregation is updated on the Diocese of Toliara.

"Madagascar Sunday" started a few years ago when St. Luke's On the Hill in New York and St. Luke's in Ankilifaly, Madagascar, created a parish link. This partnership focuses on building relationships of love, respect, and understanding. In conjunction with "Madagascar Sunday", St. Luke's on the Hill also prays for their sister parish weekly, emails with the local clergy, provides funding for school backpacks and micro-industries for the local women, and has encouraged their youth to create pen pals with the malagasy children. You don't have to travel across the world to be connected to the Malagasy people. All you have to be willing to do is build relationships. We have openings for 5 more parish links. If you or your church is interested in creating a parish link with a church in Madagascar, please contact Cheryl Harman at cmh103@aol.com.

PROJECT UPDATES



NEW CHURCHES

The McGregors visited eight churches in five weeks during their time in the USA. They visited several new churches in both Florida and Georgia. We are look forward to these new growing partnerships.



NEW ARCHDEACON

Rev. Hery. was officially announced as the new Archdeacon. We give thanks to God for his appointment and we invite your prayers for his new responsibilities.



EVANGELIST TRAINING

The diocese is in the process of creating a permanent curriculum for evangelism, called St. Patrick's Bible College. The evangelist program will include both didactic and internship aspects.



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BOARD MEETING IN FRANCE

On September 20th-22nd, the People Reaching People (PRP) Board met for their annual board meeting in Versailles, France. It was the first international board meeting since its original creation over 11 years ago. People Reaching People was created to form a strong and sustainable partner to the Diocese of Toliara and the McGregors' ministry. It was a productive meeting focusing on welcoming new board members, reviewing the ministries of the Diocese of Toliara, reviewing the year's activities of the McGregors' Ministry, and prioritizing strategies for PRP in the next year. One highlight of the meeting was skyping with Bishop Samitiana, the assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Toliara in Madagascar. The board members stayed with local parishioners and were able to build new relationships with the local churches. After some long days full of meetings, the board members traveled to Southern France for some much needed R&R. We are excited for the new board members and the plans we have for the future.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

DIOCESE OF TOLIARA

- Continual leadership development
- Typhoid outbreak at St. Luke's Ankilifaly
- Famine in Southern Madagascar

PERSONAL

- General health

MINISTRY

- Increase in financial support of McGregors' Ministry
- Bishop Todd's current travels for confirmations
- Chapel of St. Andrew's mission trip



AT HOME IN FRANCE

In September, Bishop Todd, Rev Patsy, and the other PRP board members had the opportunity to visit the Malagasy congregation at St. George's Anglican Church in Paris, France. Bishop Todd led the service and Rev Patsy showed a PowerPoint presentation on their ministry in Toliara. Both the McGregors and the congregation felt a sense of comfort and joy because despite physically being hundreds of miles away they felt they were home in Madagascar. Multiple parishioners thanked PRP profusely for helping the Malagasy people financially, socially, and spiritually.

The McGregors even reconnected with old friends. Rondro, one of the daughters of the McGregors' good friend Bishop Remi, spontaneously came to the service. As you might imagine, the reunion was filled with big hugs and kisses. Another gentleman came up to Rev Patsy to thank her personally for how she had changed his life. With a big smile on his face he said "You taught me English more than 20 years ago. And now I have a good paying job here in Paris, and can support my family. Thank you so much."

It is very rare for the McGregors to speak at a church that can truly understand and image what their ministry is like. This Malagasy congregation was the exception. They understand the immense need for spiritual, economic, and educational interventions in Toliara. They loved seeing the images and hearing the stories of the growing Diocese. They were exponentially grateful that people have given their lives to care for the country and the people they love. Most of all, they are excited for what God will do in the future because after a visit from the McGregors they have hope.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

PRAY:

See prayer requests above

VISIT:

If interested in a short term mission trip to Toliara, contact Corbi at cmcgregor07@gmail.com

DONATE: (VIA UNDESIGNATED FUNDS)

- Fenoarivo Church: \$2500 to finish construction (floor, walls, and paint)
- Cathedral Complex Guesthouse: \$7000 to complete construction
- New Guesthouse Construction: \$25000
- Educational scholarships for 67 students (pre-school to seminary): \$25 monthly per student
- Salaries for 36 clergy, evangelists, and staff: \$110 for evangelists and \$160 for clergy per month
- Health, pension, and rice benefits for employees
- Student evangelism training program
- Training/development of economic programs



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UPCOMING TRAVELS

Bishop Todd, with many of his clearly, is traveling for the next 2.5 weeks in Southern Madagascar. During his travels he will conduct confirmations, host a mission's team from the USA, visit the elementary school, and encourage local believers in their faith. Please pray for his travels in particular that God would move more than we could think possible.



FAMINE STRIKES

Famine has affected Southern Madagascar. There was a severe drought that occurred earlier this year which resulted in livestock death and minimal crop harvest. Now food is gone and famine is present. People are starving. Please consider donating to emergency food relief. The need is overwhelming.



USA TRAVELS

The McGregors arrived back to Toliara after spending a month in the USA. They visited multiple churches, attended a two-day convention for the Diocese of Southeast Florida, and had a little fun by attending a "trunk or treat" event at St. Mary's Church (picture above of Bishop Todd's costume in lieu of his new grandson).

HOW TO DONATE:

ONLINE VIA CREDIT CARD OR ELECTRONIC TRANSFER:

visit <http://www.peoplereaching.org/how-can-i-help/donate/>

MAIL CHECKS TO SAMS-USA:

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

MEMO: McGregor Ministry or Diocese of Toliara or Toliara Endowment

MAIL CHEQUES TO CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY (P.MG001):

Address: Church Mission Society, Watlington Road, Oxford, OXF 6BZ

