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OUR GOD HAS NO LIMITS



Working on the mission field is full of obstacles. But its amazing how God, despite human stumbling blocks, still works beyond our wildest dreams. Bishop Todd was recently reminded of this when traveling with Bishop Samitiana. They were visiting a poor, rural village in Southern Madagascar. During their stay, Bishop Todd and Bishop Samitiana were trying to communicate with a local man. After multiple phrases, Bishop Todd realized he couldn't understand anything this man was saying despite his speaking in Malagasy. Bishop Todd turned to Bishop Samitiana, a Malagasy himself, for help. Bishop Samitiana smiled and laughed when he saw Bishop Todd's eyes for help because he couldn't understand what the man was saying either. Many of us can relate to obstacles interfering with our ability to follow through with God's calling on our lives. But God is good. Despite human weakness, He still works. Despite language barriers in Madagascar, people still come to know Him personally. Thank the Lord that He speaks all dialects and languages!

PROJECT UPDATES



FENOARIVO CHURCH

The Fenoarivo Church is still under construction. It lacks a floor, walls, and paint but construction has stopped due to limited funds. Despite it's incompleteness the congregation is worshipping in the church.



EDUCATIONAL COORDINATOR

Mme. Holy, Bishop Samitiana's wife has been hired as the new Diocesan Educational Coordinator. Her role will start in August. In the picture above, she is standing on the far left.



MISSION TRIP

Simon and Sue Babbs, from St James the Less Episcopal Church, Illinois, are in Toliara for their 4th mission trip to Madagascar. Their trip will focus on bookkeeping, philosophy discussions and distributing Days for Girls feminine hygiene products.



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TRAVELS IN USA

This summer, Bishop Todd and Rev Patsy have been traveling throughout the US speaking at different churches. They have been to Illinois, New York, Georgia, Florida and Texas. Some highlights of their time in the U.S. include the following:

- Preaching at the Diocese of Albany Convention
- Teaching a Praying in Color Workshop
- Meeting Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
- Baptizing a special friend at St. Marks, Glen Ellyn, Illinois
- Confirming parishioners at St. Marks, Geneva, Illinois
- Meeting with potential partners, PRP board members and various foundations for the Diocese of Toliara
- Visiting with family and friends
- Having a family reunion in Georgia and meeting Jabin, their grandson, for the first time.

Special thanks to all who came out to hear them speak or meet them personally.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

DIOCESE OF TOLIARA

- Continual leadership development
- Transition for Bishop Samitiana and family
- Diocesan Committee and Task Force Meetings
- Clergy/Evangelist and Spouse Retreat

PERSONAL

- General health

MINISTRY

- Increase in financial support of McGregor's Ministry
- Babb's short term missions trip to Tulear



AM I MAKING A DIFFERENCE?

By Anonymous Donor

When evaluating my monetary gifts to Christian ministries, I commonly ask myself, "am I truly making a difference with my financial support?" I have found that supporting People Reaching People, even minimally, has been exceedingly rewarding because of the impact it has made on individual lives. To Nirina, it has made a difference. As a shy boy he was quiet in crowds but with an education scholarship he has excelled at his studies. To Nolavy, it has made a difference. She was able to travel to the UN conference as a representative for the Anglican Communion. Liva now worships in one of the 80 churches built in the diocese. Valisoa was given her first bible after her confirmation so her is able to continue to grow spiritually. Rafalison was given rice so his family could eat after the cyclone destroyed everything. Lucia learned to make beads out of newspaper and sell them so she could buy a mattress for her children to sleep on. These stories are examples of how even a small gift can changes someone's life. I feel so blessed to be able to be used by God in this capacity. Thank you to all that have already financially donated and those who will in the future. You truly are making a difference!

NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL

\$6 will provide a Bible
 \$10 will provide a Days for Girls' kit (sanitary napkins)
 \$25 will cover the cost of a child's education for one month
 \$50 will provide student evangelist training for one month
 \$70 will provide a teacher's salary for one month
 \$120 will provide an evangelist's salary for one month
 \$170 will provide a priest's salary and benefits for one month
 \$2,000 will fund a start-up micro-economic development project
 \$2,500 will furnish a church building
 \$8,000 will provide emergency food distribution
 \$25,000 will build a new school

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 57 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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MEETING WITH PRESIDING BISHOP CURRY

On June 7th, Bishop Todd and Rev Patsy had the pleasure of having dinner with Bishop Michael Curry, the Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church. The dinner was filled with laughter and fun stories. They thoroughly enjoyed their evening together and look forward to future encounters.



UNSTABLE POLITICAL SITUATION

The political situation in Madagascar remains fragile as the presidential elections approach at the end of the year. There has been many anti-government protests resulting in both numerous wounded and killed civilians. Please pray for the political situation and the future president of Madagascar. The country is in desperate need of a strong Christian leader.



JACKY LOWE UPDATE

Jacky Lowe, a SAMS missionary, is adjusting to living in Southern Madagascar. She continues to train women in skills and crafts enabling them to become entrepreneurs. Last month, she demonstrated baking cookies to the women in order to teach them the importance of hygiene and hand washing. It was a great teaching moment and of course everyone loves the oatmeal raisin cookies!

HOW TO DONATE:

ONLINE VIA CREDIT CARD OR ELECTRONIC TRANSFER:

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

MAIL CHECKS TO SAM-USA:

Attn: Denise Cox or Julie Kirk, 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

