



A MINISTRY OF BISHOP TODD & REVEREND PATSY MCGREGOR

UP COMING SPEAKING EVENTS:

Join the McGregors...

MAY 5: ST. MARK'S CHURCH

Services: 8, 9, & 10:30 AM
Address: 320 Franklin Street
Geneva, IL

MAY 5: ST. JAMES THE LESS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Services: 8 & 10 AM with a
9:15 forum
Address: 550 Sunset Ridge
Rd, Northfield IL

JOY IN THE JOURNEY

After 27 years on the mission field, we went on our first sabbatical for the purpose of refreshment and renewal. As we reflect on our sabbatical, we are so grateful for all the relationships we built and activities we enjoyed. It was a joy to spend quality time as a couple doing fun things like bike riding, playing pickle ball, going to movies and eating at various restaurants. It was a delight to visit family members during the holiday seasons (Corbi, Joe and grandson Jabin in GA and Charese in CT). We often hosted friends and family at our accommodations for BBQ dinners (many times fish caught by Todd!) and swimming in the pool - activities not taken for granted because of the long distances between us. We wrote a personal strategic plan including mission, vision and core values as a couple. As difficult as this task was to do, we came to a joyful consensus! Todd also had a very moving and profound time with the Lord on an eight-day Ignatian silent retreat. Patsy was invigorated by receiving inner-healing prayer as well as attending a four-day MORE Women's Conference with friends. As Todd and Patsy return to Madagascar they look forward to plugging back into ministry with the Diocese of Toliara and People Reaching People. We would like to thank Bishop Samitiana for running the Diocese of Toliara and the PRP Board Members for their leadership and hard work while we were gone on Sabbatical.

PROJECTS UPDATES



THE GATHERING PLACE ROOF

The Gathering Place roof was leaking. Everytime it rained buckets were placed around the building to collect the water. We are thankful to say the roof has been renovated! Thank you to those who helped fund the \$8000 project.



MCGREGORS VISIT ENGLAND

In May, the McGregors will visit England for 2 weeks on their return to Madagascar. They will be celebrating with Bishop Trevor Willmott, the Bishop of Dover, as he retires.



FENOARIVO CHURCH

The Fenoarivo Church is in the process of being built. It will be completed soon. Currently, approximately 100 people meet in the unfinished building for worship.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

On a day just like today, Meza sat down at the table for dinner. Normally, at her spot she would see a large spoon, a cup filled with rice water tea, and bowl full of rice and loca (malagasy word meaning "anything you put on rice"). Today, the bowl was empty.

A severe drought has hit southern Madagascar. The extreme dryness resulted in livestock death and minimal crop harvest. Now, the food is gone and famine has struck. These already poor families, who are dependent on their crops and livestock, are starving.

I know it is hard, but can you imagine what it would be like to not have any food at the dinner table? Think about how your world could change if you couldn't provide the most basic needs for your family. Sadly, many families in southern Madagascar are facing this devastating reality.

This month the Diocese of Toliara, funded by donations from a church in Illinois, distributed rice to 4 church parishes.

Approximately 1,200 people were given 1.5 cups of rice each.

This event gave the community hope but there is still so much need.

People Reaching People has committed to helping the poorest of the poor in Southern Madagascar. Whether it's through providing emergency food relief, child education scholarships, evangelist's salaries, micro-economic development projects, and schools, we are determined to change lives. However, we can't do these projects without you. Please help us by making a monetary contribution so we can make a difference in someone's life.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

PRAY:

See prayer requests below

VISIT:

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

DONATE: (VIA UNDESIGNATED FUNDS)

- Bishop Todd and Rev Patsy McGregor Diocese of Toliara Endowment Fund
- 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



THE GOSPEL VIA CLEAN WATER

****Apologies for misnaming WoGI (Wings of Grace International) in the last newsletter****

In November 2018, Bishop Todd received an email from the president of Wings of Grace International (WoGI), asking if the Anglican Church of Toliara was interested in partnering in a rainwater harvesting project. Needless to say the response was affirmative and the planning began. Transport and stands for the tanks were covered by the church while the tanks were donated by WoGI. Along with Patrick and Emma from the Evangelical Mission (MEIM), Tasmin from WoGI and Ialy and Rev. Donne from the Diocese of Toliara, over 100 tanks were distributed amongst some of the poorest remote villages in southern Madagascar. Each 112 x 250 gallon tank served between 50-100 people with the ability to store fresh clean water. But more importantly each tank preached the gospel to hundreds with words 'Jesus loves you' painted on each one in the local language. We are so grateful to be able to participate with WoGI and greatly appreciate all the tanks distribution. They have changed thousands of lives with the generous gift of clean water. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

DIOCESE OF TOLIARA

- Leadership development
- Measles outbreak
- Food security for Morombe - Andranovory
- Unity of the Diocese
- Security for Morondava School District

PERSONAL

- Praise for a good sabbatical
- Travels to England
- Travels back to Madagascar

MINISTRY

- Upcoming mission teams
- Completion of the Fenoarivo Church





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PALM SUNDAY

St Luke's Church in Ankilifaly, Toliara had a wonderful Palm Sunday. The church was filled with young and old holding palm branches in their hands in remembrance and honor of their Savior. There was lots of singing, praying and worshiping during the service. This will definitely be a service to remember.



MEASLES OUTBREAK

There is a significant measles outbreak in Madagascar. Over 115,000 people have been infected with over 1,200 deaths within the last 7 months. Most of those infected are children under 15 years old. Just like in the US this disease can be prevented by vaccines. However, unlike the US most families don't have access to vaccinations due to limited health infrastructure. Please pray for the health of the nation.



ROOTED IN JESUS SPREADS NORTH

In March, another Rooted in Jesus Conference was conducted in Morondava. Rooted in Jesus focuses on growing disciples of Jesus. Derek and Jane, CMS missionaries living in Toliara, have been crucial in organizing these conferences. The goal is the conference participants once trained would return back to their home villages and start discipleship groups.

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 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

