



A MINISTRY OF BISHOP TODD & REVEREND PATSY McGREGOR

UP COMING SPEAKING EVENTS:

Join the McGregors...

SEPT 24-29: NEW WINE SKINS CONFERENCE

Address: 1 Ridgecrest Dr,
Ridgecrest, NC
Registration: <https://newwineskinsconference.org>

OCT 5: LADIES TEA

Time: TBA
Location: Holy Trinity
Episcopal Church
Address: 211 Trinity Pl, West
Palm Beach, FL

TRAVELS WITH BISHOP TODD

Recently I (Todd) went to Andranovory for confirmations among the Antandroy ethnic group. For the last four years I had been traveling here for confirmations. However, this trip was different. This time there had been significant spiritual growth and as a result I was confirming 84 candidates. One of the stories that sticks out during my visit was from a man named Fagnintona. He came from a village 15-20 kilometers away. He told of the story about him coming to faith as a result of the Anglican mission coming to his village. He was so excited to hear about Christ that he repented and accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. He then got the village people to follow his new found faith and they built a temporary church. He also traveled to his native ancestral home about 15 kilometers from where he lives now. While there he was served coffee and food but before he ate he stopped and prayed. His relatives were so astonished by this, that they asked him what he was doing? He informed them that he was thanking God through Jesus Christ for his meal. They asked him more about Christianity and finally agreed to accept this new found faith as well. He then motivated them to construct three new churches in his ancestral land. I had the privilege to visit most of these churches and I'm truly impressed with these new converts. It is people like Fagnintona, a born evangelist, who makes a difference in the kingdom of God through sharing new born faith with others. His life transformation was apparent because all he wanted to do was talk about Jesus.

PROJECTS UPDATES



ANNUAL MEETINGS

The annual Synod and Diocesan meetings and trainings will be taking place on Aug 26-Sept 6th. Please pray for God's guidance as they determine the future direction of the Diocese.



BIBLE COLLEGE

St. Patrick's Anglican Bible College will resume for the next school year starting this October. Ten students will be returning and an additional five students will be starting their education.



YOUTH CAMP

On Sept 12th -15th the Diocese will host a youth camp for approximately 90 youth. The retreat with a focus on discipleship. This year the camp will include Bible studies, playing games, and relationship advice.



GOD DIRECTS OUR PATHS

Just after morning devotions at St. Patrick's Cathedral, I (Patsy) stepped outside on a beautiful cool morning, donned my hat, shoes and sunglasses, and went for a walk behind the Cathedral Grounds. After forty minutes, as I was about to return home, a young boy walking to school, eagerly caught up with me.

"Hello." He greeted me in English!

"Hello!" I keenly responded. "Where are you going?"

"I am going to school," he said as sweat fell down his forehead. He pointed in the direction of the school, still a distance away. It was apparent he already walked a few miles thus far.

"What is your name?" I said curiously to continue the conversation.

"My name is Noeldo." Finally, he wrote with his finger in the sand. N-O-E-L-D-O.

Impressed, I furthered our English dialogue. "How old are you?"

"I am 13 years old."

"Wow. You must be a good student in school to speak English so well. Do you like to speak English?"

"Yes. Very much."

"See that church over there?" I pointed to the green roof of the Cathedral tower and he nodded.

"We have prayers in English every Friday at 11:30. Would you like to come?" I repeated it in Malagasy in case he did not understand but he responded again in English.

"Yes, on Friday. I will come. 11:30."

And guess who showed up for service the next Friday at 11:30. Noeldo. And he even brought a friend!

"Nothing is little in God's service." (George Herbert) Not even a walk in the spiny desert.

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



A DAY AT DISNEY PARK... MALAGASY STYLE

On Saturday Aug 3rd, the Diocese hosted the first ever local fundraiser. The fundraiser, similar to a carnival, was called the Bishop Garden Party located at Disney Park. Each church was responsible for setting up and running a game. The location was filled with lots of games and playground equipment. Everything was hand made. The Cathedral group set up a game where you had to hit down condensed milk tin cans with five balls. Another church allowed people to toss curtain rod rings around the neck of coke bottles. If you got the ring around the bottle you got to drink the coke! There were slides, trampolines, and seesaws. The Women's Center was selling crafts, foods, and Days for Girls supplies. The Diocesan historical books were on display to bring many smiles and laughter as people saw pictures of themselves from 13 years ago. There was singing, loud music, and face painting. You might think this isn't a big deal but for many who have never experienced a playground or carnival it was a great celebration. Over 150 people attended with \$500 raised. All the proceeds will go to the Diocese of Toliara. We look forward to seeing what upcoming projects these funds will support.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

DIOCESE OF TOLIARA

- Upcoming ordinations
- Diocesan youth camp
- Spiritual growth for those newly confirmed or baptized

PERSONAL

- Transition back to Madagascar post sabbatical

MINISTRY

- Upcoming mission team from UK
- Upcoming school year for the sponsored students
- Praise for continued DFG supplies





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REFLECTIONS ON THE SABBATICAL

In the near future, Bishop Todd and Rev Patsy will send reflections on their five month sabbatical in the USA. These reflections will include why they needed this time of rest, what the break entailed for them, and what goals they have post sabbatical. Look out for these future emails!



A TIME TO DANCE MUSICAL

Miaraka: Ny Andro Andihizana is excited to perform this musical again on Aug 25th. The co-writer of this drama, Collette Maurel, will be flying from Mauritius for the performance. Many new members of this cast are learning and performing this gospel presentation for the first time. A special addition is a new musician playing the accordion! Can we now say this is the gospel *accordion* to Miaraka, Malagasy style?



UPCOMING ORDINATIONS

On Aug 25, at Patrika Katedraly in Andranomena, Toliara there will be a significant celebration. Benja, Florent, and Gaston will be ordained as deacons. Six evangelists (Bon Coeur, Rahavavy, Jean Michel, Crise, Alfredino, and Jean Frederic) will be commissioned. And Nolavy will be the first female to be ordained as a priest in the Diocese of Toliara. We are excited to celebrate in this historical moment!

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, QXF 6BZ

