



## A MINISTRY OF BISHOP TODD & REVEREND PATSY MCGREGOR



## THANK YOU

As this season of thankfulness and giving approaches, we wanted to take the time and thank those who have prayed, visited, and financially supported our ministry. It is exciting to see what God has done in our ministry in the last 12 months. This could not have been possible without you.

In the past year, we have started 20 new churches, ordained the first female Malagasy priest, commissioned 6 new evangelists, and ordained 3 new deacons. Approximately 1500 individuals have been baptized or confirmed. Four mission teams visited with focuses on healing services, strengthening the PRP and local church relationship, Miarakaka and community development, and medical services. Over 100 water tanks and 1200 portions of rice have been distributed to famine relief areas. The diocese hosted the very first local fundraiser and held a training on land acquisition and management. 236 individuals have completed the leadership training for Rooted in Jesus. The Days for Girls Enterprise has taught health and hygiene classes to over 660 people, distributed over 350 kits, sold 825 kits and employed 6 more women to sew the kits. Over 80 students continue to be sponsored in their education yearly. St. Patrick's Bible College has its first Dean and Principal, Rev. Adam Boulter, and is currently training 11 students. And, the McGregors experienced their very first sabbatical in order to rest and rejuvenate.

It is amazing what God can do in one year. As this year comes to an end and the next year approaches, please consider supporting us again. A prayer in the middle of your busy work day. A short term mission trip instead of a cruise vacation. A monetary contribution instead of the daily Starbucks coffee. Whether or not you believe it, you are making a difference. We see it every day!

## PROJECTS UPDATES



### NEW CHURCHES

New churches continue to form despite having no structural building to meet in. The picture is the Church at Ankilimanitsy. This congregation meets under a tree. They have no chairs and sit on grass mats or stand during the services.

### MEDICAL MISSIONS

This month we are hosting a medical mission of four doctors. They will work with a local doctor, Dr. Zoe, in rural Madagascar. They will teach about primary healthcare and hygiene practices including Days For Girls trainings.

### CHILD SPONSORSHIP

We currently sponsor 80 students from kindergarten to high school. We have 55 more students prepared to receive scholarships. Please consider donating \$25 a month for this cause.





## EXTRAVAGANT WORSHIP

*By Sue Iverson, Miarakaka Mission Team Member*

I finally visited Madagascar for the first time in August. I have heard about the McGregors' ministry from the beginning, so on the one hand felt prepared, on the other hand I had no clue. It is one thing to hear about Madagascar and another to actually experience it. The very first morning, before getting out of bed, I smelled smoke. Next I heard the sounds of a new day and a language completely foreign to me. Following that I hopped in my first *pousse pousse* and my eyes were opened to a whole new world. Each day brought with it something new. I saw people living in tin huts, stick huts, and mud brick huts. I saw people cooking on their tiny outdoor fires. I saw people selling just about anything and everything. I saw hopelessness and despair. I saw people full of joy. Despite their circumstances, their living conditions, and their lack of food and water, the Malagasy people were quick to smile and welcome us, quick to join us, and grateful for whatever small thing we were able to do.

One of the things that really struck me was how eager the Malagasy people were to worship. I believe God has called all of us to worship Him with everything that is within us and the Lord gave me the sweet gift of seeing this in so many ways. What I witnessed in the Cathedral during a Sunday service was a feast to behold! It was extravagant!

On another occasion, I joined Patsy as she led a group in a processional around the Cathedral seven times praying, singing and dancing. How biblical! How extravagant! In contrast, I also experienced worship in a tiny church with corrugated tin walls and a sand floor, where a tiny wooden table was covered with a white cloth to create an altar. There were no hymnals or musical instruments, but these people made the most beautiful music with just their voices.

They did not have kneelers so they simply knelt in the sand. These people worshipped with all their hearts! While it looked nothing like the cathedral, this too was extravagant. The people of Madagascar are hungry for God and God is transforming them. I am so grateful to have witnessed the work He is doing there!

### 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](mailto:cmcgregor07@gmail.com)

#### DONATE: (VIA UNDESIGNATED FUNDS)

- Bishop Todd and Rev. Patsy McGregor Diocese of Toliara Endowment Fund
- Educational scholarships for 80 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



## RAISING UP FEMALE LEADERS

*By Cheryl Harman, PRP Vice President*

"I thought I would never see you again," were the words whispered in my ear as Josianne and I hugged. Tears streamed from both our eyes. I first met Josianne in 2009 when I came to Toliara with a team to teach Alpha. Josianne was a bare foot highschool student with no English skills and little confidence. Patsy was mentoring her along with two other young women. And now Josianne is part of the Miaraka Community and has learned enough English to be a docent for St. Patrick's Cathedral. It was breathtaking to witness first hand how the McGregors' Ministry has raised up female leaders!

On August 25, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Nology, another of Patsy's mentees, was ordained the first female Malagasy priest in the Diocese of Toliara. My heart was so full of joy and my eyes full of tears as I witnessed this event. Bishop Todd and Rev. Patsy were also emotional as the fruit of their labor brought glory to God. It was such a glorious God filled day.

Josianne and Nology are just two of many raised by God as leaders in the Diocese. Also on August 25, 6 evangelists were commissioned after completing St. Patrick Bible College. Three deacons and one priest were ordained. As I witnessed this day, it reminded me of the fulfillment of God's promises to us all; hope, fortitude, possibility and empowerment.

This was my fifth time being in the Diocese of Toliara. This visit I fully realized how important presence is to the Malagasy people. Heart is flesh. The Malagasy speak through their hearts. So those words, "I thought I would never see you again," spoke volumes. Just being there, being present, is encouraging and uplifting not only for the Malagasy but for those of us that are graced by them.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

#### DIOCESE OF TOLIARA

- Leadership development
- Rooted in Jesus training
- Bishop Samitiana's travels in Morandava

#### PERSONAL

- Family health
- Partition as Patsy is in US and Todd is in Madagascar

#### MINISTRY

- Transition for the Boulter/Hodson Family
- Praise for the completion of the Fenoarivo Church
- Praise for recent US church visits







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### ANNUAL MEETING

In October, the PRP board met for their annual board meeting in Dallas, TX. 12 members traveled from all over the world including England, France, Madagascar and multiple US states. The three day meeting was filled with highlights from the last year and discussions on the future projects/direction of the ministry. We were pleased to have Bishop Samitiana, Assistant Bishop of Toliara, and Dan Wilson, meeting mediator, join us. Special thanks to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and those who hosted us during our stay.



### NEW MISSIONARIES

Rev. Adam Boulter with his wife, Beth Hodson, and their 3 children (Joseph, Hannah, and Benjamin) arrived as new missionaries from France in August. Adam is the new dean and principal of the St. Patrick's Bible College. The College will train candidates to be evangelists and clergy. The transition has been an adjustment but seems to be going well overall. It has been a huge blessing that their children are enjoying their new International French School.



### TIME IN THE USA

Bishop Todd and Rev Patsy spent the last 6 weeks in the USA. Their time was very busy as they visited churches, attended the New Wineskins' Conference, participated in the PRP board meeting, and attended SAMS' Retreat. They visited multiple churches in TX, FL, and GA. On a personal note, they were also able to visit many family members and attend a family wedding. Todd has returned to Madagascar and Patsy will remain in Florida for the next month.

### 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

