

People Reaching People, Inc.

A Ministry of Bishop Todd and Rev. Patricia McGregor

October 2009

Dear Friends and Partners,

Greetings from Madagascar in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Church is on the move in Madagascar!

Patsy and I recently had the opportunity to visit one of our newest church plants in Ft. Dauphin, located on the southeastern side of Madagascar. The occasion was very special as I was the first Bishop to visit the area. I had under-estimated the magnitude of my visit, partly, because it was a brand new church plant and I did not know what to expect.

I must say that they bestowed more hope upon me than I could have ever imagined. Hundreds of people with banners were gathered at the airport to welcome us as we were paraded into the VIP lounge. The Mayor offered openness and hospitality to the Malagasy Episcopal Church. The President of the local ecumenical organization brought blessings from many of the Christians in the area. The four-hour Sunday service was held at the Town Hall, hosting nearly 200 people, baptizing 53 into the faith.

During our stay we were able to choose and bid on a piece of property to build a permanent church, with contractors already designated and preparing for the project. People have been praying for years to start an Anglican church in Ft. Dauphin - one gentleman has literally carried around his prayer book for 15 years. Tears were shed when he told the story.

Are the Malagasy people eager for the gospel? Yes, by all means!

Are your gifts and donations being used to the Glory of God? Yes, indeed!

Are our efforts being wasted in vain? Not at all!

I tell you this story as a reminder that the gifts, talents and resources are being used to the glory of God. It is in giving that we receive. And we need you to give because **this year's financial giving has declined drastically.**

Yes, the Malagasy Church is on the move! We are in the midst of revival. The following **special projects** depend upon your giving:

Economic Development

Over 70 acres of land have been purchased for agricultural programs in five churches, with two pilot co-op programs (micro-enterprise), located in Betaola and Sakaraha. Funds needed: \$25,000.

Education

We sponsor 25 students for primary, secondary or university education and plan to build a secondary school in Soalara-Atsimo. Funds needed: \$30,000.

Evangelism

By December, 2009, construction of four new churches will be underway: Tsimahovobe, Anketrika, Ft. Dauphin, and Andranovory. Funds needed: \$60,000.

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Diocese of Toliara Established

The Diocese of Antananarivo and the Province of the Indian Ocean recently approved the creation of the new Diocese of Toliara. Construction of the ***Bishop's Gathering Place: A Training and Hospitality Center*** located in Andranomena, Toliara, has begun. The groundbreaking ceremony was held in October, with the vision of ministering to the Malagasy in Southern Madagascar.

Remaining Funds needed: \$100,000.

Needless to say, this type of incredible growth comes at a price. Your financial contributions in the past have enabled us to achieve great things, and we know that with God's help our partnership will continue to sow incredible seeds for His Kingdom. **However, this year's financial contributions have dropped by 50 percent.**

How can you continue to be part of all these exciting developments?

- **Pray** -- for the ministry of the McGregors, for the Malagasy people and for all those who need to hear God's word.
- **Bless** -- the Malagasy people through one-time, annual or long-term financial commitments.
- **Give** -- make a generous donation for the special projects -- the Bishop's Gathering Place, the new school, area churches, land, and economic projects.

More information about ways to partner with us is on our website - www.peoplereaching.org. There is also a prayer calendar to help guide prayer for us. Our programs are also described in more detail. For your convenience, we have included in this mailing the information on how to make a donation to our work through SAMS-USA.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Serving Christ Together,

The Rt. Rev. Todd McGregor and the Rev. Patsy McGregor

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