

## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Individuals who have qualifying Thrivent Financial annuities and/or insurance products will accumulate Choice Dollars. These may be assigned by Thrivent members to Friends of Madagascar Mission. If you qualify, please consider designating them to Friends of Madagascar Mission (FOMM). Visit [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or phone 1-800-847-4836

## THEOLOGICAL BOOKS

Theological books are needed for the Lutheran Seminaries in Madagascar. Contact FOMM (847-445-8177 or [FriendsOfMadagascarMission@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfMadagascarMission@gmail.com)) or check on our web site ([www.MadagascarMission.org](http://www.MadagascarMission.org)) for a list of needed books.

## MISSION TRIP

A 15 day mission trip to Madagascar is being planned during the first two weeks of April. If you would be interested in receiving information (no commitment necessary), please email [FriendsOfMadagascarMission@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfMadagascarMission@gmail.com) or call 1-847-445-8177.

## WHO ARE WE?

We are a Christian mission organization, incorporated as a nonprofit with approval by the IRS as a 501(c)3 organization managed by nine-member board of directors consisting of Lutheran pastors and laypersons. All financial gifts are tax deductible, and donors will receive regular reports on the progress of the project you support.

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**Welcome to our mission!**

**The Rev. David P. Lerseth, President**

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*Ejeda Hospital celebrated their 50th anniversary on October 26-28, 2014. FOMM honored the celebration by presenting a gift of \$1,000.00 to the Medical Emergency Fund which provides care to those who can not afford medical treatment.*

## GOD'S MISSION — OUR RESPONSE

Friends of Madagascar Mission (FOMM) is privileged to receive global mission support from individuals, families, congregations and other sources. We have many heart-warming stories of responses to God's Mission!

**Family** Brent and Vivian Bruns (Monona, IA), Kevin & Kari Bruns (Cedar Falls, IA) and Mike & Heidi Hooten (Rochester, MN) support an evangelist instead of exchanging Christmas gifts among the adult members of the family. The grandchildren will learn about mission through this kind of gift exchange.

**Senior Citizen** A senior donor (Buffalo Lake, MN) makes financial sacrifices to support global mission, including supporting a FOMM evangelist.

**Wills and Endowments** Elizabeth and Lawrence Saeger, (Hendricks, MN) spent a lifetime supporting global mission. Now their legacy continues through a mission endowment fund to support FOMM.

**Church Budget** Immanuel Lutheran Church, (Whitewood, SD) is one of 46 congregations (AFLC, ELCA, LCMC & NALC) that include FOMM in their annual budgets.

**Matching Funds** So far in 2014, 14 individuals selected FOMM to direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars.

There are many ways for individuals and congregations to support FOMM. You, too, are invited to select a way to support God's Mission. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, as congregations plan their budgets; and individuals and families seek for a place to give a special gift, prayerfully consider a gift to Friends of Madagascar Mission (FOMM).

We are on the "Front Lines of Mission." Check out the projects listed inside this newsletter. 100% of your gift will go as you direct it!

## PEACE IN CHRIST!

The Rev. David P. Lerseth, President

## Memorial Gifts to Friends of Madagascar Mission (1/1/2014 – 9/30/2014)

### In Memory of

Pastor Robert Kasperson  
 Karen (Braaten) Griffith  
 Karen (Braaten) Griffith  
 Adam Houghtaling  
 Karen (Braaten) Griffith  
 Helen Armstrong  
 Helen Armstrong  
 Catherine Darchuk  
 Catherine Darchuk  
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 Catherine Darchuk  
 Larry Sand  
 Barb Preloger  
 Agnes Akland  
 Agnes Akland  
 Christine Rabary  
 Virgil Stenberg

### Given by

Al and Phoebe Bergh  
 Bob and Gretchen Ravenscroft  
 Jeff and Le Ann Ettinger  
 Curt and Heidi Houghtaling  
 Bruce and Kirsten Wilder  
 Arlene Lellelid  
 Joann Toso and Arlene Lellelid  
 David and Diane Lerseth  
 Al and Phoebe Bergh  
 David and Mary Miller  
 Debbie Arcilla  
 Paul and Bobbie Knudson  
 Norm and Carol Carlson  
 David and Diane Lerseth  
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 Arlene Lellelid  
 American Lutheran, Rantoul, Illinois  
 Arlene Lellelid

**Total Memorial Gifts: \$5,155.00**

## GOD'S MISSION — TO THOSE IN PRISON

On Wednesday, October 22, 2014, four young men at the Antanimora Youth Prison were baptized and confirmed. They were the first class at this prison. At the worship service, Pastor Mamy preached on the Gospel lesson from John 9:1-11 about the man who was blind from birth, but through Jesus' love and compassion for him he received his sight. The service concluded with the newly baptized and confirmed and the rest of the congregation at the prison receiving Holy Communion.

Friends of Madagascar Mission is pleased to be a partner with the Malagasy Lutheran Church in supporting this ministry to seven prisons. We also are a major provider of funds for this ministry, supporting over 90% of the program's cost. We need \$18,628.00 in 2014 to meet our budget promise to the Prison Ministry. Your gift of support will be very much appreciated!



The prison ministry supported by FOMM is a vital ministry in Madagascar. The ministry serves men, women and youth prisons. There is also a ministry to a prison where more violent offenders are kept. Weekly visits to the prisons provide worship, confirmation classes, providing Bibles, medicine, clothing and food.



For 50 years Ejeda Hospital has provided an important service for the medical needs of southwest Madagascar.



During the 50th year anniversary observance at Ejeda, large crowds gathered for 3 days to celebrate the hospital's Christian witness and presence to the people of that region.

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Dollars in red are the amounts needed for each category by December 31, 2014 to meet our 2014 budget. We prayerfully ask for your support to meet our budget.)

1. PRISON MINISTRY **\$18,628.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 A ministry of worship, baptizing, confirmation, Bibles, food-clothing-medicine.
2. EJEDA MEDICAL EMERGENCY CARE PROGRAM **\$5,000.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 A ministry for the poor to pay for their medical care in this poor region.
3. EVANGELISTS **\$3,000.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 A ministry of living among those who have not heard the Gospel.
4. BIBLE SCHOOL **\$5,000.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Train evangelists to serve in villages, to bring the Gospel through witness & teaching.
5. MISSIONARY STEVE LELLELID **\$3,000.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Steve has translated the Bible into the Tandroy tribal language. They have rejected the Gospel because they did not have the Bible in their dialect.
6. TANDROY BIBLE AND HYMNAL PROJECT **\$45,500.00\*** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 The goal is now to have the Bible and a hymnal printed and distributed among the Tandroy people. (\* Needed to complete the project.)
7. DRIP IRRIGATION PROGRAM **\$2,500.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 In the arid southwest part of Madagascar, they experience frequent droughts. This project will help them use a limited amount of water to grow food for their families.
8. ADMINISTRATION **\$2,500.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 FOMM does not take anything out of a donor's gift. 100% goes to the projects. We have minimum costs, as we do not pay any salaries or rent. Our costs are for postage and printing. Any gift to this purpose is greatly appreciated.
9. SATELLITE **\$3,000.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Communication via email is difficult in areas where FOMM supports mission work.
10. UNDESIGNATED If you wish to give an undesignated gift, we will assign your gift to a Mission program with the greatest financial need. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL GIFT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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