



FRIENDS of  
**MADAGASCAR  
MISSION**

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## **MADAGASCAR RANKS AS THE 7TH POOREST NATION IN THE WORLD**

As we enter the seasons of giving, Thanksgiving and Christmas, please consider a gift to support the people of Madagascar. The citizens of Madagascar have the 7th lowest average income of \$467.00 per year.

### **Ideas for giving to support the people of Madagascar:**

- Congregation Thanksgiving or Christmas offerings
- Inclusion of Friends of Madagascar projects in your congregation's 2013 budget
- Sunday School, confirmation, youth group fundraisers
- Giving a Christmas gift in honor of your grandchild(ren)
- Designating year-end funds in your congregation or organizations to support the people of Madagascar.

**Please use the Yes, I/We Will Help Support a Project form in this newsletter to remit a gift of support.**

## PROJECT UPDATES



**A rural child care clinic at Ejeda**

### **Ejeda Hospital Nutrition Program (Financial Need: \$700 per month)**

Ejeda Hospital Nutrition Program continues to be an important outreach to the South West part of Madagascar. This area of Madagascar has suffered from food shortages this year. First the crops were destroyed by a typhoon and too much water. Secondly, they replanted and the crops were destroyed by drought.

In Madagascar the family must provide food for those hospitalized. Drought conditions resulted in many families not being able to provide adequate foods. The Nutrition Program provides rice and meat to those in need. In addition, as they reach out with the love of Jesus Christ with food for their bodies, they also share the Gospel with all who come to the hospital.

### **Evangelists**

**Financial Need: \$50/month (600 a year)**

The evangelists supported by Friends of Madagascar Mission met from June 19-22 for an evangelist training event. The event was led by the supervising pastors and the District Presidents in the areas where the evangelists are serving and included the following topics:

- Proclaiming the Word of God in our teaching and preaching
- How to evangelize people in your village and countryside
- Expectations of an evangelist



**An evangelist and family**

The evangelist training event was paid for by Friends of Madagascar Mission. We intend to provide for two evangelist training events each year.

### **MISSION TRIP IN JUNE OF 2013: JOIN US!**

We have gathered a list of people interested in participating in a mission trip to Madagascar. We are in the process of working out details for the trip which will depart for Madagascar in mid-June. If you are interested in participating in this mission trip, please contact us soon, at [FriendsOfMadagascarMission@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfMadagascarMission@gmail.com), or call 847-445-8177.

# Prison Ministry

**Financial Need: \$1,800 each month**

On September 21st we received this update from the prison ministry:

“Last Saturday 7 prisoners were baptized and 5 were confirmed in the Christian Faith. Prisoners received Bibles with their names printed on the front page. Pastor Riri signed each Bible in recognition of this special day. We praise the Lord Jesus Christ. Denise (Director of the Prison Ministry Program)



**A prisoner being baptized**

## A GOAL OF 25 EVANGELISTS IN 2013

If you or your congregation is interested in supporting an evangelist in Madagascar, you may support an evangelist family for only \$600 a year. The average cost of supporting an American missionary family per year would be \$100,000.00 a year (includes travel, insurance, education, salary, pension, etc.)

These evangelists are on the front line of evangelizing people who have not heard the Gospel of God's amazing love and grace! You will receive regular updates, photos, and news about the evangelist's ministry in their village.

We haven't reached our goal as of this writing in early October, but please join us in prayer that we may reach the goal so people who have not heard the Good News of the Gospel will have that opportunity!

### Yes, I /we will help support a Project!

Name/Organization		
Address		
City, State, Zip		
		Email

Please direct my check to the following project :

Bible School/Evangelists: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Ejeda Hospital: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Prison Ministry: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Administration: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Gift Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send to Friends of Madagascar Mission, PO Box 46381, Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Please include this form with your check made out to Friends of Madagascar Mission.



# Our Guarantee

Friends of Madagascar Mission has a unique, fresh, approach to being a mission organization. We are on the FRONT LINES OF MISSION, with a fresh approach to making sure your financial gifts are used as the donor intended.

- 1) **100% of your gift goes towards the mission project you choose to support.**
- 2) **We do not ship anything to Madagascar.**
- 3) **We do not own any property and we do not have a paid staff.**
- 4) **We transfer your gift quickly to the mission project site in Madagascar.**

## 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 a seven-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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