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

WHAT DO WE DO IN MADAGASCAR?

What do we do in Madagascar? Friends of Madagascar Mission is about raising awareness of the needs in Madagascar, receiving gifts of financial support for its mission and ministry, sending the support to Madagascar as quickly as possible and reporting on what the Malagasy Lutheran Church is doing with our financial support.

What They Do Not Have are the Financial Resources for their Mission and Ministry. Madagascar is one of the poorest nations in the world. They live on a $1 per day and 70% suffer from malnutrition. (As a comparison: In Haiti 61% of the population live in poverty. In Madagascar the percentage is 81% living in poverty.)

At a recent church gathering, a person asked me, “What do you do in Madagascar?” I replied, “Nothing.” After an uncomfortable silence, I continued, “The Malagasy Lutheran Church do all of the ministry and mission work. We provide the financial resources to support them!” My reply is a description of the new wave of global mission work around the globe. The Malagasy Lutheran Church has been in existence since 1950. It was the first indigenous Lutheran Church established out of the wonderful work of missionaries from America and Europe. This church today is a dynamic national church with gifted leaders, congregations and members who have a strong, Christian Faith, a passion for evangelism, wonderful social ministries (medical, prison, schools, etc.), and schools to equip leaders for the church (Bible Schools, seminaries and a nursing school).

It is exciting and it is so very much appreciated! Thanks for your support through FOMM!

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SATELLITE LINK WITH OUR MISSION PARTNERS IN SOUTHERN MADAGASCAR

9. Satellite Link: Fast communication is an acceptable norm in our life today. It is not the norm when seeking to communicate with FOMM’s partners in Madagascar. We hope to purchase a satellite link for the southern hemisphere that will speed up our communication. We are seeking

1. Someone who has knowledge about satellite technology and would be willing to advise us on this project and
2. Congregations and individuals who would be willing to provide financial support to purchase the needed equipment.

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NEW PROJECTS!

5. Bible Schools: FOMM is supporting 3 Bible Schools (Manasoa, Manantantely, Andriry-Betroka). These schools provide a 2 year preparation for evangelists. Each school needs $12,000.00 a year to operate. A gift of $230.00 will support a Bible School for one week.

6. Tandroy Bible And Hymnal Printing: The Antandroy people speak a dialect which is derived from the Barito languages, spoken in southern Borneo. They have resisted the Gospel because they do not understand the common Malagasy dialect. Steve Lellelid has translated the entire Bible into their dialect. Now the Bible and a hymn book need to be printed. The total cost will be nearly $80,000.00. To date $37,000 has been raised. A gift of any size will be appreciated.

7. Missionary Steve Lellelid: With the average cost of supporting an American missionary averaging nearly $100,000.00, Steve lived on a meager salary of $12,000.00 a year. A gift of $230.00 will support Steve and his family for one week.

8. A Drip Irrigation Program: In arid south west Madagascar it is “feast or famine.” This project seeks to train families to use a very simple drip irrigation technique which will not only provide enough food to feed their family for a year but also allow them to earn money by selling extra food at the village market. A gift of $50.00 will provide irrigation materials and training for a family.