



MADAGASCAR

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Ministry

Planting Churches

Praise & Prayer

- Great Training Classes on
 - Preaching
 - Teaching
 - Biblical Marriage
- Young men studying to preach
- Continuance of spiritual growth
- Open and searching hearts
- Doing finish work on building
- Building paperwork is complete
- Asher to see orthopedic dr.
- Wisdom and Strength
- Safety and health

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Mission Board

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Watering fruit

We taught training sessions on preaching for the men and teaching for the ladies. Thirty-two attended from four different ministry points in this northern area. We spent a few days ministering a few hours south of Diego, encouraging the ministry there and teaching their three main leaders. The rains have started, and immediately took out the temporary bridges that had been built over some of the rivers after last year's rainy season. So we were unable to get to the additional locations where we had planned to do training sessions. Lord willing we will be able to do that next year.

On Sunday afternoons, we held two-hour sessions on biblical marriage with the college-age class here, per their request. The subject was well received and had good discussion questions.

This week, Branden and the national pastor here met with the young men in our church who desire to preach. They helped them choose a text for their message, and will continue to meet weekly as they study for their first message. Lord willing, in January, each will have a Sunday to preach their message.

Also, we just finished the final edit for the Bible Study book we had translated into Malagasy, and the permit for the church building was finally granted!

Furlough

Due to our 10 year visas, the major construction finished on the church building, (and "legal" to boot!), and formal scheduled church services not having been started yet, we decided to take a very short furlough in February to May 2025. We will take Asher to an orthopedic doctor who can advise us better regarding Asher's legs, as well as see our families and sending church.

Truly Awesome...

...is all that God has done and the countless ways He has answered prayer this year. **Thank you** for all you have done and given, and for faithfully holding in prayer the countless souls impacted by these ministries. Please continue to pray, especially for these believers as they grow and witness to their friends and families. May our joy continue to be found in the privilege to take part in bringing others to know our Savior! *Merry Christmas!*

Pictures on following page



Showing the young men who desire to preach how to use the books that are available at a newly opened Christian library here.

Teacher/preacher training



Teacher training for the ladies



Rock trim around bottom of church building



Stuccoing the cinderblock walls of the church building

