Bowens writing from Diego, Madagascar

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MADAGASCAR

Branden & Laura Bowen



Support Level: 98%

Ministry

Planting Churches

Praise & Prayer

- Visa application complete
- Teacher Conference
- Remaining funds needed
- Many witnessing opportunities
- · Open and searching hearts
- God's provision
- · Safety and health
- Wisdom
- Spiritual/Physical Strength

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Building update

The walls are almost complete! We are currently finishing the tops of the walls and digging for the bathroom. Next, we will pour the header and build the bathroom. Branden is currently working on building the trusses as he gets time in between the other work. We are grateful for the gifts you have given, as they have allowed us to continue moving forward on the building.

The original amount raised for the land and building has been completely used, and we are thankful for all the ways God provided to allow this work to progress.

We already have most of the metal needed for the trusses, and we are figuring how much the corrugated metal roof and building the bathroom will cost.

A team is coming in early September to help install the trusses. We are grateful for their sacrifice and giving of their abilities to help accomplish that major step.

vísa Application complete

The end of June we submitted the last of the paperwork for the application for the 10-year visa. It is a relief to have that finished, and we pray to receive visas that will last for 10 years. We almost cannot comprehend the huge blessing that would be!

Ministry

The national church we are helping with here hosted a teacher training conference for the north region of Madagascar, taught completely by nationals. It was encouraging to see their burden to share the Gospel and their desire to help equip believers to effectively teach God's Word. I cannot describe the blessing it was to see nationals learning from nationals, discovering their gifts and talents, and growing in using them to bring others to Christ.

Thank you for praying!

Pray for God to strengthen and grow the believers that are here and for continued burden and zeal to invite others to know God! Thank you for praying and for your support as we strive to wisely use each day to make Christ known.

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Pictures on following page



Asher & Xara hanging out at the market

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One of the groups of trainees working on their final project of the Teacher Training: teaching a Bible lesson



Church member's graduation from University



Two of the new teachers who realized their gifts from the teacher training conference

