



MADAGASCAR

Support Level: 100%

Ministry

Planting Churches

Praise & Prayer

- Meeting in new building
- Visitors coming
- Completed pastoral internship
- 5 young men are eager to serve
- Outreaches and Ministries
- Open and searching hearts
- Church workdays
- Grand Opening Nov. 2
- Wrapping up construction
- Spiritual Growth
- Wisdom/Spiritual Strength
- Safety and Health

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Services in the New Building...

... started on the first of September with about three to five people attending. Last Sunday, seven more visitors came! We currently have eight small benches, and as I saw them almost full, I thought, "O ye of little faith." The accumulated offerings of this baby church were already able to cover the cost of two additional benches that are currently being made - all glory to God!

The Pastoral Internship...

... ends this Friday. Sunday, we are having a church meal to thank the interns for their ministry here and pray for them as they each return to their towns. One is about three hours away, and one is about two days' drive away. Branden taught classes on the book of Romans, spiritual life, theology of the church, and preaching/teaching for the two months of this internship. The two national men who are interning, along with Branden, have taken turns preaching/teaching and leading the services. For the ladies, Laura taught a month-long class on spiritual life.

Outreach

We have been using tracts to invite people to church, as well as a tract specifically for kids to invite them to church and to the Saturday kids' club which will start in October. Friday, we will do the free blood pressure check outreach to continue to reach more people. Saturday is a church workday in which we hope to finish cleaning the church yard from all the construction.

We have already had a church workday to "wax" the floor and put up the sign. We were surprised when about 20 people showed up EARLY for that! Only then did we comprehend the big deal it is for this culture to take part in the first coat of floor wax in a building.

Pressing Onward!

September 30 is the last official day of construction. Anything that is not finished at that point will be completed little by little as the church desires to offer their time and resources. November 2 is the Grand Opening service. We are excited for that, as well as being able to put more focus into the ministries through the English Club, Bible study, and ministry training modules.

A Testament of God's Work...

...and your faithful ministry of prayer and sacrifice is what this letter is full of. Please keep praying for us and the people here!

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Hanging the church sign



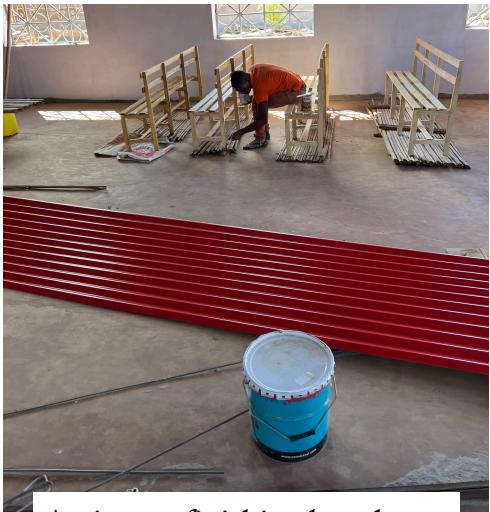
Preaching class



Preparing to install the gate



Waxing the floor



An intern finishing benches



People who came for first church workday

We are careful taking pictures since foreigners don't have the best reputation in our town. Until a solid relationship has been built with the individuals, or until it's culturally appropriate for us to take a picture, we try to take pictures unnoticed. For that reason, sometimes we don't yet have pictures of specific people or ministries we'd love to share with you!

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