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Ministry

Planting Churches

Praise & Prayer

- Pray for hearts to seek God
- Wisdom to share the Gospel
- Courage, strength, & spiritual growth for Believers
- Wisdom in leading the church
- Grand opening Nov. 2
- Kids Club starts Oct. 11
- English Class Outreach
- Bible Study Outreach
- Blood Pressure Outreach
- Spiritual strength
- Safety/Health

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Devastating riots...

...all over Madagascar began on September 25. We had to shut down the blood pressure outreach early yesterday morning, as we heard a huge crowd of people coming down the road, and shops and sellers hurriedly closed. There was a mass exodus out of town, as people feared the looting and burning that just happened all over the nation the night before.

We went home and threw together a go bag and began securing the house, focusing on bare essentials first as we didn't know if the riot would reach us quickly or in a few hours. Everyone kept saying it was headed to the prime minister's house, which is right beside ours.

Due to most all the towns rioting, and since we live just outside of town, there wasn't much point in leaving until we knew for certain they were coming. Our guard came home from town, where he had gotten caught in a crowd which was tear gassed and three people were killed. Sept. 27 we are safe and still in our home, but staying out of town as people say there will be more riots today. The church workday has been canceled today, and church and the church meal tomorrow will still happen if it is safe to do so.

What a way to culminate the big outreach of witnessing to people and inviting them to the new church. Though our time was short that morning, at least one lady said she and her children would be at church on Sunday.

The citizens of this country are weary of electricity and water being withheld from them. What resulted from their desire to stand up for themselves quickly turned devastating as many took advantage of the situation to loot and destroy across the nation. Lives and livelihoods have been lost. Countless food markets have been destroyed. Certainly they are even more dejected now, by both their government and fellow countrymen.

Pray for people to desire now to seek more than the material life that they saw burned, looted, and killed in minutes. Pray for wisdom as we seek to share with them God, Who gives eternal life and hope that cannot be destroyed or taken away. Pray for the young people who desire to serve in ministry, that they will continue in courage and wisdom from God.

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So encouraging to see these two young men (brown shirt and orange shirt) preparing to minister as pastors, running the blood pressure outreach! This was the morning of Friday, Sept. 26, and right after we took this second picture we realized we had to leave. Please pray for these two young men, and all they were able to witness to!



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