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MADAGASCAR

Branden & Laura Bowen



Ministry

Planting Churches

Praise & Prayer

- We received 10 year visas!
- Trusses are installed!
- Funds to continue the project
- Many witnessing opportunities
- Open and searching hearts
- God's provision
- Safety and health
- Wisdom
- Spiritual/Physical Strength

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Thank you so much for praying for that! Laura's passport has no more righthand pages empty, and the Malagasy government will not put the visa on a lefthand page, so they require her to go to the capital to apply for a new passport. Once she receives her new passport, a- they will give her her visa. Please pray that will go efficiently. She will be taking Asher with her for follow up at the orthopedic doctor and to see a dentist.

Building

Four guys from our home church came for about two weeks and worked very hard, welding and helping install the trusses. The believers here have worked hard for the building to be ready for truss installation, and the time of all the believers working together for the spreading of God's Word was very encouraging. The surrounding community was excited and in awe as they saw the work that was happening. Thank you for praying and giving for that endeavor; it was a blessed impact on the ministry here.

Since our July update, God almost immediately provided the funds to get the rest of the materials needed to put the roof on the building and build the bathroom. The bathroom is about halfway done, and we are working to finish the roof on the church before the rainy season starts. We are grateful for God's continued leading and timing!

All in a day...

The main suspension of our vehicle broke during this truss project, resulting in everything being accomplished with all the various forms of national transportation. It made for an authentic experience for the four guys from America. We searched all over for a temporary fix, but even the Malagasy mechanics agreed the only thing to do was wait for a replacement part. The parts came in yesterday; we installed them today and now we can use our car again. Next is to get the doors working...currently two doors (one is the driver's door) are stuck shut due to broken mechanisms.

All the usual ministries continue to go well. We are grateful for the encouraging fellowship of your prayer and support; please enjoy the many pictures on the following three pages!



Attaching metal plates to top of walls to receive trusses.

Welding the trusses



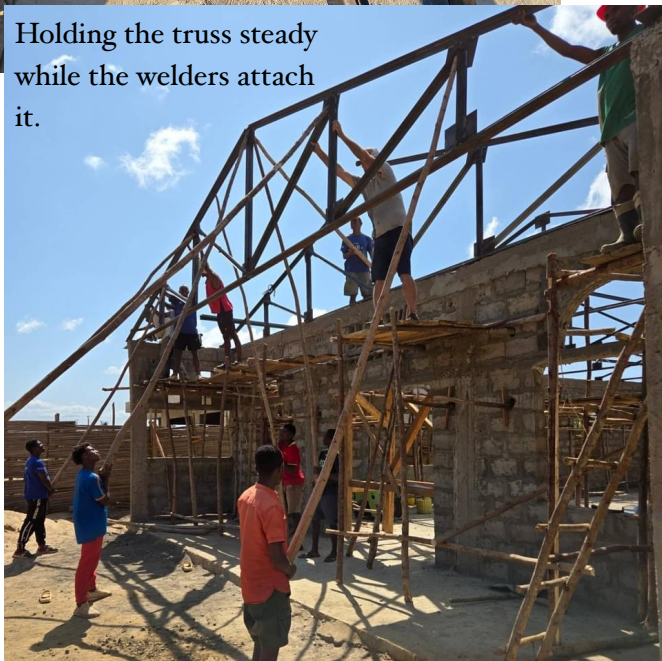
One truss ready to install!



Holding the truss steady while the welders attach it.



About 20 guys lifted each 1,000 pound truss into place. 7 trusses total



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