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ASSEMBLIES OF GOD MISSIONARIES TO Madagascar



Photo of a small village in the bush of Tulear region, moments before Jay would begin to preach as he was planting a new church. The next week a new Pastor began living there.

TRAVELING IN MADAGASCAR

Life has gotten very busy for us as we get more involved in the work of God in Madagascar. The Assemblies of God of Madagascar is working to develop a national system of ministry much like in America, with different departments for each group represented in the church.

This is a goal to touch every part of society with the gospel of Jesus Christ. As a result, I now serve on a variety of nationwide leadership teams including Church Planting and Evangelism, Men’s Department, and Social Works Committee(orphanage & medical clinic). As a part of these different ministries, the leaders, both Malagasian and missionaries are traveling to each region of the country to train, encourage and equip local leaders to minister more effectively. This is also giving me a great opportunity to learn about the different parts of the country and its people groups. Over the next few newsletters I will try to share with you what I have learned.



Typical coastal child from the region of Tulear. Behind him is an example of village houses. A one room shack for a complete family.

TULEAR REGION

In the most southern part of the country is a region known as Tulear. It is the poorest part of the country. It is also the driest part of the country. Most of this region is desert and barren. Almost every year they face the reality of drought. The people struggle to grow crops and survive from day to day. But it is also an area of contrast. If you live on the coast during the rainy season, flooding is a problem. During a recent visit to a coastal city that had seen flooding a month before, the water was still standing in the streets. Disease from such waters is a very real threat. You could see on the walls of one of our churches the damage when waters rose as high as four feet around and even inside the church. But one thing is consistent. And that is the hungry faces and bloated stomachs of children who never receive enough to eat.



Flooded area near an Assembly of God church. Water born diseases are a real and present danger for the people

SPIRITUAL RIVERS IN THE DESERT

In the midst of a barren land, God is moving! While in this southern region, Jay was able to participate in the planting of a new church, as well as preach in evangelistic services with four other churches, seeing hundreds saved! Everywhere there was a spiritual hunger that was met with an outpouring of God’s spirit. We have Pastor’s who are working hard to build church’s that will touch and transform this barren land into a spiritual oasis of God presence and power!

HOW CAN YOU PRAY FOR TULEAR?

Pray that God will send more laborers to this region that is still filled with tribal worship. It is difficult to ask someone to live in a barren desert when he might have to survive by eating boiled cactus. But when God calls someone to go, He also empowers them for the work! In sending them, we know God will also provide for their every need.

WHEN WILL WE RETURN TO THE U.S.A.?

We have had some people ask this question recently. The answer is January thru December of 2007. While that seems a long way away, it will come quickly. PASTOR OR MISSIONS DIRECTOR, if you would like us to come to your church during the 2007 calendar year, please e-mail us with possible dates. We are starting to schedule now.

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