



“THE ROSTORFER REPORT”

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MALAGASY ADVENTURES

When I was in France, I learned to speak French and made new friends. People say that I have a perfect French accent. Being in Madagascar was so much different yet I like it a lot. I made lots of friends from different countries. I like to eat rice because it is better than the rice in America. It is good! I have had lots of adventures like trying different kinds of food, like eating crocodile. I got to swim in the ocean, see lemurs, pet chameleons, and ride in the pousse-pousse (a cart pulled by people). One of the Malagasy Pastors adopted me as his Malagasy daughter because he said, “I look just like his youngest daughter.” I miss Madagascar a lot. I can’t wait to have more adventures when I get back to Madagascar.

- Joel C. Rostorfer

PRE-SCHOOL PRIORITIES

When I was in France, I celebrated my 3rd birthday with all my friends in the school nursery. Later we played piñata at the park. It was lots of fun. In Madagascar, my daddy made my sister and I a big swing set with a BIG slide. 2 people can slide down side by side together. I like to swim in a swimming pool close to our house. I went horse back riding there too. The teacher said I am the best horse rider. I have 3 friends, their names are: Malayka, she is Malagasy, Evan, he is Indian, and Maxime, he is French. I like to go to the orphanage and see Vivianne. She is learning English. I like to go to the Malagasy churches and see them sing and dance. I miss Madagascar very much.

- Candace J. Rostorfer

Special Edition!

In this edition of the Rostorfer Report, Carey and the girls have taken over the writing of the newsletter to share with you about their experiences over the last three years overseas. We hope you enjoy this look into what God did through the Rostorfer Ladies.

A TEENAGER'S THOUGHTS

My favorite thing to do is shopping, but not the kind you are thinking of. The kind when you barter for what you want at the open air market; that is what I like to do. When Missions teams come to Madagascar, I like to help my dad and the team shop at the artisan market. I will translate and barter for the people that come on the team. I like when we can help my dad with the evangel-

ism, but my favorite part of ministry is being with my friends helping out in the orphanage or going to the youth group reaching the kids of Madagascar.

I learned while being in Madagascar that no matter where we come from, we have to reach all the people of the world, and that there are many ways to do it.

- Jordan C. Rostorfer



Merry Christmas From The Rostorfer Family!
(Back row, from left to right: Jael, Jordan, Constance)
(Front Row: Carey, Candace, Jay)

A MOTHER'S REFLECTIONS

As a mother of 4 children, many people ask me what it was like traveling with 4 children. I am blessed to have them alongside us with my wonderful husband who has a wonderful gift to navigate and bring us through whatever situation that we would undertake. It is such an honor to be a partaker in God's service with them. Let me tell you of the few things we did as a family that brought us through many adventures and strengthened us. Our first unknown adventure: was going to Switzerland where we knew no one, didn't speak the language, and had no place to stay, yet His HAND provided it all. Second adventure: was going to France with no visas, getting denied for the 4th time and yet, got to learn the basics of French language so we can communicate with the Malagasy, His EYES saw us through. The third adventure: we had many ministry opportunities, established and built great relationships with our national churches, made friends with the Malagasy people, as well as businessmen and their wives from different countries, His EARS heard our prayers. How blessed we were to leave our hearts with the Malagasy and to continue the partnership with them to further God's kingdom in the future.

As I looked back at the past 3 years of our missionary work, it is amazing to see how faithful God had been to us. As we seek Him first, then all other things will be added to us. I have seen His hand provide for our every need, His eyes have seen us through all difficulties, His ears heard our prayers, and His heart has healed many broken lives for eternity. How awesome it is to serve Him and to be a part of the final harvest for many souls in these last days. As we celebrate and remember the gift that was given to us, Jesus, let us be His body extended to those who so desperately need Him this Christmas season and throughout the year.

Mom (Carey J.) Rostorfer

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LEMUR ON MY SHOULDER

While we were in France, we got to do lots of sight seeing of the country. It is very different than America. We went to a snail farm and ate snails, a goat farm and tried 6 different goat cheeses, went skiing up in the mountains, and saw lots of old castles. During our stay in Madagascar we did lots of sight seeing also. Such as: hiking up in the moun-

tains, seeing the lemurs in the wild (I had one jump on my shoulder and I was frightened), saw a huge water fall like the Niagara Falls, and my favorite was going go-carting.

I learned how to make friends. They are of different nationalities: Korean, Malagasy, American, and Mauritian. The food was very different. We do not have fast

food like McDonalds, Burger King, or Taco Bell. Our fast food is a pizza place. We went to lots of Malagasy churches and sat on hard wooden benches with no backs. The people are friendly. Everybody in the church likes to shake our hands and we would stand in line for a long time to shake their hands. I like their smiles.

- Constance J. Rostorfer