



FRIENDS of MADAGASCAR MISSION

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GETTING TO KNOW FRIENDS OF MADAGASCAR MISSION (FOMM)

Dear Friends of Global Mission,

GREETINGS FOR A JOYOUS NEW YEAR from "Friends of Madagascar Mission (FOMM)."

We are a new mission organization, founded in December 2009, to support mission work of the Malagasy (Madagascar) Lutheran Church .

While we are new, mission work in Madagascar is not new! In 1866 the Norwegian Mission Society arrived to share the Gospel with the people of Madagascar, and in 1888 Lutherans from the USA joined the mission work.

Today, the Malagasy Lutheran Church has a membership of 3 million members. This church is all about EVANGELISM in a country that consistently ranks as one of the 10 poorest nations in the world.

During this Epiphany season of the church year, we are reminded of the Wise Men who came to be enlightened. They found Jesus and went back home to tell others about Him. As we enter the season of Epiphany, our mandate is to tell others about Jesus, the light of the world.

We are sending you this newsletter to inform you about how we support this Gospel mandate in Madagascar. We invite you to become prayer and financial partners with us in support of the mission in Madagascar. To learn more about the projects we support see the enclosed brochure and/or look at our web site. The web site address is listed at the end of this newsletter.

WE ARE UNIQUE

"Friends of Madagascar Mission (FOMM)" is on the FRONT LINES OF MISSION.

This means:

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- 1) 100% of your gift goes towards the mission project you choose to support. Nothing is taken out of your gift to pay for our administrative costs. This is our guarantee!
- 2) We do not ship anything to Madagascar. Freight costs are very expensive. The funds raised by us are transferred to the church and they purchase the products in Madagascar. This also helps the local economy in Madagascar.
- 3) We do not own any property and we do not have a paid staff.
- 4) We transfer your gift quickly to the mission project site in Madagascar. There is great financial need in Madagascar for support of mission projects. We work to shorten the distance between the time a donor's gift is received and the gift is transferred to the mission project.

These are our commitments to you!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. SPECIAL MISSION TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY:

"Friends of Madagascar Mission (FOMM)" is organizing a mission trip to Madagascar within the next year. The trip will include a Thrivent Build Project (through Habitat International), that will also include an opportunity to visit and learn about the work of the Malagasy Lutheran Church (FLM).

If you are interested in being included in a preliminary list of interested persons, please email or call us. (See contact information below)

2. MISSION SPEAKERS:

If your congregation is looking for a mission emphasis speaker, please contact us.

3. E MAIL ADDRESS

If you would prefer to receive this newsletter via email, please send FOMM your email address.

In Christ's Mission Together!

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