

Greetings,

We have been back in the US on furlough for 7 months as of March first. In that time, we have traveled about 30,000 miles with only minor repairs needing to be made to the van. Our children have all gotten to spend some time with grandparents, and we have had opportunity to visit supporting churches as well as some new ones.

Praise the Lord, five new churches have added us for support. We are praying for additional churches to partner with us. We really need at least 10 more churches to join with us. We went to the field under supported, and are trying to raise some of the remainder of our support. So far, we have had about 40 meetings, and have about 40 more to do before we return in November.

When we return to Madagascar, we will be moving to the island of Ile St. Marie. This location is where we will begin our church planting efforts, and we are excited to start this pioneer work. We found a house there prior to returning to the U.S. on furlough that has a very low monthly rent, but there are a number of renovations that will need to be made to this house in order for us to live in it. The initial projection for getting the renovations done is around \$15,000. This will include adding second floor walls and a concrete roof (the current palm frond roof is caved in and concrete will be better for the cyclones that are common to the area), replacing doors, and windows. This house has been abandoned for years and needs major work, but will suit us well once repaired and will be our base for the rest of our ministry in Madagascar.

The next project will be power and water. Power is not reliable on the island, and there are no public utilities where we will be living. So, we will be installing a hybrid system of solar, wind, and gas generator system. We already have the gas generator, but the solar and wind system will run around \$10,000.

We will also need a vehicle. They are very expensive in Madagascar since it is an island and all vehicles have been shipped in with high importation taxes. The van to suite our family will be in the neighborhood of \$13,000 for a used vehicle that is around 10 years old.

We have been saving towards these set up costs and currently have a little more than 1/3 of the amount saved. We have just bought our return tickets for a great price, and were able to put the savings from that toward the house and set up project as well. Praise God! Please pray with us about these needs, and if the Lord leads you to help us in this area please let me know.

Thank you for your faithfulness.

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