

Hostetler Family to Madagascar



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Greetings,

I would like to begin by expressing my gratitude to all who pray for us regularly and for all who support us financially. This year we partnered with another missionary, Ben Anglea, to start a Bible study out of his church. Several men from Bro. Ben's church and I have been evangelizing a new area called Ambohitrimanjaka. There are no Baptist churches in the area, and there are no gospel preaching churches that we are aware of either.

We had a meeting on September 3rd with the mayor of the Commune and were able to secure his permission for our Bible study to start. The first meeting was on September 18th with 7 visitors. It is exciting to see Malagasy people reaching Malagasy people for Christ. This is an important first step in helping national congregations develop a vision for self-propagation of churches.

Five weeks into the Saturday Bible study, things are going well. Each week our attendance is low with about 2 to 3 each week, but this is a good start. Every other Friday we are going out and handing out invitation tracts to areas that we covered over the past 8 months. I have printed maps of the areas that we have canvassed and mark the areas as they are finished. This process helps them to develop a systematic plan for reaching an area rather than a haphazard approach. Please continue to pray for the men who are preaching for the Bible study. Also, pray that lives will be changed, and souls saved as we continue to reach this new area for Christ.

In Christ,

Paul, Laura, Andrea, Javan, Evelyn, Ingrid, Jowan, and Joram Hostetler