



THE RAKOTOVAO MESSAGE

Fall 2024

2 Chron. 7:14

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Dear Family and Friends,

We want to let you know the work that has been done these past few months in Madagascar. It has been our continuing goal to live for Christ and to encourage and lift up those serving with us in the ministry. We are fueled by your prayers and support of us throughout.

Our family is doing really well!

During the time the teens were here, Phoebe played a lot with her friend, Brendah. Her and Brendah are like sisters; they're so close. Both of their favorite parts of Boot Camp were during the rally. I would dress her up each evening in a different dress and she would parade herself up to the Big House to show off and to play. She liked to jump up and down to the music, then we'd go home and I'd read her a Bible story before bed. She just started school again at the Daystar International School.



Phoebe and Brendah



Phoebe and Merianah

She has already started eating some mashed up food like rice, oranges, bananas, and something that's like cream of wheat. She's also starting to lean toward the person she wants to hold her and

screaming from the top of her lungs. She is adorable and growing so fast! This month she'll be six months old!



Jessica and Marianah

I, Jessica, taught Spiritual Life for three months at the Bible school. I really loved teaching the students. Also, I was able to teach in Malagasy and English. Since more than half of the students have been applying themselves to learn English, it is getting easier for me to articulate what I really mean and also my Malagasy vocabulary keeps improving. In my class I went over God's commands, the necessity of His commands; how we're justified by faith through the propitiation of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross; how we live by the Holy Spirit; how to avoid falling into idolatry; how we are the priests and ambassadors of Christ; how our relationship with Christ needs to be intimate; how to stand firmly and strongly by taking on the armor of God; how it costs us to be Christ's disciples; and lastly the signs of a cold and dying spirit and how to avoid or escape from the 'miry clay' of sin. All of the students grew a lot and learned a lot and I'm very proud of their growth and their seriousness of the study.

God has been teaching us first that we need to observe; it's important to learn from other people and to be patient with ourselves in the learning process. We feel that God has been putting us through lots of tests to build our perseverance. God knows our hearts and He will find us faithful to Him and His Truth. We've been trying to be humble in



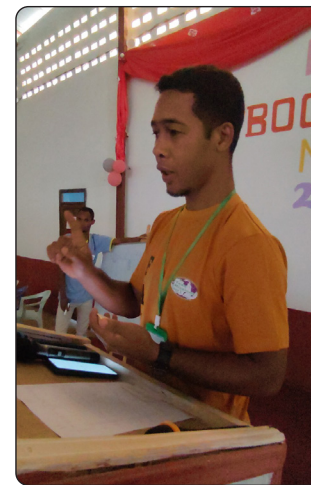
Going to Pick Up the Teams

everything. God has also been teaching us to be more quiet and not to talk as much. Because "Those who guard their mouths and their tongues keep themselves from calamity." Proverbs 21:23, We don't need to justify ourselves with words, but just need to prove our faithfulness by our work.

We've prepared and finished the Madagascar Boot Camp. It went really well! The team members are trained at Boot Camp on how to have a deeper relationship with Jesus, how to work and how to share the Gospel. Fifa and I helped to teach and translate the Bible classes. We had over 200 leaders and team members that accepted Jesus as their Savior at the Boot Camp and then they went to



Baptism of Bible School Students



Fifa the Quiz Master



Fifa teaching a Bible Class

seven different places around Madagascar to preach the Gospel and to help some churches—1,067 people accepted Jesus as their Savior through the hard work of teens. This Boot Camp had a lot of prayer go into it and we give all the glory to God for the fruits of His Kingdom!

Lord willing, we will be coming to the U.S. sometime in December, please email us at jessicasjourney.1g1m@gmail.com if you want to spend some time with us while we're there. We are very excited, and are thankful that Fifa's visa was approved.



Taking Our Family to the Beach

Thank you very much for your love, prayers, and support! We are continually humbled and uplifted. God is using you very big in our lives and in doing so has touched thousands of lives here in Madagascar! God bless you abundantly for your faithfulness and love!

In Christ,

The Rakotovo Family
Fifa, Jessica, Phoebe & Marianah
2 Chronicles 7:14

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Share Jesus in Bolivia, Colombia, Germany, Madagascar, Rwanda, Thailand, Romania, Mexico, Hungary, Peru, South Africa, Cambodia, Australia, or Uganda.



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Ministry Update

Zambia Hunger Crisis: A Call for Action

What can **YOU** do for the cost of one fast-food meal?

Zambia is facing a devastating famine. The government has declared a national disaster and emergency as a severe drought has ravaged the land, leaving thousands without crops and facing the threat of starvation. Even before the drought, **48% of Zambians** were already struggling with hunger. Now, children are especially at risk, suffering from malnutrition and disease. At Teen Missions, we are deeply committed to helping these vulnerable children. Through our **19 Rescue Units** in Zambia, we are currently providing care for **6,359 registered orphans**. Sadly, some children have grown too weak to walk to school or even reach our Units. Our 200+ dedicated staff are working tirelessly to meet these urgent needs, but **we cannot do it alone. We need your help.**

As our Zambia Country Coordinator, Oscar Chama, has shared: **"We can feed a child for a day with just \$1.00."**

Imagine what your support can do. By donating the equivalent of a typical fast-food meal in the U.S.—**\$13.00**—you can provide for children and adults in desperate need. That's 13 lives fed, 13 lives touched, and 13 futures made brighter. Your donation goes beyond filling empty stomachs; it offers hope, strength, and the chance for them to grow and thrive.

Our goal is clear: **to raise \$100,000 by December 1, 2024.** Every dollar of your generosity will go directly to the **Zambia Hunger Crisis Fund**, helping us provide essential nutrition to those who need it most. Together, we can make a life-changing impact. Every meal counts, and every dollar matters.



Bring hope to Zambia's children and adults. Scan the QR code or visit the Zambia Hunger Crisis page to give now.

**Please donate today.
Together, we can help
Zambia overcome this crisis.**



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The **2024 US Lord's Boot Camp** trained 200+ team members and leaders to **GO** share Jesus around the world! **HE IS WORTHY!** This is an awesome testimony from a team member: "It has been so great to **get closer to God** at Boot Camp. The tough training is **fulfilling the goal to help us grow.** We have **struggled** on the Obstacle Course as a team and have been disqualified for various reasons, but **we keep growing** and celebrate that today we didn't DQ. I am grateful for what **God is working in all of us** and it is sweet to see in the **worship time** at Rally and in **our team time at night as we pray for one another's growth** and struggles."
-Mayah E.



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