



THE

RAKOTOVAO MESSAGE

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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.

Hello from Madagascar!

We want to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity as we were in the U.S. Our stay was full of visiting, playing at the library and park, resting, and reviving! We continue to praise God for all that transpired during our stay! Firstly, we traveled from Mahajanga, Madagascar to Boise, Idaho where we were greeted by loving family! Overall it was 34 hours of travel to get home, but it was very much worth it! Traveling with the kids went pretty smoothly; we're so thankful for kids who don't get sick very easily!



we visited lots of family and friends and were able to get a lot of paperwork done for me (Jessica) and the girls, as well as attend a marriage conference. We were also able to clear our minds, refresh our souls and reset our vision for the future while there.

While in the U.S.

we traveled to Idaho, Oregon, Colorado, Florida, North Carolina and back down to Florida to prepare for our departure for Madagascar. While

we were there we

We went back the same way, but added an additional 14 hours of traveling by car to Mahajanga from Antananarivo, so 48 hours altogether coming back to TMI Madagascar! We were greeted by a beautiful sunset once we reached Mahajanga! Thank you all for your continued prayers for us while we were traveling!

While being back here in Madagascar we have settled back into our roles here at the base. Fifa is helping the coordinator with everything and I am correcting reports. Phoebe passed her exams and has one more before the end of the school year! This month she turns four years old! She has a fiery spirit and is very passionate about unicorns and rainbows! She also loves princess dresses, spaghetti, pizza and popsicles! Marianah is already a year old and is now walking and dancing, climbing and talking so much! It surprises us how much she can do although she is still so small. She can even eat with a spoon already!



The base is getting ready to accommodate the U.S. team, as well as prepare for the upcoming Boot Camp in July. We praise God, there are many couples seeking to get married here! It is so encouraging to see the students we once taught to now be the teachers and begin new families!



God is certainly at work here and we see it in the work of everyone here!

In this season God has been teaching me, Jessica, about anger. I'm learning to control myself and give up my control of situations to God so that the Holy Spirit can direct me in them. To be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry is harder than it looks! Phoebe certainly knows how to push those buttons! Despite that, however, it comes down to changing myself to be the mom she deserves and in doing so, God is purifying my heart!

God has been teaching me, Fifa, to do what God wants me to do in



love without fearing what other people will say or do. Before, I cared too much about pleasing people, but now I am focusing more on doing the right thing according to what the Holy Spirit is directing me to do. Also, God has been revealing to me more ways to be generous. You know, this life isn't only about building up our own lives, but also building up those around us. I'm also trying to love my wife even more



everyday.  
Thank you for your love and prayers! God is doing so much through you and us for His Kingdom to come and His glory forever and ever!

In Christ,  
The Rakotovaos  
2 Chronicles 7:14

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Worldwide God is working through this generation.

Pray with us:

- For the Boot Camps happening this spring and summer
- For ready hearts to hear the Gospel from our teams
- For safety and unity for the leaders and team members

- Mexico
- Philippines (2)
- Southeast Asia (4)
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- Madagascar (2)
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Teen Missions: A Legacy of Faith and Action

“I will remember the works of the Lord. Yes, I will remember the amazing things you did long ago!” Psalm 77:11

On May 7, 1970, Teen Missions was born—not from a boardroom or a business plan, but from a burning desire in the hearts of men and women who believed God could use young people to change the world. Leading the charge was Robert M. Bland, a man whose years in ministry had opened his eyes to a powerful truth: **God doesn’t wait for someone to grow up before He calls them. And neither should we.**

Bob met countless teenagers who were eager to serve the Lord, only to be told to wait. One young girl’s words stayed with him: **“But I want to do something for the Lord now—not five years from now,”** she told him. Her plea echoed the heart of a generation longing to act, to serve, and to go. Bob knew teens had the passion, the energy, and the boldness to follow wherever God would lead.



From that conviction, a bold and unprecedented vision took shape: **“Training tomorrow’s missionary today.”** The first Teen Missions team stepped out in faith and traveled to Mexico in 1971. It was the beginning of something extraordinary.

Fifty-five years later, the numbers tell the story—**48,000+** teenagers, **120+** countries, and **1,900+** teams have left their mark across the globe. Fifty-five years later, our mission remains the same: **“To inspire and equip a new generation to boldly proclaim salvation in Christ alone.”** (1 Peter 2:9)

And that’s the story of Teen Missions—a story still being written by teenagers with willing hearts and a God who still does the impossible. **When young hearts say “yes” to God, they can impact the world for Jesus!**

Happy Birthday, Teen Missions International!

Be part of the legacy and share your photos and memories! Send them to: [graphics@teenmissions.net](mailto:graphics@teenmissions.net)

Together for Global Impact : Will you partner with us today?

Teen Missions International has **equipped and inspired youth** to live out their faith and serve others for decades. Our overseas ministries, established **because of their faithfulness to ‘GO’** are growing like never before! National staff are trained, equipped, and eager to begin new ministries. The only thing standing in their way is funding. We invite you to join our **Global Impact Partnership** to fuel this movement! Together, we aim to raise **\$1 million** in 2025 to sustain and expand vital ministries worldwide:

- Boot Camps** – Training youth for missions (\*3,362 team members)
- Bible Schools** – Equipping future leaders (\*627 students)
- Sunday Schools** – Discipling children in need (\*81,690 children attended)
- Rescue Units** – Supporting children in crisis (\*7,397 orphans receiving care)
- Matron Units** - Providing safety & discipleship for young women (\*729 girls)



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