

**"Then I heard the voice of the Lord,
saying, 'Who will I send, and who will
go for us?'"**



**"My family and I will
serve the Lord."
Joshua 24:15**

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MADAGASCAR

- The 4th largest island in the world
- Located in Southeast Africa
- Around 80% of its flora and fauna are endemic
- A multicultural island



God placed us here in this little corner of the world. He has called us to serve Him as missionaries right here in **Madagascar**!



The Steps in Our Journey So Far

In 2014, our local church in Antsirabe, Madagascar sent us to the Timoty Mahatsara Mission Center, located in the eastern part of the island. The Center's goal is to support and develop churches in the rural areas for the glory of God by training pastors and evangelists.



What were our responsibilities at the Timoty Mahatsara Mission Center?

1. Collaborate with local churches to spread the Gospel



Villagers gather to hear our team share the Gospel.



Youth club in churches



Children's club in the neighborhoods

2. Hospitality ministry to those who visit the Center



Lodging and meal preparation



3. Train, support and guide visitors to the Center



And also...

4. Teaching the missionaries' children



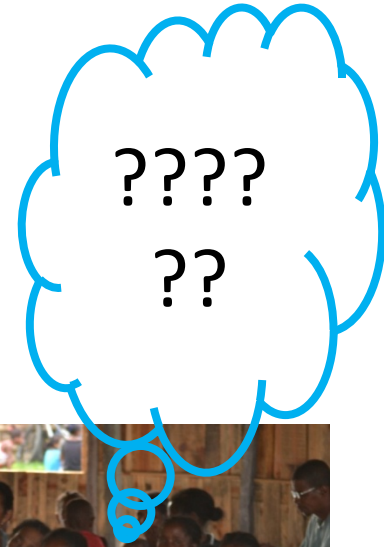
5. Community projects, like water pump installations (shown here →)



What happens next?

God has spoken to our hearts through His unique calling on our lives, as well as experiences He's given us on the mission field. He's given us a passion for:

- Adults – *full of questions and thirsty to know God.*
- Youth – *desperate for a mentor in their walk with Christ.*
- Children – *longing to be friends of Jesus.*



So we
have
decided
to:



Prepare ourselves, through the deep study of God's Word, to be effective and faithful instruments for God's plan and work.

“Lord, let me know your ways, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth, and teach me.” Psalm 25:4-5a

Since September 2016 . . .

We have studied at the Baptist Seminary (located in the center of the island). The seminary provides a 4-year training: 3 years of classroom study and 1 year of practicum. We are currently in the final year of practicum!



“We are where we need to be, learning what we need to learn. Hold on—because the things we experience today will get us where God needs us tomorrow.” Ron Ash

And tomorrow . . .

As God wills, we plan to:

- Serve as evangelical missionaries in the rural areas of Madagascar where God leads us, especially those areas that are most inaccessible.
- Come alongside churches to help them grow & multiply.
- Specialize in COUNSELING:
 - to listen to, encourage, and strengthen those in the mission field.
 - help the rural peoples to draw near to Jesus and to learn to walk with Him in everyday life.

But where exactly...?



Figure 1. La zone du lac Alaotra — Map of lake Alaotra region.

Source : rapport final projet BV-Lac, juin 2013, Ambatondrazaka.

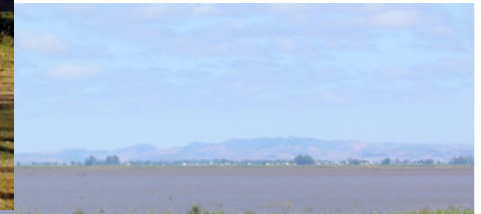
- After a long time of prayer and getting some training, God has shown us the exact place where we are going on to serve Him.
- In the Alaotra-Mangoro region, more precisely in the Ambatondrazaka district. (Sihanaka tribe)

**"... I replied: here I am, send me."
Isaiah 6:8**

An overview of what our next mission field will be



The Sihanaka (swamp people): ancestors from Betsimisaraka (to the east) and Merina (to the center)



A tribe where traditional religion (habits and customs) predominates





First granary of Madagascar: the people live on rice culture and fishing



Previously accessible by train, the region is currently very difficult to access: on the national, urban and rural roads.

How would we do it?

- We are independent missionaries (attached with no organization) convinced to serve the Lord full time.
- Although, we are independent missionaries, we will work in collaboration with the Baptist Church of Ambatondrazaka, with whom we share the same vision of missions: spreading the gospel in the region.
- We will live in the town for the children's school but will work most of our time in the bush.



So, what will we need there?

❑ Your prayers and encouragement:

- Do pray for this new field of mission where God will send us. So that God will open people's heart for Jesus.
- Do pray for this great change of our life: the move which will be planned at the end of the lockdown for everyone's adjustments
- Do pray so that we will be good instruments in God's hands, having the heart of missions, courage, and energy to spread the gospel to the unreached people



What else...?



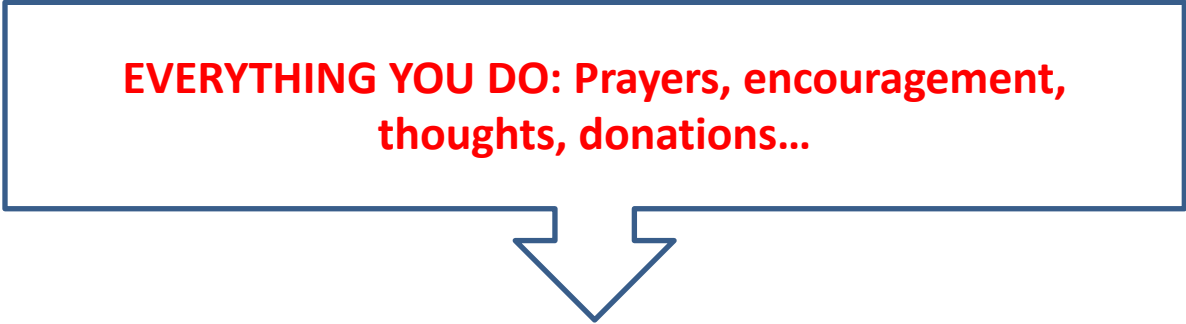
□ Your support:

- As independent missionaries, **we progress step by step** with God's help.

- Therefore, we have a great need **of materials and funding for this mission**

- If **God puts the desire to participate to this mission on your heart**, do not hesitate to contact us so that we can give you more details of what we need.

**EVERYTHING YOU DO: Prayers, encouragement,
thoughts, donations...**

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**FOR GOD'S
GLORY**

**“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the
Lord, not for human masters” Colossians 3:23**

Thank you for joining in
God's call for the
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