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FIRST THOUGHTS...

What a privilege it is for me to write on behalf of Carel, Annetjie, Hanitra, Jonoro, Camin and myself. I look forward to sharing some of the great things that God has been doing among the nations in Madagascar as well as in all our lives.

These first few months of 2023 have been both challenging and exciting for all of us. Carel and Annetjie are adjusting to their new roles in God's mission. Although they are no longer at the forefront of ministry activities, they play a critical role as mentors, support raisers and prayer mobilisers/partners for the work in Madagascar. For Hanitra and Jonoro it was dealing with the challenges of moving to Tana from Toliara and their onboarding as partners to African Inland Mission (being seconded by their denomination) as missions mobilisers and trainers. Besides this, Jonoro still had to undertake his responsibilities as a leader within his local church and the Biblical Baptist denomination at large. For Camin and myself it has been trying to cope with the logistics of moving to Madagascar, ensuring all our travel documents are in order, onboarding ministry partners and wrapping up my responsibilities with Discipling Nations (my seconding organisation) before joining African Based Orientation and the Inbound Team in July and August respectively.

Having said that, God has proven Himself to be more than trustworthy in hearing our prayers and providing us with the courage and insight to handle all of these problems while also embracing the opportunity they have provided us.

We trust that you, all our faithful partners in ministry, would find joy in reading what wonderful work God has enabled through your sacrificial commitment to this ministry.

Much grace and peace in Christ Jesus

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THE JONORO'S MINISTRY REPORT

The Jonoro family and the ministry activities in which they are participating have had a flurry of activity in the first half of 2023.

The family's relocation from Toliara to Tana was one of the most significant developments for them. It is intended that moving to the capital will allow Pastor Jonoro and Hanitra to keep closer contact with their children, and that Tana will serve as a base for the formation of their mobilisation and training ministry, in collaboration with African Inland Mission (AIM). There are several theological institutes in Tana that train denominational workers to work among reached people groups, but there are very few that equip Christian workers for the task of cross-cultural evangelisation among unreached communities.

Pastor Jonoro has also been active with a range of other ministry activities across Madagascar. A few of these highlights are:

1. Much work has taken place in Abovombe and Amboasary in the deep-south. Pastor Jonoro, along with graduates from the Toliara missions training programmes are engaged in pioneering church planting work among the Androy people there.
2. In partnership with the International Missions Board (IMB), Pastor Jonoro was involved in a seed distribution project in Betioky, among the Mahafaly people. The persistent drought has brought much hardship to the southern regions of Madagascar and this initiative was much needed to assist local subsistence farmers. In addition, Pastor Jonoro was also able to attend an IMB missions conference in Johannesburg in February.
3. Efforts to support and encourage Gospel initiatives among the Antemoro people in the south-eastern region of Madagascar (Vohipeno) continues. Pastor Jonoro along with trainee leaders visited the area to bolster church-planting efforts already underway there.
4. Before leaving for Tana, Pastor Jonoro initiated a building project to provide a new home for the church and seminary in Andakoro, Toliara. Along with a new building, new leadership was also set in place as the church there moves into a new era.

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SEED IN BETIOKY



JONORO AND TRAINEE
LEADERS AMONG THE
ANTEMORO



CHURCH PROJECT IN
ANDAKORO

PRAYER POINTS

Pray for Gospel movement among the people groups of the Antemoro and the Antefasy in South-East Madagascar and the Androy in the deep-south, as well as the provision and protection of indigenous workers in these areas.

Pray that the Jonoro family would be able to settle in well in Tana, and for the Lord to provide a vehicle so that they would be able to establish their household and ministry for God's glory among the nations.

Pray that the church in Andakoro would transition successfully with the new leadership in place and that the building project would be a success.

THE DAVIDS' MINISTRY REPORT

After months of seeming uncertainty regarding our ability to travel with Riley, confirming our flight itinerary, finding tenants to rent our home, confirming visa requirements, etc. Things are coming together at last. So often, we set our agendas without realising that God has set His time, and all we need to do is continue to believe and obey because His timing is flawless. Our preparations for ministry in Mahajanga have undoubtedly brought us closer to God, each other, and those whom God has invited to walk alongside us on this journey. This is a true blessing.

As I write, I give praise to the LORD for finalising details regarding Riley's travel documents, helping us to secure a tenant for our home and making headway with our flight itinerary and visa applications. It is easy to lose sight of the fact that sound administration is an integral part of any sustainable ministry. What an encouragement to know that each form completed is another step closer to reaching the Karana of Madagascar with the Gospel of Christ. As things are becoming "more real", excitement is really building for Riley and Camin. Riley has already chosen his flight seats and is looking forward to joining his new classmates at Daystar International School in Mahajanga. Camin is packed and really grateful for the fact that she is able to take all the luggage she was hoping to take along. Who would think an extra 23kg would make such a difference in one's life?

I am happy to share some of our personal and ministry highlights over the last few months:

1. What a joy it was to share time with the ministry team and kids at 4thel ministry in Sir Lowry's Pass. Saying farewell was a particularly special time for Camin, after serving with 4thel for many years. Riley had a chance to say goodbye to some of his friends and I was able to share God's vision for the nations.
2. Hosting our Madagascar missions breakfast was definitely a highlight. What a privilege to give thanks for Annetjie and Carel's years of service to the work in Madagascar and sharing the vision for the ministry that God has called us to.
3. Being able to successfully complete my handover of ministry responsibilities with Disciplining Nations has also been a great blessing to me. I trust that enough was done to secure the continuation of missions mobilisation and Muslim evangelism training efforts both in Northern Zambia and Cape Town through the continued roll-out of the With God on Mission training programme.

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SHARING GOD'S
MISSION FOR THE
KARANA WITH THE
CHILDREN AT 4THE1



A JOYFUL FAREWELL
FOR CAMIN AFTER
YEARS OF SERVING
THE KIDS AT 4THE1



PRAYER POINTS

Pray for the nation of Madagascar as it prepares for national elections in November this year. Pray that peace would prevail and that the needs of the poor and vulnerable people would be served through this process.

Pray for God to prepare "people of peace" both within the Karana community and local churches to partner with the Inbound Team who will be serving in Mahajanga as of August this year.

Pray for continued favour, as we continue to complete administrative processes for our time in Madagascar. Pray that Riley would adjust culturally and academically. Pray for safe travels to both Kenya and Madagascar.