

### Come Visit Us....Online!!

**Website:** Our updated website, [www.peoplereaching.org](http://www.peoplereaching.org) was launched last fall. If you haven't yet toured the revised site, stop by to check out the photo gallery (growing each week!), our frequently updated prayer "praises and requests" section, details on ministry projects and loads of links and downloads. New links this month include our Downline Ministry video, a Christianity Today feature highlighting comments from Todd on recent developments in Madagascar and SAMS-USA, our newest partnership agency (see new contribution address and info on back panel). The site also contains copies of our print newsletters, a link to our Vacation with A Purpose website and many details of work underway in Madagascar.

**Save a tree!** You can sign up to receive your newsletter electronically and periodic email updates through the "Contact Us" section. This allows us to communicate urgent prayer requests most effectively!

**Facebook Users:** For those on Facebook, join our cause. Check out the link on [www.peoplereaching.org](http://www.peoplereaching.org). Look at all those who join you in praying for Todd, Patsy and Madagascar. We welcome your visits — both online and in person via short term mission trips!



**MCGREGORS PARTNER WITH  
SAMS-USA**

We are excited to announce our partnership with SAMS-USA. Beginning March 1, 2009, donations to support the McGregor ministry should be sent to SAMS-USA. Please see back panel for new contribution information. If you have any questions concerning your gifts for the ministry and this transition, please feel free to call SAMS at (724) 266 0669 or board member, Laura Verinder at (804) 394-3828. SAMS can also simplify your giving by the use of providing credit card donations for the McGregors:

[www.sams-usa.org](http://www.sams-usa.org). Electronic Fund Transfers (EFTs) are also available.



### FAMILY NEWS & UPDATES!

Corbi continues to enjoy playing on the Dickinson College tennis team. She is making plans to study abroad at the University of Queensland, Australia from July to November.

Charese has successfully completed her first semester at Ursinus and continues to enjoy her involvement with Intervaristy Fellowship.



We (Todd & Patsy) have dedicated three churches in November (Mahabo, left). They have all survived cyclones, political unrest and looting; although two priests' homes have lost their roofs or walls as a result of cyclones. Please visit the web site for Todd's interview with Christianity Today regarding the recent political unrest in Madagascar.

### PLEASE NOTE NEW CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION BELOW:

**FOR SUPPORT OF THIS MINISTRY  
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
SAMS-USA  
MEMO: MCGREGOR MINISTRY OR  
MCGREGOR SPECIAL PROJECTS  
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SPRING 2009

# PEOPLE REACHING PEOPLE

A MINISTRY OF BISHOP TODD AND REV. PATSY MCGREGOR



*Sakaraba dedication with Boca Raton Christian School team (above) and dedication of Morondava Church (right).*



### PRP MISSION

The Mission of People Reaching People (PRP) is: "To transform lives and make disciples of Jesus Christ by serving the poorest of the poor in Eastern Africa through economic, education and evangelistic developments."

These three "E's":  
Economic development, Education and Evangelism are the pillars of PRP's mission.

Our core values remain:  
Glorifying God (Rev: 7:11b-12)  
Transformation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17)  
Living the Great Commission (Matt. 28: 18-21)  
Serving with Christian Integrity (Eph. 4:1, 5:1)

[www.peoplereaching.org](http://www.peoplereaching.org)

## PRAISE & PRAYER



- PRAISE for a new church, Todd, Patsy and Bishop Jaona at new church location (above).

• A second piece of land in Betaola was purchased for agricultural purposes (pictured, part of Economic development projects). Women develop the land for income. The seeds are planted and the harvest is in May!



• PRAYER for completed title for the Cathedral complex and funding for Bishop's house.

- Please pray for the Mission Team from The Chapel of Saint Andrew, Boca Raton, FL, (July 1-July 15) as they assemble to be strong and find a common vision and goal. They have been using the African style Bible Study to study 1 Corinthians 12: 1-51 to help prepare their hearts.



• Pray & Praise for the seven new student evangelists (pictured left) who began training in January.

• Smooth transition for McGregors to SAMS mission sending agency.

- Approval of grants to begin a saving and loan project in southern Madagascar and to begin an economic and social development office in Toliara.
- Pray for continued support of the ministry.
- Pray for short-term teams arriving Spring and Summer.

## EDUCATIONAL UPDATE

~By Andrea Bonarandi



NICK HARPER WITH MALAGASY CHILDREN

The mission trip to Madagascar was the best trip I have ever taken in my life. It was definitely an impacting experience that has changed

the way I view people in the world around us. I went with a group of three other students and a teacher from Boca Raton Christian School. The trip was led by a senior, Amy Barnhill, for her community service project. Amy has been to Kenya before, so she was very excited to go back to be a part of African ministries, even though it wasn't the same country.

Patsy and Todd McGregor, the missionaries who stayed with us throughout the trip were very caring people with a big heart for serving the Lord. Their willingness to give up the comforts of everyday life to obey the Lord is most admirable. It was through their churches that we met many of the Malagasy people, the best part of the trip. They were such a joy to be with, and their beautiful faces and radiant smiles were a source of encouragement. I was moved by some of the people's desire to seek Christ and grow in their relationship with Him. Their songs of worship and fervent prayers were expressing their devotion and love for Him.

Madagascar missions was an eye opening experience and a reminder of reality in most parts of the world. We have been blessed with more than we could ever imagine. We always keep those in Madagascar in prayer. Jesus Christ is truly working even in this part of the world. Let the people all over the earth join in song and sing His praises together.



The McGregors and the PRP Board would like to thank Episcopal Church head office for their partnership in the ministry since 1999.

## EVANGELISM UPDATE

~ By Bishop Todd McGregor

The 30/10 evangelism project is underway and truly represents our team of people reaching people. Through generous individual and church donations, we are well towards our goal of building 30 new churches. Just this past year, four new churches have been built and are active. The opening and dedications of each one of these churches has been so overwhelming. Each church was packed with Anglicans, new converts, ecumenical guests, local politicians and other prominent people in the community. There has been significant growth in the south. The first church built in Toliara has grown from 30 people to approximately 100 on Sundays. Our Christmas service had over 150 people. Two other churches have matured and are averaging between 70-80 members weekly.

We are planning to build at least three more churches this year: Anketrika (in Toliara), Mahatsiobe (in Morondava), and Tolonarao (Ft. Dauphin). If things go well, we will also start to build the cathedral in Toliara. Please pray for all these new church plants and God's word to be sown among the Malagasy.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE ~ By Syd Verinder

PRP Board member, Syd Verinder, is leaving for a four-week trip to Madagascar to lay the foundations for a future training mission on microfinance, financial literacy and Christian business principles. The purpose of the trip is to establish productive relationships with the committees of the Anglican Diocese of Antananarivo, the local government and businesses of the port city of Toliara, and with the Malagasy people. Syd will work with Todd and Patsy to assess financial services needs of the community, discuss steps necessary to implement microfinance programs and finalize requirements for a women-managed agricultural cooperative. The land for the cooperative will be purchased using the generous funding provided by St. John's Episcopal (McLean, VA) as part of the world mission outreach of their Millennium Development Goals.