

- Warm Jesus Christ greetings to you all, from Dries and Valerie, this comes all the way from the west coast of Madagascar.
- Dear friends, can you believe it is nearly 27 years ago since we left R/Bay moving to Madagascar. As we ponder and look at pictures and old newsletters, we realize more and more how Great and awesome is our God. No matter how we try to put on paper and even now with this presentation what the Lord is doing in our lives and through us to touch and reach out to the lost and saints in Madagascar. But we are trying to give you a good picture so that you can rejoice with us. All the glory and honor to our Lord and God, Jesus Christ our perfect example, how to live and share His love towards the people in Madagascar. Some of you were part of our preparation time.
- Our boat ministry is a very special part of our lives, and if we look back who and what we reached over the years, so many wonderful testimonies and miracles over the years. Many seed do fall on fertile ground and produce a crop, 30,40, 60 and a 100-fold, AMEN and AMEN. When we started with our 24' boat we took with us, not so many people each time, but we reached many villages though slower and not so many co-workers with us then. We do praise the Lord for our catamaran that arrived just over 5 years ago, now we travel further and faster with 10 including myself, though sometimes in the estuaries we had 26 at a time for a day, WOW, God is so good.
- We do believe that the pictures will do what we can't put on paper, enjoy and may the Lord bless you, as you watch and read.

Madagascar news

Land of Lemurs.



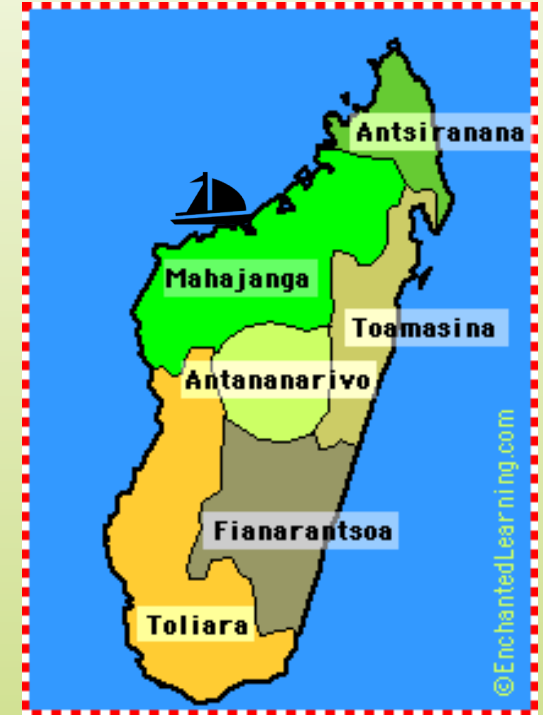
Baobab trees.



Rice.



And don't forget: The famous
Madagascar animals.



Our home, office and
printshop is in the city of
Mahajanga on the north-
west coast.

The Island of Madagascar is about 400km from the East coast of Africa.

Size 1,600 x 440 km, It is the 4th largest island in the world.

Population + - 24,500,000. 18 Ethnic groups living in 6 provinces.

MINISTRY

We make use of film Equipment to share the Gospel message, we use different films they are powerful tools.



➤ SCHOOL MINISTRY

We use booklets from OneHope Ministries, WMP and All Nations Gospel Publishers (SA) material.

We do use large HOM charts, smaller charts and booklets from All Nations Gospel Publishers to evangelize. We now have another type on canvas done in Antananarivo, simple to share the true Gospel message.

Sharing the Good News and His love home-home in villages on the coast.



We buy our literacy programs from the Bible Society, and training as well, a blessing.



Literacy school in a small village in a large estuary north from us.



Training leaders and the saints



Pictures below are school outreaches not on the coast using OneHope Ministry books. Also many different tracts from our stock.



The school above in a village was in a very bad state, red mud walls, only one blackboard for 2 classes, not to mention the bunks. We helped them as we had funds and the teachers and children were so happy.

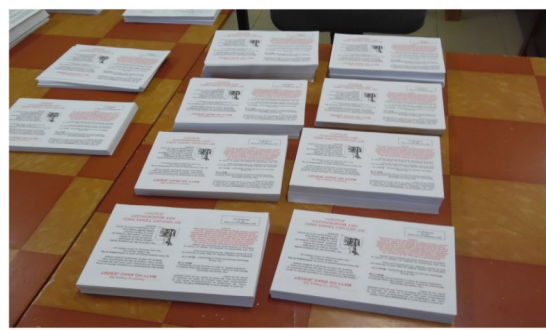


Tracts and Printing

We make use of WMP tracts, All Nations Gospel Publishers in Pretoria, and also, buy from local ministry and then we also print some tracts in our print shop.

Offloading a 40' container from WMP

Printing 2 color tracts in our print shop/office. Teaching booklets, prayer teachings booklets are printed at our print shop.



One of our storerooms with WMP tracts, children's material and general material

Teachings booklets by Derek Prince. 9 powerful teachings. All now on Mp3, what a blessing in the villages and Radio Broadcasting

Printing books



Pictures below a village on a river's edge, it took us 7 hours to get to them from the estuary . This is the river we motored up to them.

BOAT MINISTRY



It took us 3 hours from the mouth on the main coast to this town, battling against the strong tide as our motors are small.



This was the first teaching in this village using audio and books, I was on my own as the other co worker was at the village president and others working on the boat. Praise the Lord that we have a large cell group in that village today.

From a village in the north in an estuary.



A cell group, also north from us, I baptized 9 that day when we were ready to leave, God is awesome.

He sat so close to the boat and looking at us, awesome is God's creation.



Team of volunteers going home-home in a village.



Teaching children basics, like taking care of their teeth.



This man with me on the picture above was the first person we met in a village, this was on our first village visit by boat, only myself and Valerie, like just over 26 years ago. He now lives in this village where we have a church and his brother is the lay pastor. I baptized him in this village and not in the village we met him, it took many years before he really changed.

One time that's about 3 years ago myself and Valerie took a school blackboard by boat to a village where we helped the school to fix up the grass and leaf building. Some of the youth from this village on the picture above arrived with a small sailing canoe for a church service as it was Sunday and most from their village arrived, and we were sort of in a hurry as the tide were going out and we could not get stuck in the sand as we had to leave to go back to Mahajanga. Both engines we running as we know they will have to help pushing the boat of the sand. A young women asked me to get of the boat to come and pray for her, I hesitated as we will have to move further before we get stuck till the evening. I finely got down in the water from the front of the boat as the nose was sort of facing the beach. I asked her what I must pray for, she said she wants to have a baby but trying for a long time, so I prayed for her that the Lord will open her, and she will conceive. As soon as I finished praying, she asked me to baptized her, I was surprised that she wasn't baptized, as many times when we go to there village, we baptize many. She prayed and asked Jesus in her heart and life, she was so excited, including me. The women got pregnant later. Praise the Lord for that.

The moment she was finished, a young man said to me, you know pastor, you baptized my wife and never me, I asked if your father (the lay preacher) didn't baptize you, no he said, so, he prayed invite Jesus in his heart and life. His wife was so happy with him, in a sense I was disappointed to hear that, the pastors, son not done by him. They are now a blessed asset for Jesus and us, preaching, WOW, she is anointed to lead people singing praise and worship songs. As soon as I finished him, I said, help us to push the boat they know that many times they had to push the boat when stuck in the sand in their village so that we can go home. Another young man, said please pastor, I want Jesus and baptize me, I sort of recognize him, but thought he is another person from their village, yes, he prayed and invite Jesus and I baptized him. I then prayed for all and all of us push the boat and I got on the boat and use the 2 engines to help get us off the sand bank..

We left with so much joy in our hearts and I motored around the island and show Valerie the village on the other side of the estuary where we stayed 26 years ago and met the man on the picture with me. Then we sail back to Mahajanga. Some time later we got feedback from the lay pastor that his son and the others had a complete change and growing in the Lord.

The son of the old man with me on the picture (23 years old) is now a fulltime worker at our house, boat and any ministry we do, you can't believe how he changed since I baptized him till he arrived at our house and asked us to teach him about Jesus and the Bible. You know, when he was born in our city myself and Valerie took him and his wife to their village with our boat, I carried him to his father, yes, carried his mother as well to the shore.

What would we have missed in God's plan if I didn't get down from the boat in the water.

We do believe that you enjoyed the presentation as you look and see how awesome is our Lord and God,
AMEN and AMEN.

We want to share our appreciation for your love for the lost in Madagascar, and your love for me and Valerie.

We thank you for your prayers for us and our ministry.

We thank you for supporting us financial, you have many crowns in Heaven we do believe, and we do pray that the Lord will continue to bless you all in all you do for His Kingdom and multiply back to you a hundred-fold.

With much Jesus' love. Dries and Valerie