



Camp Ministry

Jesus said in Matthew 19:14, *“Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”* We are often reminded here in Madagascar that the future of this country and our church are those little children Jesus talked about. Because children and youth should not be overlooked, we dedicate the month of August to investing into the future of our church by focusing on children and youth.

Kids Camp

At the beginning of August, we held our second annual kids camp. We distributed over 1,000 invitations in the three communities surrounding our church and were thrilled by the response. Each day, we had around 200 children in attendance from these different communities. There were games, Scripture memory, fun songs, and

most importantly the teaching and preaching of the Word of God. While we rejoice in the number of children who attended kids camp, we were especially blessed by the hard work and participation from the members of our church. Nothing brings greater joy than seeing teenagers and adults who accepted Christ within the last few years pour their lives into reaching others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. More than fifteen teenagers faithfully came each day to help with skits, songs, teaching the Word of God, and "crowd control." Many adults sacrificed their time and vacation as well to help run and organize the kids camp. It was wonderful to see God use our church to reach more people for Christ.

Our greatest joy from kids camp this year came through one lady who accepted Christ as her Savior. We prayed earnestly to see lasting fruit from our efforts and God answered our prayer. The Sunday following kids camp, we invited parents to attend the award ceremony. Many parents were in attendance and I (Dan) had the privilege of preaching the Gospel. At the end of the service, one mother responded and accepted Christ as her Savior. Since then, she has faithfully attended our services.



Teen Camp

At the end of the month of August, we held our sixth annual teen camp. Four different churches participated and we had 85 people in attendance. Once again, we saw God do an exceptional work in the hearts of both teenagers and leaders. More than 20 young people accepted Jesus as their Savior or made assurance of their salvation. This was more than we have ever seen in our youth camps. Overall, God gave a great spirit throughout the week and many of the youth made great decisions for Christ.

We are always encouraged to see the zeal and excitement in our teenagers as they return from camp. Many return with a renewed desire to serve the Lord and reach their families for Christ (many are from broken homes with no Christian influence). This year, of their own initiative, our youth set up a time to meet each Wednesday afternoon to help encourage one another to continue in the things they have learned. We pray that this will help keep the fire burning in their hearts as they seek to serve the Lord and live for Him.

Furlough

At the end of this month, we will be returning to the United States for our second furlough. As we conclude this term, we rejoice in the work God has done. He used the pandemic of 2020 to start a church in a place where people were searching for Him. In just over three years, God established a church in Ambohitrarahaba where many have been saved, baptized and taught the Word of God.

While we are sad to say goodbye to our church family here in Madagascar, we look forward to seeing family and friends we have not seen in more than four years. Our schedule is quickly filling up for the five months we will be in the states. Although this will be a rather short furlough, we hope to see as many supporting churches and friends as we possibly can. Whether we are able to see you or not in the next few months, please know that we appreciate the many sacrifices you make for us and for the investment you are making in Madagascar.

The Browns to Madagascar

*"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;
Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."*

Matthew 9:37-38

Praise

- ◆ *For the great turnout for kids camp.*
- ◆ *For the mother who accepted Christ as her Savior.*
- ◆ *For the teenagers who made great decisions for Christ.*

Prayer

- ◆ *For our upcoming furlough and return to the United States.*
- ◆ *For strength and growth for our church in light of our absence.*

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