Bobby & Joanna Burdett Missionaries to Madagascar



Vaccine Cam-pain!



Village outreach



Giving testimony



Church booth at the hospital

Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the íslands. Isaíah 42:12

"My thought are not your thoughts, neither are my ways your ways" Isaiah 55:8

This month has seemed to have been one of writing down plans then throwing those out the window as things change faster than we can adjust. But that has not been entirely a bad thing. Several weeks ago the local health department asked Joanna and me to assist in a regional vaccination drive. At first the thought of driving a group of doctors through the bush, waiting for hours on end and never knowing exactly when or what I was going to eat was not an appealing idea to me, however we agreed. Joanna worked with a group of ladies here in town vaccinating the higher risk patients against various diseases that are known threats in our area. I, being one who owns a 4X4, was placed on the "Advanced team", a fancy way of saying "the ones who get to go to the middle of nowhere." Though not excited at first at my assignment, through the course of two days I was able to make many contacts and build friendships with local doctors and medical personnel. Because of the contacts in the villages we have been able to start some local outreach Bible studies in the villages surrounding Maintirano.

Two weeks ago, as I was stuck in the capitol handling paperwork and finishing a supply run, Joanna drove a ministry team made up of believers from our church to hold Bible studies in two of these villages. At the first one they were met with a reserved reception from the people. After talking with several people the question they posed was, "can the devil save us?" Apparently since our last visit someone became sick. With the influence of witchcraft in the village we were blamed for the sickness stating that we had "offended the ancestors with our Bible teaching" and therefore people were getting sick. The people were literally afraid to listen to what we had to say. Please continue to pray for the people of Belailay.

In the second village the reception was much different, these people have been very faithful to pray, yet have no true relationship with God. Though most of the people could not come because of a village meeting, one lady in particular was very attentive to Lalaina's teaching as he explain how Christ was the complete sacrifice for our sins. She had grown up Lutheran and was believing in her good works to get her to heaven. A look of surprise and joy came across her face once she realized His work of redemption was finished and was now only to be received by faith. Clarisse prayed that day to receive Christ as Savoir! Though I personally could not be there to witness her conversion, hearing the news made all the hours of driving doctors around worth the sweat and inconvenience. I have to humbly smile when I think of how many times my "brilliant" ministry plans fall flat, only to see God reap a harvest of souls from something else I previously deemed a "waste of time." Well that's all I have space for on this prayer letter, but much more has been going on. To catch up on more of the action here you can follow up on our blog at www.flight4212.org Thanks so much for your prayers and support!

Trusting always in Him, Bobby and Joanna Burdett



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