

OTHER NEWS...

Our co-worker, Charity Jertrberg's cancer treatments have been delayed. After having received over half of her scheduled chemo treatments, a bacterial infection has delayed further treatments. *Please pray that this infection will clear up soon and for wisdom in decisions for further treatments. Pray for God to continue to guide, provide and give healing in His mercy.*

Mr. "3-Pockets"

Since we've been back an older man has been attending church. Recently we found out he is a witch doctor. He told a church member that he is coming to church to pray because his evil spirits have ruined his life. We do not know his real name, but he goes by Mr. 3-Pockets. We know God can change his soul from darkness to light. *Please pray that he will understand God's truth and trust Christ!*

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

Dear friends and family,

The settling in phase is over and we are now able to get back into a routine of discipleship studies, marriage counseling and leadership training. We are so grateful for the three men who stepped up to fill in teaching and preaching during February and part of March. They are still partnering with Bobby to lead the service times and studying with him to teach Evangelism and foundational doctrines to our church.

This summer we have the opportunity to host a student for a missionary apprentice type program. While we are familiar with this process and Bobby has been through it as a student, we have never been hosts. *Pray that we can be good mentors and encourage Stephen on his way to the mission field. Pray also for Stephen, as he faces the language barrier and cultural differences, to learn what God has for him here in Madagascar.*

Some of you know that our visas come under a non-profit organization we've set up to give humanitarian aid in times of natural catastrophe. We have to renew this every two years. With the renewal we must give proof of expenses and activities accomplished. Because of furloughs and medical leaves, this two-year period does not have much to be reported. *Please pray for wisdom and good networking that we may be able to do some sizable projects by the end of this year.* We want to be true to our word and be a good testimony before the government and local leaders.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood." "We are in a battle for the souls of men and women." These are phrases we use often, but are realizing more and more how true they are. We can know the war is raging, but when we can hear the gunfire or feel the ground trembling beneath our feet from the tanks coming, we **know**. God has placed in us a sense of urgency to present the Gospel as we have been touched by the deaths of several people in our community. They were a baby, a young adult and a grandfather. Death is not a respecter of persons. We are asking God to use His Word in power to transform the lives of those around us from death to life. **We are specifically praying for the salvation of these people: Mima, Vonjy, Faith's mom, Jim's dad, Mandy, Jossia, Luke and Guy and Mr. 3-Pockets (see side bar).** *Also, please pray that our spirits would be protected from the outside and pure from the inside to be used of God in this place!*

Trusting Always in Him,
Bobby and Joanna Burdett

