

# Madagascar 2018

*So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed. Acts 28:9*




**L to R: Brent & Carol Hoiosen, Dee Peterson, Earlene Whittaker, Bob Jordan, Von Kays, Brother Christopher, Pastor Theodorick**

***At the Maison Centrale D'Ankazobe Prison***

Prisoners For Christ short-term foreign missions trips have as their principle goal to train and equip local leaders and volunteers in best practices of jail and prison ministry. We do this through:

1. Conducting Basic Volunteer Conferences
2. Conducting Advance Volunteer Conferences
3. Conducting Leadership Conferences
4. Auditing past results and setting goals for the future
5. Conducting prison-wide crusades demonstrating our model
6. Providing resources (literature, capital, technology)

Week 1							
# of Days	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Weekday	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
Date	10/10	10/11	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16
Morning		Travel	Business and Planning Meeting	Antanimora Prison Men	Church Service	Basic Conference	Advanced Conference
Afternoon	Dep Seattle 1:20pm	Travel	Ankazobe Prison Men	Arivonimamo Prison Men; Women	Antanimora Prison Women	Basic Conference	Leadership Conference
Evening	Travel	Arrive Mad 10:45pm	Travel	Travel	Cultural Event	Rest	Rest
Week 2							
# of Days	8	9	10				
Weekday	Wed	Thu	Fri				
Date	10/17	10/18	10/19				
Morning	Tsiafahy Prison Max - Men	Meet Officials	Travel				
Afternoon	Antanimora Prison Juvenile	Cultural Event	Travel				
Evening	Audit	Depart Mad 1am					

We flew into the capital city of Antananarivo and stationed there the entire trip, traveling daily to locations near and far to the prisons of this region. Madagascar is the 4th largest island in the world, about the size of Texas, with a population of almost 30 million, again like Texas. We are at an elevation of 4200 feet (eight-tenths of a mile). Over 80% of the flora and fauna in Madagascar is only found in Madagascar and nowhere else in the world!







PRISON SERVICES								
Institution	Attendance	Salvations	Healing Prayer	Church Leaders	Soccer Balls	Full Bibles	Pain Meds*	Soap Bars
Ankazobe -Men	150	25	50	3	1	15	1	200
Antanimora - Men	800	300	100	6	1	15	1	972
Arivonimamo - Men	300	100	80	1	1	15	1	300
Arivonimamo - Women	90	30	33	3	1	15	1	400
Antanimora - Women	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
Tsiafahy - Men	25	10	15	4	1	15	1	1100
Antanimora - Juvenile	100	11	5	1	1	15	1	200
<b>7 Services</b>	<b>1485</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3232</b>

\* Bottles of Ibuprophen, 500 tablets per bottle.

CONFERENCES	
Type	Attendance
Basic Volunteer	75
Advanced Volunteer	18
Leadership	18



## The Team



Bob Jordan, Team Leader, Brent Hoiosen, Assistant Team Leader; Carol Hoiosen



Dee Peterson, Finances, Leader-In-Training; Von Kays, Prison Service Director; Earlene Whittaker



MJ, Interpreter; Brother Christopher; Pastor Theodorick Rajaonary, National Leader; Mrs. Rajaonary, Interpreter



Victory, Interpreter; Abel-1, Interpreter; Abel-2, Interpreter

## Conference Subjects and Presenters

### Basic Volunteer Conference

1. Emcee, Intro, Open About PFC ..... Bob
2. Why Do Prison Ministry..... Dee
3. How to Start and Grow a Prison Ministry ..... Von
4. 4 Divisions of PFC ..... Brent
5. Working with Staff at the Prison..... Von
6. What is a Volunteer ..... Carol
7. Code of Conduct ..... Bob
8. The Importance of the PFC Network..... Earlene
9. Recall & Reward..... Team

### Advanced Volunteer Conference

1. Welcome ..... Brent
2. Biblical Examples of Good Leaders ..... Von
3. Biblical Example of Bad Leaders..... Brent
4. Biblical Leadership Principles ..... Dee
5. The 5 Levels of Leadership ..... Bob
6. Everything Rises and Falls on Leadership..... Bob

### Leadership Seminar

1. Welcome ..... Dee
2. Working with local Churches  
to Recruit Volunteers..... Dee
3. Mentoring Christian Prisoners..... Carol
4. Dealing with Prisoner Families ..... Brent
5. Dealing with Prisoner Behavior ..... Carol
6. Evangelism & Discipleship ..... Von

**Days 1 and 2:** Travel from SeaTac to Paris (10 hours, 2.5 hour layover) then Paris to Antananarivo (10 hours). No delays, no lost luggage, no re-routes, no long layovers... a real treat! The team traveled well, catching some sleep whenever possible. Madagascar is 10 hours ahead of Seattle (when it's 5pm in Seattle it's 3am in Madagascar). We met our hosts at the airport and traveled 30 minutes to the hotel, but not before enduring a 1-hour delay as we had to have our bags x-rayed while *exiting* the airport! That's a first! We exchanged money in the airport, noting that 1 US dollar is equivalent to 3,400 Malagasy Ariary's. We cashed in \$3,000 US Dollars and received back a bundle the size of a brick of Ariary's, with each denomination 10,000 Ariary's. Wow!



SeaTac Shuttle



Layover in Paris



MJ, Christopher, Theodorick

**Day 3:** Met early for breakfast at the hotel then embarked on the four-and-one-half hour drive to Ankazobe, the location of our first prison way out in the outskirts up northwest. Pretty remote but pretty terraced scenery along much of the way. The inmates had a choir that sang and we all agree that the choir in heaven will be composed of Africans, these great people can really sing! We have six prisons on the schedule and there are six of us Americans, so we're all rotating through the many roles. Our team has veterans and those new to Prisoners For Christ, but you'd think we were all veterans the way things went.





Bob was emcee, Earlene shared her testimony, Von shared the short message, Brent brought the main message. Carol presented gifts to inmates (always soap that we passed out individually, and Bibles for inmate church leaders), and Dee presented gifts to the Officer-In-Charge (OC).

The Holy Ghost was present to minister! The prayers of the saints back home and around the world were making a great impact. The inmates gathered around afterward and through an interpreter said how much they were grateful that we came. This was a first really and we were all moved. We met a Lutheran minister and his wife and volunteers and they participated in the service. Godly couple who love the Lord and the prisoner. A joy to be with them!



**Lots of Saddle Time**



**Acres and Acres of Terraces**



**Prison Entrance**



**Pastor Liva and Wife**



**Dee with OC**



**Team at Prison**



**Team prayer for inmates**



**Handing out soap!**



**Day 4:** The planned double-header became a triple-header! After another early wonderful breakfast we departed for the nearby Antanimora prison, about 15 minutes southeast of our hotel. This is the largest prison in the region, with over 3,000 inmates. We were in one section that housed 800 inmates. We had different interpreters on this day, and it was a minor struggle only because they were nervous! Yesterday we had two younger men, both named Abel (we called them Abel-1 and Abel-2), who did superior translating. But everyone adapted and we did fine and the Lord shined through!



For this service Earlene was the emcee, Von shared his testimony, Brent brought the short sermon, Dee brought the long sermon, Bob did the gifts to inmates, and Carol did the gifts to the OC.

There was tremendous response to the message and once again we were reminded that despite our hiccups the Holy Spirit was at work and the men received the message. The prayers of the saints again making the difference.

We then left for lunch, and had a bit of a mix-up. One of the small menu selections was a 5-piece samosa that could be either beef, chicken, or cheese. We decided to mix them up, so we meant to order a 5-piece samosa dish for each person, with 2 of them beef, 2 chicken, and 1 cheese. Here is where things really got lost in the translation, as it were. The waiter thought each person wanted two 5-piece samosa dishes of beef, two 5-piece samosa dishes of chicken, and one 5-piece dish of cheese. He kept bringing more and more plates of samosas until we



finally saw what was going on and stopped him! After eating all we could, we boxed up 6 boxes of samosas to give to the volunteers who were with us!

We then departed for our second prison of the day, an over 2-hour drive west to the region of Avironimamo. We did a men's service and everyone packed so close to the outdoor chapel we didn't have room to do anything but stand.

Brent was the emcee, Carol shared her testimony, Dee brought the short sermon, Bob brought the long sermon, Von did the gifts to inmates, and Earlene did the gifts to the OC.

We had yet another strong response to the invitation, one man openly weeping on his knees as Carol and Brent prayed with him. Again, though translation was rough, the gospel message still was received to the glory of God!

As we were leaving the service we were spontaneously asked to visit the women's side of the prison. We were greeted by about 15 women, some of whom had babies. Pastor Theodorick asked Bob to bring a message. Bob, while holding one of the babies, shared about the women who ministered to Jesus, who didn't abandon him at the crucifixion, were the first to witness the resurrection, and through whom the savior came into the world. Jesus was nurtured as a baby by his mother. When on the cross, Jesus told John to care for Mary, his mother. Women have a special place in the heart of God, and children too.



**Bob sharing the gospel while holding a baby as Pastor Theodorick and Brother Christopher look on**

After prayer we were shown some of the crafts they made, and our volunteers were dipping into their funds to purchase some. In the



end we bought out the store, and the women were delighted. Bob was dishing out 10,000 AR's as they kept bringing more to him. He'd say "yes!" and buy another, pretty soon they were lining up with their crafts with Bob shouting "yes!" and handing out 10,000 AR bills, to the delight of all of us! God truly blessed these women and the volunteers. It was a blessed time!



**Crafts made by women inmates**



**Soap bars**

**Day 5:** Today is Sunday and we're going church! You talk about an early service, we arrive at 6:30am for a two-hour service. This is a traditional Lutheran church service. The minister, Pastor Theodorick, is our host and he is pastor of this church. They usually start at 9am, but today they started at 6:30am to accommodate the American team and our visiting a prison later in the morning. So 141 members came (they announce the attendance) and 8 visitors (we had two translators with us) for a 6:30am service. Wow! Try changing your service time in America to 6:30am and see who shows up! Ha!

The service was excellent, more choir singing, tons of scripture reading, preaching, communion, two offerings, all was well us! We were invited to the platform so Bob could introduce the team and extend greetings from America!



**Communion Service**

**Congregation**

**Youth Choir**



**Pastor Theodoric Leading The Service** MJ, Von, Earlene, Dee, Carol, Brent, Pastor & Wife, Bob, Victory

We came back to the hotel and changed and had breakfast and everyone got on Facebook and became friends with each other. The names of our Malagasy friends in their native spelling are about 17 syllables each and there are many names per person, so having them there to guide us worked out well. Now we all have friends in Madagascar in the Facebook world!

From here we went back to the prison we visited in the morning yesterday and went to the women's quarters. Earlene was having a bit of a tummy issue so we agreed for this part of the day she'd stay back and rest and be ready for the conferences on the morrow.

For this service we wanted to showcase the ladies, so Von was emcee, Dee shared her testimony, Brent brought the short sermon, and his wife Carol brought the long sermon, and Bob presented gifts to the OC.



**Passing out candy!**

After the service an offering was taken up, with the lady inmates and the volunteers putting money in the basket. Bob helped count it and the secretary had Bob sign off on the total received. The 78,200 Ar's received are approximately \$23. Our experience in Africa is that money circulates in the prisons.



We had a smaller room with 90 ladies inside, but outside there were 250 more in this part of the complex. Though we only spoke with the ladies in the room, we distributed soap to everyone, all 341. They were grateful and formally told the team how much they appreciated us being there.



**Pastor Theodoric leading worship with Women's Choir**



**Carol ministering**



**Dee and Carol giving out soap to inmate ladies**



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**Offering ledger signed off by Bob**

At this time the day was young and so we set off on a brief cultural event. We drove to Ambohimanga, which is a foot-hill and traditional fortified royal settlement (rova), located 15 miles northeast Antananarivo (where we stay). The hill and the rova that stands on top are considered the most significant symbol of the cultural identity of the Merina people and the most important and best-preserved monument of the precolonial Merina Kingdom. The walled historic village includes residences and burial sites of several key monarchs. We saw it all. It is also the summer home of one of the queens. It's a pretty fair drive up the hill, and another brisk walk up to the fortress. We enjoyed local culture and history and our hosts added much to our understanding. Photos were not allowed inside.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ambohimanga>



**Abel-1, Victory, Dee, Carol, Brent, Pastor, Bob, Pastor's Wife Voaly, MJ, Von**



**View of valley from Rova**

We asked about his background and how he became a part of the Lutheran church and so forth. We got to discussing education and he shared that he did his 115-page master's thesis on the subject of the church and its ministry to prisoners and the holistic viewpoint of this from the scriptures. Needless to say we were quite interested in this and we read his abstract and asked if he could send to Bob the thesis. Though the main body of the work is in the Malagasy language, we or someone on his team can help us get it into English. Wow, are we looking forward to reading this! Moreover, how blessed is it to have a missionary partner who takes the viewpoint of the church ministering to inmates this seriously!



Following is the Abstract:

This thesis entitled: “Mission of the Church in Prison: A Holistic Ministry” is to encourage the Malagasy Lutheran Church (M.L.C.) member to bear witness to the Lord Jesus Christ through both word and deed, especially to the persons in prison. This is a reminder that the church is an assembly of the believers to do the mission of God who sent them to the world. Prison is part of this world who need the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Prisoners suffer from denial and experience shock, feeling intense fear and total loss of control, confuse and feeling lost. Prisoners have severe loneliness, depression and loss of hope, have suicidal thought. They need the word of God to give them hope and a new way of life with Jesus and to change them to a new person when they release. The Malagasy Government makes an effort to respect the prison rights, but has weakness to take care of them. The Church has lacked to obey Jesus order to visit prisoner.

Why it is necessary to teach and lead the congregation and the different church branches to engage in God's mission and the importance of the prison ministry. Educated pastors and volunteers in their local churches are a key point of this ministry. Creating a National Organization is an important step to coordinate all the activities. Another suggestion is establishing a financial foundation and a collect within their congregation to answer the prison need, because the PRISON MINISTRY IS A HOLISTIC MINISTRY.



We got back home at 9pm and did our usual balancing of the books. The team is doing very well. Everyone is enjoying ministry, sharing stories, bonding with our Malagasy friends, and sharing in the good work with them.

Our Basic Volunteer Conference is next up on Monday followed by the Leadership Conference on Tuesday. These are the backbone of our ministry internationally and the team is ready.



**Day 6:** Today we did the most important event of any PFC international missions trip – presenting our Basic Volunteer Conference. PFC has enjoyed these conferences for many years over scores of trips, but this one was the best we have been a part of and that’s saying a lot, because we’ve been a part of many outstanding conferences! What made this one so special was that we had 75 volunteers, and every one of them are involved in prison ministry already! They are pastors, chaplains, wives, and key volunteers. Some came as far as 350 miles to be at the conference. They took feverish notes, every one of them. They asked very good questions and we had vigorous discussion on many key points of ministry.



Dee teaching with Victory Interpreting



Video of in-Prison choirs singing song of the faith

This conference was held in the School for the Deaf. It is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, of which Pastor Theodorick is director. His father founded the work. This man Pastor Theo is amazing. He’s very modest, very soft spoken, very circumspect. Yet he preaches with fervor and conviction. He is passionate about souls,

prison ministry, and leadership. His network in the Lutheran community is what brought these people here.



**Conference delegates answering the question “Who is presently involved in prison ministry?”**

He told us he simply let them know what was going on, and they all wanted to come. We drove a mere 100 km and it took almost five hours in traffic. These people came from much farther distances to be with us. Impressive. The Lutheran brothers and sisters are organized, focused, and committed to the work of the ministry, every one of them!

We taught our subjects and had a fun Reward and Recall session where we gave out gifts to correct answers to our questions. We then had a vision-casting session where we presented the PFC vision of taking an entire country for Christ in their prisons by establishing ministry and Bible Schools. All eyes were fastened on the map as they considered all that was being presented.



**Carol and Abel-2**

**Brent and Abel-1**

**Bob and Abel-2**

We thank God for our interpreters, our attendees, our leadership in Madagascar headed by Pastor Theodorick, and for the PFC team at



home and here in Madagascar. So many donors sent us here, and they share in the rewards of an outstanding mission thus-far. We passed out many of our president Greg Von Tobel's books on the how-to's of ministry (three volumes) and his classic "Staving off Disaster" book on the neglected subject of prayer and fasting. A good day in the kingdom!



**Earlene teaching during the Basic Volunteer Service**

Tomorrow we present two leadership seminars and conduct an audit of the local ministry. The next day we visit two prisons. The next day we meet with officials and prepare to come home. God is answering prayer. We are getting the victory, God is getting the glory, and the devil is getting a mouthful of dust!



**Conference delegates taking notes during the training**





Conference delegates with American Team and Malagasy Team at Lutheran Home for the Deaf

**Day 7:** Today we presented our second day of conferences, teaching our advanced volunteer conference and our leadership conference. By design we have a much smaller group for these conferences, and we had 18 nationals present.



Bob, Von, Carol, Dee teaching with Abel-2 Interpreting





Team leader Bob said his heart was filled for many reasons, but one of the top reasons is the contributions, he said, of the American team. Any foreign trip is taxing physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Long hours in the car, hot weather, traffic jams that take what seems like forever to get through (just like back home), and then giving out virtue in prisons and conferences wears on anyone. This team is responding marvelously. Bob came onto the team late in its preparation (the original group leader had to step down due to a short-term health issue) and switched up some of the conference topics, so the team didn't have as much time to prepare as normal. He even asked Carol to take on a subject on the same day as the teaching, and she hit it out of the park!



Dee teaching with delegate

The entire team is in sync and ministering at a high level. One of our new members, Von, is an organizational genius and his steady leadership contributions are greatly appreciated. Dee is presenting in all events and is a favorite with the nationals. She's handling our finances and it's no small task and she's easily going to be one of our future International Group Leaders.

Another newest member is Earlene, who is a veteran of multiple overseas missionary trips, but this is a first with PFC. She has a gift with children and even here at the hotel her enthusiasm comes out as she entertains them to their great delight. Earlene ministers with us on the field like a PFC vet and is a pure delight!



Rounding out our team are full-time missionary evangelist's Brent and Carol Hoiosen. In ministry for over 30 years, and more than half

of that full-time, they are an anchor to the team regarding strength, commitment, experience, and Christian graciousness as they assist our team and minister in prisons and conferences with a quiet grace but also as those clearly equipped and accomplished in the great work of prison ministry.



**Brent and Carol with Abel-1, Victory, and MJ**

The local team is an overwhelming blessing and delight. Starting with Pastor Theodorick, his wife, his church team, his extended local team, and his distance team, all of us are in awe of what God is doing in this island nation. Once again they treated us like royalty at the luncheon during the two conference days, and once again they stood to bless us and tell us how much they appreciated us being here. They want us back next year to go to new regions to teach!





Bob shared that he'll go back to America and present to the Board of Directors of Prisoners For Christ our trip results and observations and recommendations. Needless to say it will be a most positive report!

Today we finished the day by doing our audit, where we solidified with the local leadership the plans for the coming months. Both Pastor Theodorick and his wife were together for the audit.



**Pastor Theodorick Rajaonary and his wife Voaly**

the kingdom of God is advancing behind bars in the great nation of Madagascar!

**Day 8:** Today was our last full day of ministry as we visited two prisons and conducted our audit of the national ministry. Tomorrow we visit the director of the ministry of justice, visit a lemur zoological site, come back and pack, rest up, and at 10pm local time depart for the airport for our 1am flight to Paris then onto Seattle.

The first prison today was south of us in the outskirts high up on a switchback hill. It is a maximum-security prison and has high walls, barbed wire, and everything you'd expect in a prison with high security. Inmates come from as far away as the coast to incarceration here, and few of the 1,000 inmates ever receive a visit. It's just too difficult to reach, even if the family and friends live right in the city it's a long climb to this remote facility.



**Entrance to maximum security prison**



**Tall walls and barbed wire not common**

When we arrived, we met three persons who were at our volunteer conference. These local Malagasy prison volunteers have a commitment and dedication level that is admirable and impressive. For this service we were behind bars and mesh, then there was a corridor three feet wide, and another bar and mesh wall that the inmates were behind. We could not touch anyone in this facility – no handshakes, no embrace, nothing. Hard to even make out their faces!

We had our full American team as well as a number of Malagasy nationals led by Pastor Theodorick. We had Pastor's wife with us and all four of our interpreters, who took turns in both of today's services translating for the Americans.



**Bob sharing his testimony; Dee is service Emcee**



For this service Dee was emcee, Bob gave his testimony, Carol did the short sermon, Von did the long sermon, Brent presented gifts to inmates and Earlene presented gifts to the OC.

We brought soap for the entire prison, and they liked seeing the soccer ball too (always a hit)! Though we only ministered to 25 men, it was a blessed time with full participation by the American team and the Malagasy team.

After ministry we went to a chain restaurant and had pizza and burgers. Really, really good!

Next we returned for the third time to the prison in the capital city of Antananarivo and this time went to the juvenile wing where once again



we met volunteers who had been at our conference. Here there were over 90 youth and we really enjoyed our last service of the campaign.

Again, with a full complement of Malagasy team members and our own American team we got the service underway.

Von, who has been assigning roles for every prison service on this trip, rounded out the assignments so that on this trip everyone had done one of the many role per service at least once.

This time Carol was emcee, the first time she has ever done this role, and she looked like she'd been doing it for 10 years! This lady is an evangelist and a very confident speaker! Her husband Brent shared his testimony, Bob did the short sermon, and for the first time ever Earlene did the long sermon. Brent also presented gifts to inmates and Von presented gifts to the OC.

A little more about Earlene. She likes to use prop and visuals in her presentations. She did this in this service, and the young men really enjoyed it! There was laughter and a high level of interest (not always easy with youth) as she presented on the theme of Forgiveness. She had to use Von for part of the message, and Von is up for an Academy Award for best actor in a dramatic role... Hahahaha!



**Juveniles coming in to the service**



**Earlene teaching forgiveness**



**Von tied up!**



**Juvenile wing courtyard with foosball table!**

We had 11 young men come forward to receive Christ as savior, followed by healing prayer for four others. They really enjoyed the soccer ball too as we tossed it around before we had to depart. This was a blessed service and capped off our goal of 100% participation by each team member in each role. Our Malagasy brother and sisters also had a high level of involvement as Pastor Theodoric led the services in opening and closing, and his wife and Victory (21 year young woman), Abel-1, and Abel-2 (our 20-year old young men interpreters both named Abel) and Pastor's wife Voaly all sharing in the interpreting duties.



Regarding prison crusades, we do them with one of the main goals to show our nationals how a Prisoners For Christ prison-wide crusade is conducted. We are structured and have many persons involved. Because so many people are involved we have an emcee who coordinates and ties everything together, we have a testimony to demonstrate to the inmates that there is a definite time when one comes to Christ. A testimony has a “before Christ” component, then an event that caused you to take Christ as savior. A time when you knew you were a sinner before God and the Spirit of God drew you to Christ and you accepted Christ. Then “after Christ,” sharing what God has done in your life since salvation. After the testimony we have a short sermon, a key scripture with application meant to bring another aspect of Christian living, biblical principles, and practicality of the Bible. Then the long sermon, the main evangelistic message intended to bring the hearer to the point of making a decision. The altar call is the close and is the most important part of the service. Everything we do is aimed at the altar call – to bring men and women and juveniles to the place of making a decision. We also have prayer for physical healing, prayer for inmate church leaders (where we present Bibles to them as well), and when the service is done we meet with the prison superintendent and present gift from Prisoners For Christ to them, their spouse, and children.



At the close of the day we returned to the hotel and conducted our audit with Pastor Theodorick and his wife. Von took the minutes and Bob and Dee led the audit. It took almost two hours as we discussed not only the audit items but also sharing the philosophy of Prisoners For Christ on the mission field, financial expectations, communications, and more. It went very well and we sent the audit results that same evening to the home office in America.

**Days 9 and 10:** Today we visited the national director of justice for prisons. What a treat! This man is a strong Christian, had a Bible on his desk, pictures of the faith on the walls, and shared with us that he and his wife teach the Bible in prisons on his day off. We had the great honor of meeting him,



**Brent presenting gifts to the national director of justice for Madagascar**

encouraging him, and praying for him. Truly a delight and we were in awe that a man with his responsibilities still has a heart to minister the gospel to those men ultimately in his charge.

We did two cultural events today – one was walking out on a land bridge to a French WW1 war dead memorial island in the middle of a large lake in the city. It also seemed to be somewhat of a “lover’s lane” because as we circled the perimeter we saw at least three young couples sitting together wishing we had never come by...

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake\\_Anosy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Anosy)



We had a team luncheon and departed for the Lemur Park, our second cultural event, and beheld the flora and fauna, as well as



three different types of lemurs. They swung from bamboo shoot to bamboo shoot and tree to tree pretty effortlessly and everyone agreed that this was a enjoyable end to our trip. We were with our Malagasy brethren and for some it was their first time to the park. Our guide shared a lot with us and made it educational as well as interesting. After about an hour and a half we left for the trip back to the hotel. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lemurs%27\\_Park](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lemurs%27_Park)



We returned to the hotel to pack and prepare for the trip home. We were met at the airport by many of the Malagasy ministry team. They have been a huge blessing from the start. We truly have bonded with these brethren and eagerly await our return visit!

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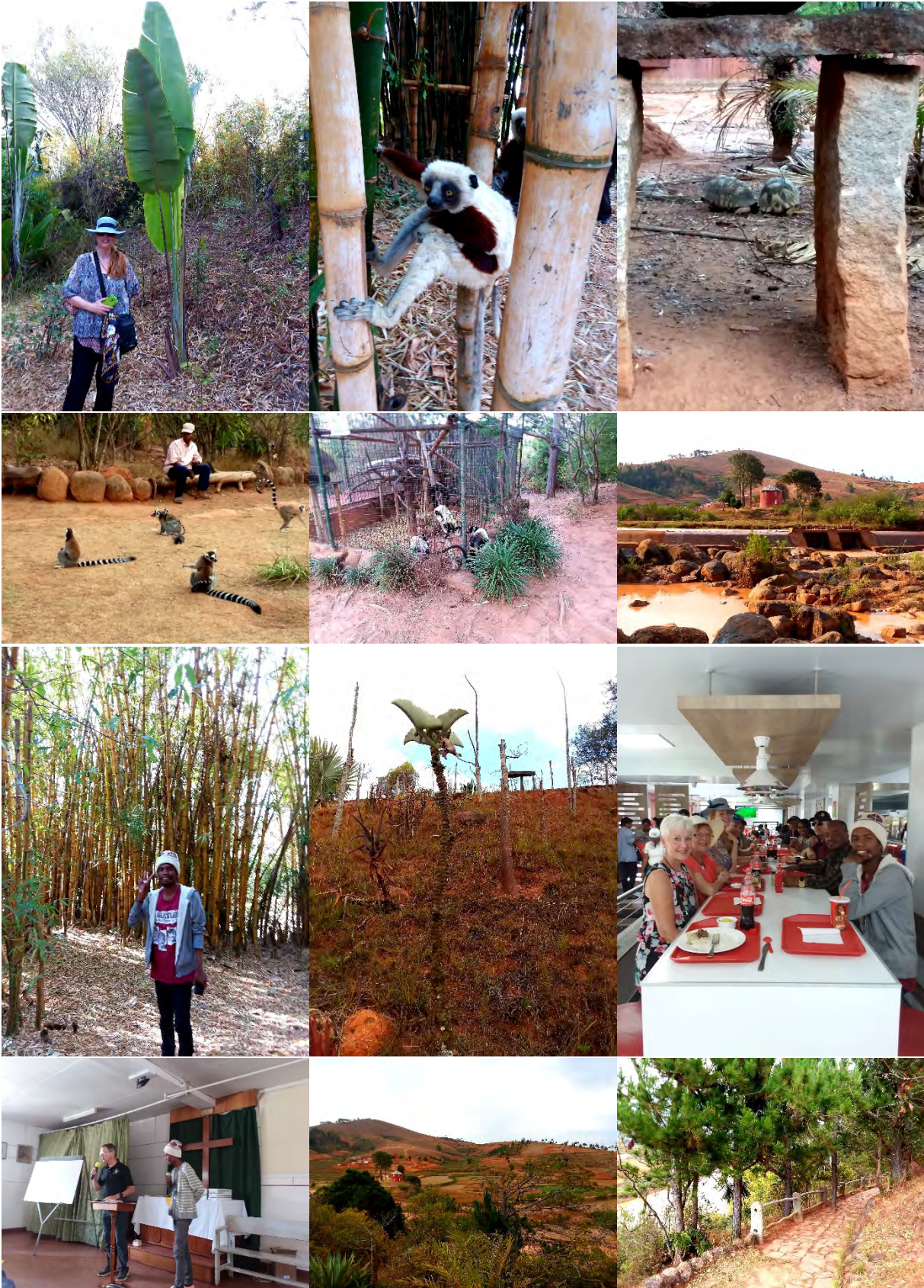
Next steps: This was a special trip mainly due to the strong vision of Pastor Theodorick, and his extensive network with pastors and leaders across the nation of Madagascar. It is their vision, and the PFC vision, to have active ministry in every prison in the nation. They are presently in 12 prisons. There are 71 to go. They, like PFC, desire Bible schools in the prisons. The Evangelical Lutheran Church network of pastors associated with Pastor Theodorick can make this vision a reality. We rejoice with our Malagasy brothers and sisters as we partner on a journey of faith and hope to establish ministry in the four corners of the great nation of Madagascar. World without end, amen!



# More Photos







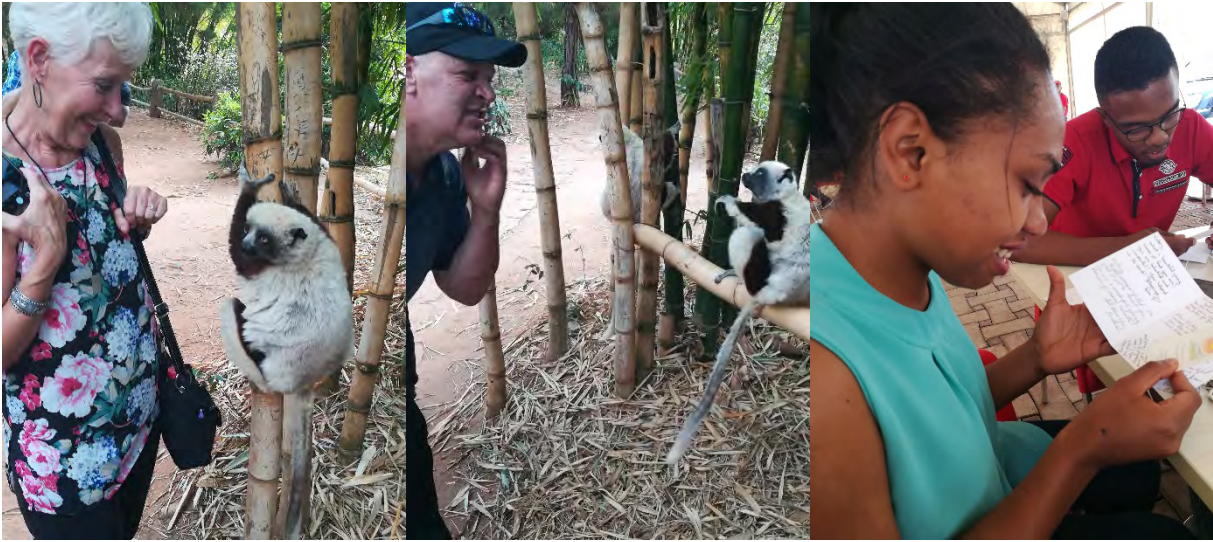


































Thank you for sharing with us in this mission!

By God's grace and the generosity of family and friends, every team member was 100% funded for this campaign. Well over 100 people in total gave into this mission. God bless you!

*Bob Jordan      Dee Peterson*

*Brent and Carol Hoiosen*

*Von Kays      Earlene Whittaker*