

THE MADAGASCAR PROJECT

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Dear Sir/Madam

We write on behalf of "*The Madagascar Project*", which aims to send a team to Madagascar in July 2008. We are from Hertford Community Church, based on the Pinehurst estate in Hertford.

At the start of 2007 a man called Faly came from Madagascar to visit our church. He heads up the YWAM base there. He came from a deprived community with no electricity, running water, or proper sanitation, amongst other things, and his story tugged on our hearts. We knew right there and then we had to do something to help him and his community. The life and joy he exuded despite his situation, stirred up in us the desire for a true "fast" (Isaiah 58:6-7), to see his people one step closer to freedom from poverty, one step closer to shelter, education and food.

With passion driving us we put together a plan to send a small team to Madagascar to help them and encourage them in whatever we could. In two months and with a team of only a few people we raised over £2100. We were not able to go in the summer of 2007 for various reasons, but we were at peace with it because we believed it was God's will and he was ultimately in control. We gave two thirds of what we'd raised to pay for their first secondary school teacher to get overseas training and to help secure a piece of land. We felt we should hold on to the remaining third for what God wanted to do in 2008.

We are now in 2008. We have a team of nine people and have a plan in place. We believe God has given this to us. The plan is to help finish work on secondary and high school buildings, work in the banana plantations and bring the encouragement of Christ to them. The team of nine will go and take skills and man power as well as a financial gift. This puts our overall budget at £ 16,000. This will cover 9 people's expenses, all inclusive, and will pay for both school buildings to be completed in their entirety. We currently have a balance of about £ 3,000.

So our request to you is two fold. We ask that you would share our vision with your congregation, and support us in prayer. We have many fundraisers planned that need prayer. If you would like information on specific prayer requests please write to us and ask, otherwise see our website for more information on up coming events.

We also ask that you would prayerfully consider making a financial donation to our project. This can either be through a specific collection taken on our behalf or as a donation for the church itself. If people wish to make personal donations, we can claim gift aid as we are part of a registered UK charity. Donations can be made through our website or, preferably, by cheques made payable to "Hertford Community Church".

We pray you can grab a glimpse of our vision to bless this community. We need your support both spiritually and financially! Hear our hearts on this matter and join us in sharing the love of God with these Malagasy communities.

For more information please see our website: www.themadagascarproject.org.uk

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Yours truly,

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