

Church Planting in  
**MADAGASCAR**



June 2022

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your faithful prayers on our behalf! We have come a long way since arriving in Madagascar back in March! We have been able to unpack things and start homeschooling again, get on a schedule, figure out food and shopping, make some friends at church and with the other missionaries here, study the culture and country by visiting places around this city, get to know the other missionaries here by fellowship and a missionary retreat, start Malagasy language classes, and go on outreaches with the church or in our neighborhood. One thing that we have not had to adjust to is heat or weather because our weather here has been so nice. While America is having summer, we are going into our winter. It is usually in the 50-60s at night and may get into the 80s in the sun during the day. It is expected to get colder next month.

We were able to get an ultrasound and see our growing little baby. Everything looks great and the baby is healthy! The ultrasound tech was not able to tell if the baby is a boy or a girl, so we will have to wait for the birth to find out. We know that whatever God gives us is good and is just what He wants for our family! We expect the baby to be born sometime around October 29-31 and are so excited to have been given another sweet blessing!

We praise God that Ruth's morning sickness has passed and she is feeling much better! Thank you to all who were praying for that! In April, we were able to attend a Malagasy culture class. Starting near the beginning of May, Ruth, Matthew, and Sarah started Malagasy language classes at a language learning center. They go for 2 hours 4x/week, then they have audio recordings to listen to for homework before the next class. It is the more intense schedule of learning that the center offers, but we want to get in as much as we can before the baby comes! So far, we have really enjoyed the teaching with about 30 new vocabulary words per class, taught in an interactive style. Nate, Abby, and Kezia were able to start their own Malagasy class last week. Please pray that we would all retain what we are learning and that we would learn the language well. The best way to reach someone is to speak to them in their heart language.

Life is busy! Richard has been doing a lot with the homeschooling of the kids to allow Ruth to study Malagasy and do her homework. Richard was able to get his pilot's license validated to fly in Madagascar again. Then just last Saturday, he was able to fly and get current again in our Cessna 180. While everyone is in language classes, Richard has been able to go on visitation around our neighborhood and around the church. There are so many people to talk to! Just down our street, there is a factory. There are always people on the road! Please pray for opportunities, for the words to say, for peoples' hearts to be open, and for people to accept Jesus as their personal Savior!

As always in Madagascar, there is paperwork to be done! Residence cards need to be gotten; visas must be renewed; work permits must be renewed; non-profits must be renewed, etc. People leave their offices and then all paperwork in that area stops. Thank you for praying for this not-so-fun and time-consuming aspect of serving in Madagascar!



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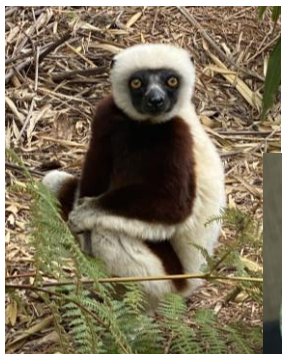
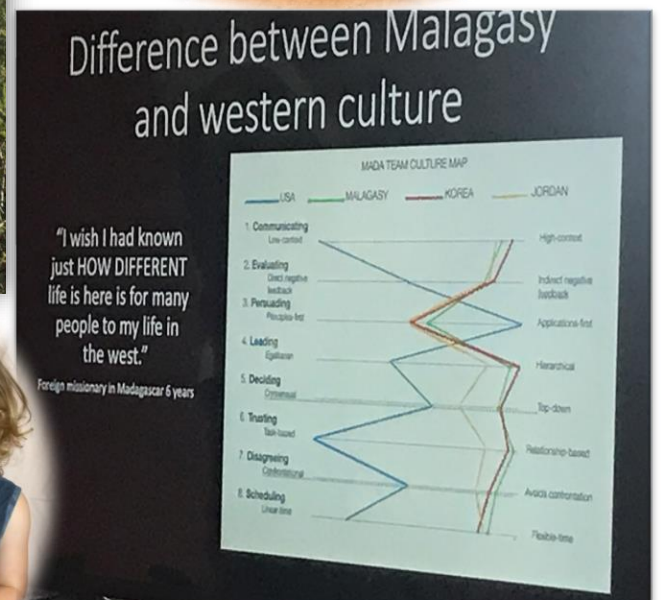
Top: kids in language class.  
Bottom: visiting the "Rova" the king's palace

We are steadily working through our homeschool with the kids! Because of many breaks from school in America for various reasons, we are hoping to finish the school year by the end of September. Sometimes it is hard to fit everything into a day, and sometimes everything just doesn't get done (school with the older kids, school with Kezia in K5, studying the Bible and Bible time, language classes, language homework, daily life in Madagascar, outreach, and other things). We are so excited that Ruth's sister Rebekah Cuthbertson is planning to come at the end of September to work with us helping us by doing a lot of the homeschooling with the kids and other things that need to be done while we learn the language. Her help will give us more time to focus on language learning and will give Richard time to start Malagasy refresher classes. Rebekah just graduated with a degree in theology from Ambassador Baptist College. She plans to stay with us till the end of the next school year! It will be such a blessing to have her come! Please see her attached letter to help raise funds for her missions' trip.

Thank you so much for all that you do for us and for praying for us!!

In the Service of the King,

Richard and Ruth Jertberg, Matthew, Sarah, Nate, Abby, Kezia, Hadassah, Moriah, and new baby



Chameleon and Lemur that we saw.



Hello!

This is Rebekah Cuthbertson, daughter to Dan and Joan Cuthbertson. I am planning on going to Madagascar to minister in homeschooling, child care, cooking, and any other tasks that are needed. I plan to minister to the Jertberg family as a live-in helper. The Jertberg family is on their first year back in the country, and Ruth, my sister, will be having her baby soon after I arrive, making the family a family of ten with eight children. Ruth is also taking the Malagasy language, which occupies much of her time. Please consider helping the ministry in Madagascar by helping me in prayers and finances as I minister to the Jertberg family. I am so excited to be a help to this wonderful family! My tickets are scheduled for the 29th of September, and plan to stay until end of the school year (about 8-10 months). If you are interested in helping financially, you can pay by check to:

Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples Inc. (BMFP)  
P.O. Box 37043  
Jacksonville, FL 32236

Or you can pay online at: [bmf.org/donate](http://bmf.org/donate)

(Please include in the memo or note: "Rebekah C/o Richard Jertberg")  
Thank you so much! Have a wonderful day!

In the Lord's Service,  
Rebekah Cuthbertson

