

Church Planting in
MADAGASCAR



Hadassah's First Christmas
5 Months Old



January 2020

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you all for your prayers for us! We arrived back in the States in mid-November and have been travelling quite a bit since then. On our way to the airport to travel from the Ivory Coast to America, Richard checked on the flight to make sure everything was on-track. He saw that the flight was changed to leave 1 hour EARLIER!! The gate had already closed for check-in! They looked at the ticket that we had in hand and realized that they were at fault, so they rushed us through check-in, security, and to the gate. We were very glad that we were able to get on our flight! Also, we were glad that God allowed us to have a few extra seats on the second flight; we were able to get some rest.

We are excited that the adoption is moving along and that everything that we need to do has been done. They wanted to do a home study with us but agreed to do an informal home study because of our unique case. Still, we had to do health checks, a background check, and have someone in our "home," which was actually the prophets' chamber house at the church (not our home). It is somewhat comical to us that we had to do a home study at all because the kids are already living in our home and we are planning for it to stay that way. All went well for that and we are just waiting for the final court date.

We have been given a court date for the final hearing for **January 17th at 8:45am** which will be in the Stockbridge, GA area. **WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN COURT FOR THE FINALIZATION OF THE ADOPTION.** If anyone is interested, please let us know that you would like to attend so that we can let the court know and make arrangements. We are so excited that the kids will be legally and fully mine!

Paperwork complicates things, as there are many aspects to the paperwork that is needed to get into Madagascar. We have to get visas, but we can't do that without birth certificates. The American Embassy in Cote d'Ivoire messed up on the certificate of birth abroad for Hadassah, and we are still waiting for that to be fixed and finished. Also, when the adoption goes through, we will be getting new birth certificates for the other kids with Ruth as their mother. All that to say, we can't really get our visas to go to Madagascar until we have birth certificates for all the kids. We are not sure when we will be able to go to Madagascar, but we hope to be able to get our visas and go there in February or March.

Things are coming together for our move to Madagascar. There is much to do before leaving the states, please pray with us that all will be accomplished in good time. We praise God that we already have housing in Madagascar. Another missionary is going to be out of the country for a while and offered to let us rent his house and borrow his furniture while he is gone! This is a HUGE blessing!

We praise God for His many blessings in our lives and for the privilege that He has given us to serve Him! We thank God for how you all lift us up in prayer! May we be more diligent to seek Him, know Him, love Him, and serve Him in this New Year!

In the Service of the King,

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