

Church Planting in
MADAGASCAR



November 2019

Dear Praying Friends,

Since our last letter, much has happened! Richard has had the opportunity to travel to several villages and see the work of God that is going on and being led by national pastors and missionaries. He just got back from a week long trip where he preached/taught a seminar on the doctrine of salvation. Josiah (Ruth's brother) went with Richard to translate, and Matthew went along also. They really enjoyed the time that they had with the people there! They were able to encourage the believers there and spend some time evangelizing. Praise God that 2 people accepted Christ as their Savior! How amazing that God would show His love to us who are sinners and would die for us!

We are in the process of packing up and saying "good bye" to Cote d'Ivoire. We will be traveling the 9hrs to the capital city on November 11th and flying out on the 12th. Please pray that traveling will go smoothly and that God would keep us all safe. Please also pray for us as saying "good bye" is an emotional thing for us. The kids are sad to leave their friends. Ruth has some siblings who are the same ages as our kids - Gideon is 9 and Esther is 13. Also, we have enjoyed the many pets that Ruth's family has here. They have 3 dogs one of which had 9 puppies a few weeks ago; they have 3 cats one of which had 5 kittens 2 months ago; they also have 3 monkeys, and a recent addition - a mongoose. Though we are sad to leave, we are excited to travel on a plane and see friends and family in the States.

We have really enjoyed our time here! We were able to spend time getting to know Ruth's parents and siblings. Ruth was able to figure out how she wants to run her homeschool. The kids were able to get used to how homeschool runs. The kids were able to have many new experiences! Ruth had a safe delivery and had time to adjust to life with a baby with her mom to help her. We were able to get involved in the ministry here as well as see other ministries. We were able to see some of the country and see some of the needs here (especially some of the areas that do not have any gospel witness). Richard was able to learn some French. And we were able to draw closer together as a family unit and learn things about ourselves. We will greatly miss being here!

All the kids are doing well and have grown taller since being here! Matthew's arm and collarbone are healing. Hadassah is growing fast as well! She just turned 3 ½ months old and is already close to double her birth weight! She has been sleeping from around midnight to 6 or 7am. It is SO nice to be able to sleep through the night! She is a very happy baby ☺ Praise the Lord for His many blessings and for His goodness!





Upon arriving in the States, we will primarily be in North Carolina and Georgia finishing up our packing and some other things. Our main goal is to finish the adoption. Please pray that there will be no complications with that! We will be doing some traveling and are planning to visit a few supporting church as we have not had the opportunity as of yet. If you would like us to come to your church, please contact us. We would love to see you!

Richard and Ruth Jertberg

Matthew, Sarah, Nate, Abby, Kezia, and Hadassah

Just a few pictures...

We painted the church and several rooms at the house.



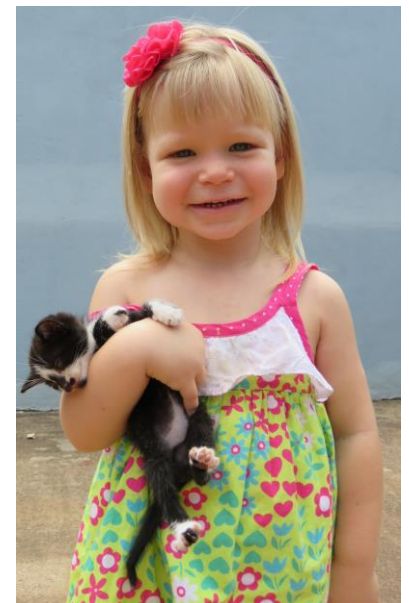
How do you like doing school while you hold a kitten?



Kezia loved playing with all the animals!



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