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the **BROWNS** *to* **MADAGASCAR**

FOLLOWING CHRIST

Each year, we select a theme to help set the direction and establish goals for the church. This year, we chose the theme: Following Christ. It has been exciting to see how these two words have given a fresh motivation to our people to better imitate Christ in everything they do.

OUR FIRST CHRISTMAS

Before we recount God's blessings this year, we must return to the end of last year. God gave us a wonderful Christmas season with many outreach opportunities. First, we were privileged to host Dan's sister and her family for two weeks around the Christmas season. Not only did Jason and Kelly Wampler and their children come to celebrate Christmas in Madagascar, but they also came to serve during one of our busiest seasons of the year.

Jason preached on two Sundays, Andrew (their son-in-law) spoke for our Christmas Eve service, Kelly spoke at our ladies' event, Bryce (their son) spoke to the teens, and Brie and Brooke taught the children's ministry. They also performed a concert on the Sunday before Christmas. The Lord blessed our time together in tremendous ways, and we continue to see fruit from these events.

Being our first Christmas in our new building, we did not know what to expect. We were pleasantly surprised on Christmas Eve as people continued flooding into the church. Because our location is on a main road leading into our community, people were literally coming from off the street looking for a place to celebrate Christmas Eve. By the end of the service, we had nearly 250 people in the service. (Even after we dismissed that night, people were still coming to the gate enquiring about our services.) God blessed our Christmas season with great attendances and, more importantly, wonderful opportunities to preach the Gospel.



VISITORS

We have now been in our building for six months and are thankful for this wonderful place to gather and worship the Lord. During these six months, there has been at least one visitor each week except for a handful of Sundays. Many of these visitors have returned, and some are now being baptized and joining the church. Never could we have imagined how God would use our new location to reach more people for Christ.

ENGLISH CLUB

For over five years, we have offered a free English course in our neighborhood for the youth and adults. People have been saved, baptized, and added to our church as a result of this outreach. During the building project, we could no longer maintain this ministry and thus temporarily paused our classes. At the beginning of February, we restarted our English program and were surprised by the turnout. In the first week, we had 60 students in attendance, the second week 70, and the third week, 80 students. Our youth group meets immediately after the English course, providing a place to reach teenagers with the Gospel. Last week we had 30 young people for youth group. Please pray that God would use this outreach to effectively reach more youth for Christ.

VALENTINES BANQUET

This year, we hosted our first Valentine's banquet and were excited to have 17 couples in attendance, some of whom were visitors. This was a major highlight for us personally as we reflected on the growth of our church throughout the years. We remember counting as many as 40 women and just 5 men in our early services years ago. We are now thrilled to have couples and families attending and growing together in church as God intended.

As we close this letter, we ask for prayer for our upcoming baptism. There are 5 individuals ready to obediently follow the Lord in baptism. This will be our first baptism in our new building.

Finally, we wish to express our gratefulness for all of your kindness and generosity you show us and the ministry here in Madagascar. God is doing wonderful things because of your sacrifices and prayers. We praise Him for it and thank you for your faithful part. May the Lord continue to bless you as you serve Him in your harvest field.

The Brown Family

"Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Mark 8:34b

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