



Bakers in Madagascar

Dec 2020

Praises:

- An encouraging celebration of Christmas and the New Year with our Toliara church
- A safe and successful trip to the south with the local pastors to encourage the churches
- Good time for planning for 2021 with our local pastors
- Rain!

Prayer Points:

- Continued wisdom for the coming year
- More rain, seed for the villages, and a good harvest
- Perseverance and growth for each leader, church and cell group



Our friend Manoely visiting his family in the south to share God's Word and food relief.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We hope you have felt God's presence this holiday season. We're so thankful for each of you and your prayers for us and for the people we work with here in Madagascar.

This month Nathan and several of the local Malagasy Baptist pastors and believers visited churches in the far south toward the east. This was a great trip! The team connected with many pastors and churches along the road, and two team members stopped in spots along the way to start new works among their relatives, sharing God's Word and the message of salvation while also providing some food relief for areas hard-hit by famine. Praise God for this time of encouragement and for all of the ongoing work in these areas. Praise God also for a few days of rain in the southwest! Pray that rain would reach over to the southeast and also that the southern tribes would be able to plant for a good harvest!

The storying group continued meeting here—praise God for what we've been learning together from Jonah.



Pastor Jonoro and Jairus getting ready to celebrate Christmas with our church.

We also celebrated Jairus turning ONE! It's hard to believe a year has gone by! We're so grateful for God's care for our family this year. We enjoyed more holiday time with our friends & co-workers Todd & Deborah, too.

The local Malagasy believers do an amazing job with Christmas and New Years'! Both celebrations are a time to gather as a church. Churches work hard to prepare long dramas (performed by the children) highlighting stories from God's Word, and most gatherings last through midnight to pray and sing in Christmas Day and New Year's Day. We join them in praying God's glory in 2021!

Love, Nathan, Tessa, Chyella and Jairus