



Furlough

In the early morning of September 29, we stepped foot on American soil once again. Within the first 24 hours, we ate donuts, chicken sandwiches from our favorite restaurant, and New York pizza! Best of all, we enjoyed a sweet reunion with family and friends. As we begin this short furlough, we plan to reconnect with loved ones we have not seen for many years as well as update our churches on the great work God is doing in Madagascar.

Revival

Before returning from Madagascar, we were busy preparing the church for our absence. Not wanting the church to lose focus on Christ and the momentum of growth, we held our first revival meetings. We were privileged to host a good friend and national pastor accompanied by his wife who challenged our people from the Word of God.

The revival weekend started with a men's breakfast with over 25 men in attendance. Pastor Kris challenged our men to stand for truth and be the leaders God called them to be. As the men cleared out, the ladies came in with over 40 in attendance. Tina (Pastor Kris' wife) taught the women about the importance of a deeper relationship with the Savior. It was a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and strong challenges from the Word of God.

As the revival progressed, it was amazing to see God at work in the hearts of our people. One young lady from our church requested time off from work to attend the services. She worked hard to get ahead in her work and her boss agreed beforehand to let her take the time off. When the weekend arrived, however, her boss reneged and demanded she work that weekend anyway. The young lady, however, decided to attend the revival services and risked losing her job. On Sunday afternoon, after the services concluded, we spoke with that young lady. Tears filled her eyes as she explained that she did lose her job because of her absence but she had complete peace about the situation. She explained that her job had been keeping her from being more committed to the things of God and she believed this was God's way of bringing her back into focus. As we listened to her story, we were encouraged to see her faith and trust in God.



Answer to Prayer

Months before our departure to the United States, God led another missionary family to contact us and offer to watch the work in our absence. They were between ministries and had time available to help our church. We are thankful for Richard and Ruth Jertberg who are overseeing our ministry in our absence and doing a wonderful job. God continues to bless them and the church and we are receiving good reports of the work in Madagascar.

Travelling

For the last two months, we have been busy traveling throughout the country. To date, we have traveled nearly 12,000 miles, have presented in many churches, and have been encouraged to see the work God is doing in the United States. At times, it has been overwhelming as we readjust to life in America (two of our children have never really lived here). There have been some occasions of homesickness, especially for our kids. Their only complaint about life in America is not eating enough rice, the staple food of Madagascar! Otherwise, we thank God for the safety He has given us and the wonderful time we have had these last several weeks.

Over the next two months, we will continue our travels throughout the United States. We ask for your prayers as we spend many hours driving, especially during these winter months. Also, please pray for the church in Madagascar to be faithful to the Lord in our absence and that God would bless them with great growth.

As always, thank you for your faithful prayers and support for us and our ministry in Madagascar. We cannot do what God has called us to do without you!

Praise

- ◆ *For our revival services and the great decisions made for Christ.*
- ◆ *For our safe return to the United States.*

Prayer

- ◆ *For our church in our absence.*
- ◆ *For Richard and Ruth Jertberg and their family as they oversee the ministry in Madagascar.*
- ◆ *For safety as we travel on furlough.*

The Browns to Madagascar

*“The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;
Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.”*
Matthew 9:37-38

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