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the BROWNS *to* MADAGASCAR

WE BAPTIZED AN UNSAVED MAN!

I (Dan) baptized an unsaved man last week and was glad I did! We were in the process of building our baptistry for the church and were unsure of how long it should be. One of the men working on the building agreed to “be baptized” in the wood frame that represented our future baptistry to measure its length. As he leaned back, his head hit the wall! We now knew we needed to make the baptistry bigger! Afterward, I realized this was the first time I ever baptized an unsaved man in an unfinished baptistry without water.



THE BUILDING PROJECT

We thank the Lord the building project continues to progress and God continues to meet our needs.

We have been blessed to see how He cares for each need at exactly the time it's needed, and often before it's even needed. Truly, God is building His church for His glory and He has used so many of you, our faithful supporters, to help accomplish this major undertaking. Recently, we began the finishing stages on the building and, Lord willing, will start meeting there in August.

Our community has been excited to see the progress of the church building as well. This has provided wonderful opportunities for outreach and sharing the Gospel. We pray the Lord will work in the hearts of the people in our community and that our church will be a place where many accept Jesus Christ as their Savior.

SUMMER MINISTRIES

Even though we say “summer ministries,” these are really “winter ministries” in Madagascar (July and August being our coldest months). Recently, we started our summer kids ministry and had 150 children in attendance the first week. While we love having many kids attend the program, the greater blessing is seeing our church people involved in serving the Lord. Please keep this ministry in prayer that we reach many children with the Gospel.

STANDING FOR CHRIST

Recently, one of our teenage boys took a major exam. As he entered the classroom, the supervisor told the students they needed to participate in an “offering” before taking the exam and thus, would be permitted to use their phones to answer questions (i.e. cheat). Those who refused to contribute would not receive his signature resulting in a failed exam. The young man from our church refused to participate because he knew it was wrong. He was prepared to receive a failing grade and do right instead of participating in something wrong.

After the exam, he was discouraged not knowing if the supervisor ever signed his test or not. Five days later, however, he heard that all the kids in his class were caught cheating and would receive failing grades. His exam, on the other hand, was signed and would be graded. What a blessing it was to see his integrity and resolve in doing right, no matter the cost.

GOD IS AT WORK

It has been said many times that when God is at work, the devil is never far away. We have experienced this in many ways over the last several months. We’ve dealt with some minor theft, ongoing sicknesses, and one young man in our church leaving to follow a cult. Despite these setbacks, God has shown Himself to be faithful and we are continually encouraged to see the growth He gives in our church. We rest assured knowing that God is constantly working to fulfill His Word to build His church for His glory.

Please continue to pray for us, the building project, and our ministry here in Madagascar.

The Brown Family

“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

Matthew 16:18

PRAYER

- For the building project as we enter the finishing stages.
- For God’s protection over our church.
- For souls to be saved, baptized and added to the church.

PRAISE

- For God’s provision for the building project.
- For the growth we have seen in the youth and adults as they follow Jesus Christ.

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