

Joel & Gia's Africa Update: Madagascar

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Dear brothers and sisters,

It's been a busy month! Gia and I went to Florida for a week-long orientation at the Wycliffe headquarters. Our takeaways: Gia appreciated that they provide a lot of care for their missionaries. I was struck by how much thought goes into a missionary saying goodbye well so that they can give themselves fully to the new place and culture in which they will be serving.



Outside the Wycliffe
office in Florida

The Impact of God's Word

Gia and I also went back to the Houston prayer conference where we had met one year earlier. This time, we served on the prayer team, involving long sessions praying power prayers. This is God's word in action. Many times, as we pray for people, we declare scripture. The enemy's power over people is broken when truth is declared (Luke 4:1-13). As a result, people were healed physically of numerous conditions,

and delivered of evil spirits of the occult, anger and abandonment. Getting God's word to people is important because it lets them know there is freedom from darkness. "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1 Pet 2:9 NIV). When people know God's word in their heart



Serving on the prayer team at the conference
where we met

language, they can apply it, and God's kingdom takes ground. Meanwhile, Gia and I are developing partnerships. As a couple, our monthly budget is 37% covered. We are so thankful towards those of you who are currently giving financially and through prayer! When you invest in this ministry, it has a lasting impact on Madagascar—regional transformation, not the flash-bang that short-term missions produces.

Wycliffe's Local Partner: TiBT

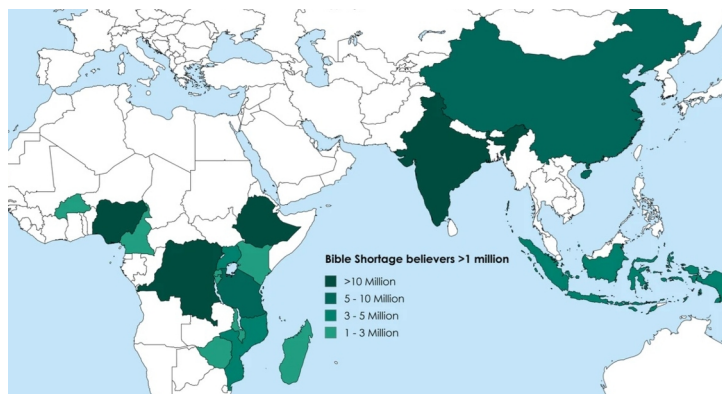


Meeting with Madagascar colleagues

We took a road trip to Dallas to meet up with the project leader and Bible translation consultants for Together in Bible Translation (TiBT) in Madagascar. They were in the USA for just a week, so it was a huge blessing from God that we got to cross paths with them.

Our future teammates in Madagascar are highly experienced, they have been there for years, so I am looking forward to learning from them. The scripture they have been producing so far in 9 languages has had great feedback-- it is faithful to the original, clear, and speaks directly to people's hearts. Two NTs are nearing completion with more to follow!

- Joel & Gia



Madagascar (lower middle) is one of the most Bible-needy nations in the world
(bibleaccesslist.org)

PRAYER & PRAISE

- 🌀 Thanks for divine appointments like meeting our friends from Madagascar.
- 🌀 Pray for favor with the Body of Christ here in Corpus Christi as we reach out and form loving connections.
- 🌀 How can we pray for you? Respond to this email and let us know!

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