

# Joel & Gia's Africa Update: Madagascar

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Gia:

Hi friend,

We pray that you have had a great New Year and a wonderful Christmas with friends and family.

Joel and I were able to spend Christmas in California with his family and it was a wonderful time of fellowship.

We also had the opportunity to go to the Holy Land!

A highlight for us both was to visit the Museum of the Bible. This museum is home to the Aleppo Codex, and some copies of the Dead Sea scrolls.

The Aleppo Codex was one of the main complete Hebrew manuscripts that survived after people attempted to snuff it out.

God always preserves a remnant and that remnant includes His written word.

I find it so cool that we will get to be apart of providing that to the Malagasy people in their own language.

Following the holidays, we have been busy connecting with pastors and have had 4 meetings so far this month. We are hopeful for more opportunities to present at local congregations. Faith is Action and as we do our part God does His.

We are so thankful for each one of your prayers and financial partnership! We are all part of showing God's love to the people of Madagascar.

Joel:

It was nice to get a lay of the land and see where Jesus walked 2,000 years ago, especially around the Sea of Galilee. We found Peter's house and a 1<sup>st</sup> century synagogue. But if you want to find Jesus, He's not there. He lives in us, doing good works through us. His ministry of loving, saving, restoring and elevating continue through his Body. - Joel & Gia



Ein Gedi where David hid from Saul | Hezekiah's tunnel leading to the Pool of Siloam



In front of the Sea of Galilee | With my dad on the Mount of Olives



## PRAYER & PRAISE

- ☞ Thanks for the blessing of visiting Israel, at no cost to our Wycliffe ministry.
- ☞ We have 38% of our monthly budget covered, and a presentation coming up on 2/8!
- ☞ Pray for God's timing on moving to Madagascar. At this point, September seems possible.
- ☞ Pray for spiritual hunger in Madagascar for the one true God, and against the idols of ancestor worship and witchcraft.

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