

Friends of TMHM Newsletter

THE MISSION HOUSE MADAGASCAR- LIBANONA-FORT-DAUPHIN

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TMHM love is Action,

“Put your hands together, all our dear friends! Whistle, holler, and jump up and down (Just get excited) because God is good all the time! For our God is awesome; he is the King of kings over the south Coast (Fort-Dauphin)”

Well actually the bible reads: “Oh Clap your hands, all you people! Shout to God with the voice of triumph! For the Lord Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth” Psalms 47:1-2

Anyway, the good news is.... That since the beginning of this year we are here at the south coast of Madagascar in a beautiful place called Fort-Dauphin.

So what have we been up to?

Well straight away we were doing mercy ministries visiting the local prison where we donated bags of rice for the festive season, then we did the same thing at one of the local orphanages, this is what we call ‘love is action’.

Then we did lots of praying, waiting on God, praying, Interceding, unifying as a team, praying as well as being very busy setting up the office, our training centre, running around meeting with local authorities, praying, exploring the promised land and did I mention praying!!!

We are so thankful that God never gets bored of listening to us pray! I am even more grateful that He answers back!!

So what has Gods response been to all our chatter with Him, you may ask? Well we feel strongly that God is calling us to serve in community development and assist local churches with church planting. This will be done by “The Mission House Madagascar” (TMHM). Find out more by carefully reading the following but watch out because you will want to join us! Well welcome on board friends, we do need you as “The harvest is plenty but the workers are few”. Here we go....

TMHM BUSINESS PLAN



TMHM Office & STAFF



The Mission House (TMH) is a faith based United Kingdom NGO (non-governmental organization) that brings relief, development and transformation to individuals and communities in several countries. It was founded by Nigel Kiernander (a Minister and retired business man) who has initiated various one-off and on-going projects in Madagascar over the last few years.

I have worked as a missionary in various countries (Madagascar, Australia, The Netherlands, Uganda, USA and South Africa) for the last 14 years engaged in various community development and church planting projects and as the time is now right for TMH to form a Malagasy NGO I have joined Nigel to take forward this exciting part of the Lord's work with what will be known as The Mission House Madagascar (TMHM). Existing and new projects will now be managed in-country and last month (March) TMHM launched training programs that will bring continuous improvement to the quality of life of the vulnerable and disadvantaged.

These are being provided from a leased training centre and residential leadership centre which are located on the edge of the city. Also we have set up an administration and recruiting office conveniently situated near to the centre of Fort Dauphin with a beautiful beachfront view.

HAPPY EASTER 2010

May you and your family be fill with the peace of His resurrection in your life and in whatever ministry you do!



“Mamitiana and Nigel at Le Triomphe Orphanage 2006”

LIFE SKILLS & LEADERSHIP COURSE

At the end of March, the first 32 students from the Life Skills course graduated. The second Life Skills course will start on April 6th and there are already 40+ interested students registered who want to do the course.

After graduating the students can join our follow-up and support program which includes counselling and liaison with local employers to help students to create and find further job and study opportunities.

The Mission House Academy will be running these four week Life Skills Courses quarterly in different venues in over 50 local communities in and around Fort-Dauphin during 2010. Venues for these courses should be community halls, libraries, schools and similar facilities in local communities. But these don't exist in Fort-Dauphin so we have no option but to rent a venue.

To start off TMHM has targeted out-of-school students and the unemployed from disadvantaged, mostly poor communities and the aim for the future is to extend our reach to tertiary students, employees, organisational leaders and businessmen.

Marketing the Life Skills Program for out-of-school students and the unemployed has been done primarily through the local radio and TV station, flier distribution and word of mouth. The Life Skills courses for high school students are and will continue to be promoted primarily through meetings with Principals and teachers in the schools. The courses are free but TMHM charges an affordable fee to cover the costs for workbooks and certificates. Apart from the venue rental this makes the courses almost self financing.

The residential Leadership Course students are selected primarily from people who have attended Life Skills program and this course also has an appropriate and affordable course fee.

The Life Skills Courses are open to all, but the Leadership Courses have a strict selection process.



SPECIAL THANKS TO WCA.

We want to give special thanks to World Changers Academy (WCA), for the opportunities and training they gave my wife and I during our recent two years with them in Durban, South Africa.

They have graciously granted TMHM full permission to use and translate into the Malagasy language the materials they use for their Life Skills and Leadership courses. WCA and TMHM are now strategic partners working together in pursuit of our common aims.

Greetings to all our friends and staff at WCA in Shongweni, Durban RSA. You guys rock! Keep it up the good works.



***Go to the people,
Live among them.
Learn from them.***

***Start with what they know.
Build on what they have.
But of the best of leaders,
When their task is done,
The people all remark,
"We have done it
ourselves."***

Ancient Chinese Proverb

1st Life skills graduates - March 2010



ABOUT TMHM

The application process to have The Mission House Madagascar registered as a Malagasy NGO has already started but it does take time to complete all the requirements of the four government departments involved with the application.

Once set up there will be a Board of Trustees with a fund of knowledge and experience which will ensure good governance and oversight of the management of the charity.

Executive management will initially be comprised of a three person team led by myself. Seven staff have already been recruited and we will recruit another five as soon as finances permit. These staff are all volunteers working without a salary but we are paying them a small stipend and will continue to do so as finances allow.

The plan is to recruit new staff who will be former students from the Leadership Courses for the unemployed. Thus we will be 'growing our own wood' for a number of roles as our various programs develop.

Good education, training, and mentoring take time and the results are not quick - but as time goes by the growth will become apparent because of the increasing numbers of graduating leaders coming through the system.

Typically the investment timeline is two to four years. But because of the replication process in this same two to four years, as many as five more leaders who are also developing more leaders will emerge. Each leader is investing two to four years in other leaders who invest two to four years in other leaders, and so on.

As our various programs grow so will the need for trained manpower. So this requires men and women who have bought into the values and ethos of TMHM who, as well as managing their particular community development projects, can share the Good News with their new neighbours in a way that supports and works with the local church.

So that's an overview of our starting position. Exciting isn't it? Come and be part of our team fulfilling the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

Become a Partner

The best way for you to support the work being done at TMHM is to become a monthly donor.

Please understand that committing to a regular donation, whatever its size, makes a HUGE difference.

We are a small charity supported almost entirely by individual donations and the more regular income we get, the more we can plan our budget and maximize our funding - that's just good management - but of course, we will always rely on The Lord for His provision, however He chooses to have it delivered.



The Mayor of Fort-Dauphin graduating our life skills students

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MADAGASCAR

We need your support! here's how you can help...

We have many immediate requirements - these are the most urgent:

Outstanding needs for the Leadership Centre and the Administration Office

APPLIANCES: Fridge (x1), Microwave (x1), Stove (6 plates), (x1), Deep Freezer (x1), Washing Machine (x1, Heavy duty), Vacuum (x1), Industrial Toaster (x1) Urn (x2), Kettles (x2)

Electronics: VCR (x1), DVD Player (x1), TV (x1) Digital Projector (x1)

FURNITURE: Sofas (x4), Bunk Beds (x15), Beds(x10) Wardrobes (x30), Cabinets (x15), Plastic Chairs (x100), Desks (x4), Tables (x10), Students Tables(x35), Bunk beds (20X2)

Furnishings: Bedding/Blankets (x40beds) Mattresses (x50), Curtains, Fabrics

MAINTENANCE ITEMS: Tools, Brooms/Mops, Paint, Grass Cutter(x2)

OFFICE EQUIPMENT: All in one Photocopy machine(x1), Fax (x1) Answering Machine (x1) Filing Cabinet (x2), Stationery, Cell Phones (for staff)

VEHICLES: Mini Bus 14 or 18 seater (x1), Toyota 4x4 (1)

FOOD: Especially for Leadership Courses (most students can't pay full amount).

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT: Laptop (x4), Desktop Computers, Printers and all other parts and peripherals, Server(1), Flatscreens (x25)(for office and computer training programs)

YOUR PRAYERS ARE MUCH NEEDED AND APPRECIATED

Please continue to pray for Madagascar, Fort-Dauphin and the team here at TMHM.

Prayer is the key element in all we do at The Mission House for "...unless the Lord builds the house, the builders toil in vain.."

Please help us. Look over the 'outstanding needs' list and praise the Lord for all He has given us to date then ask Him to meet these needs as well. He knows what we need before we even ask, but He does like to be asked so that He can use these circumstances to reinforce our faith.

As mentioned above, we are renting all our facilities to run the Academy and the rent here in Fort-Dauphin is expensive and will continue to be a burden until we can buy a piece of land and to build our own Campus for the Academy. Your prayers are much appreciated. If you are interested to be a part of seeing this coming to reality, please contact us. Again "...Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders toil in vain.." Yet The Lord loves to use people like you and me to be a channel of blessing.

Donating is easy. You can do it --

Via The Mission House website: www.TheMissionHouse.org

By mail to:

The Mission House, PO Box 422, Harpenden, AL5 3ZR, United Kingdom.

(we are able to receive cheques in Sterling, Euros and US Dollars)

BANKING DETAILS: by International Money Transfer from your bank to our bank using these details:

Bank Name: NatWest,

Bank Address: PO Box 4115, Hornchurch, Essex, RM12 4DF

Bank Sort Code: 60-24-77

Swift Code: NWBKGB2L

Account Name: The Mission House

for sterling transfers use:

IBAN: GB54 NWBK 6024 7717 8767 45

Account Number: 17876745

for US Dollar transfers use:

IBAN: GB54 NWBK 6073 0120 5234 59

Account Number: 140/00/2052 3459

for EUROS transfers use:

IBAN: GB57 NWBK 6072 2020 5234 67

Account Number: 550/00/2052 3467

or by what is usually called 'wiring' (actually an International Money Transfer) using Western Union, Xoom or similar.

If you have any questions or would like more information about donating please contact Nigel Kiernander at: nigel@themissionhouse.org

**Can't commit to monthly giving?
Why not make a one time donation
right now just use the details above.**

Love and Blessings, The Mission House Madagascar