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Missionaries to Madagascar

To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light
and from the power of Satan unto God,... Acts 26:18



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Dear Pastor and Praying friends,

We always like to start a letter by saying thank you to all of you for your prayers and support. We never take your sacrifice for missions and the ministry lightly.

Since we wrote last, a lot has transpired, but I will try to give you the “reader’s digest” version.

A New Year with New Possibilities

This year I started two new classes in our church. One class I teach is a SS class (the 18-25 year olds). The goal of this class is for Darlene and I to be examples to the young adults as they face temptations and make crucial choices in their lives. The other class I teach on Sunday afternoons during the afternoon service, and it is for our new comers and new converts. The goal of the class is to help reinforce the basics of the Christian life for the new Christians, as well as reinforcing what salvation truly is and how our salvation should permeate every area of our lives. We have already seen one profession of faith from a student in this class as well as positive feedback from my national helper in the class. He has told me that the class has helped him to better understand hard-to-understand teachings about salvation.

The Break In

As most of you may have heard already, our house was broken into in the middle of the night on January 13. There were three armed robbers who came into our bedroom while we were sleeping, and upon waking up to such a horrible surprise, I tried to fight the men off. To make a long story short, they ended up taking many valuable things, and one of the robbers used a pitch fork to stab me in my right arm while I tried to fight them off. We have attached before and after photos of my arm for you to see what happened to my arm, but also to see how good God was to me. According to the American doctor that took care of my arm, due to how long it was before I was able to see him, I should have either been dead because of the infectious bacteria that was in my arm or I should have lost use of my arm. God is so good that we were not killed or kidnapped and my arm has made a full recovery!!! Thank you all for your prayers and love offerings for us at this time!!! We were absolutely overwhelmed by the love offerings that so many of you sacrificially gave! Thank you!!!



Something to write home about

The lady who helps us around our house has been bringing her grandson with her to our church for the last several weeks. She says that he really loves the children’s program that we have and he enjoys getting to play with the other children at the church. Just the other day she approached me and asked me about the Sunday morning message. She asked me how she could know that she is going to heaven without a doubt. After explaining to her from the Bible how God gives this assurance to people who truly trust Him as their Saviour, she said that she understood mostly. Being raised Catholic, and she is almost 60 years old, I could tell that she still wasn’t quite persuaded that Jesus alone saves. Please pray Madame Jaqueline’s salvation as well as her grandson Fy (pronounced “fee”).

In Christ,

Scottie Rackley