



THE TRAVELER'S PALM

Evangelism among the Malagasy People



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¹ O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;
² To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.
³ Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.
⁴ Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.
⁵ My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:
⁶ When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.
⁷ Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
⁸ My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me."

-Psalms 63



The Jertbergs



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This last month has seen a lot of ups and downs emotionally. The waves of grief still come at unexpected times and in varying intensity; however, I am always amazed how God's Word and God's People have been such an encouragement to me. Both my parents and Charity's parents have been such a huge help as I adjust to this new way of life. Please continue to pray for my family and Charity's family as we still go through this together.

God answers prayer in His timing and His perfect way. As mentioned in our last prayer letter, my heart's desire was to take a short trip back to Madagascar with all the children this summer. Well, just last week the Lord provided the EXACT amount needed for the tickets. Thank you, Cherry Grove Baptist Church. I had not told them the amount that was lacking, but God knew. When, I went to book the tickets, of course, they did not have the same schedule and departing city that I was looking at before, BUT GOD worked it out for the better. I was able to purchase tickets for the same amount, but with the best schedule I have ever seen flying into Madagascar. **We have just 18 hours of total travel time with only an hour and 35 minute layover.** GOD IS SO GOOD. We will be flying out of Washington DC on July 1st and returning on August 1st. A supporting church will be arranging for us to get to and from the airport and taking care of our hotel there. Thank you Pastor Reno. I really love all my supporting churches and individuals. You all have been such an encouragement to me and my kids. So many cards, gifts, letters, and packages. God's people are so good.

Please continue to pray specifically for:

- God's hand of protection on us as we make this trip.
- Lord's leading and guidance in our future
- details of us getting back home (figuring out schooling, home life)
- settling all the health insurance issues and the medical bills
- all the details after the home going of Charity (her belongings, tombstone)
- me learning to be a single parent (cooking, taking care of Kezia, housework)
- each one of the kids as they also go through the grief of losing their mother
- the church in Maintirano

For the furtherance of the Gospel,

Richard, Matthew (11), Sarah (9), Nathaniel (7), Abigail (5), and Kezia (3 months) Jertberg