



Phil & Vala Long

Taking Life to the forgotten people of Madagascar

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"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10

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Dear Pastors and Prayer Partners,



Salama Ireo from Kansas City,

We have been on furlough for about 2 months now, and it has been great. First of all, as I am typing this Vala and I have all our boys together. Phillip is out of the Navy and is now working as a contractor dealing with computer...stuff. Gabe is getting ready to go into his senior year of college, and Deacon has finished high school and readjusting to his new life in the States. For these first two months of furlough, almost every Sunday and some Wednesdays we have been fairly close to our homebase reporting to supporting churches. Vala and I have loved telling the great life change stories of the people in the first church plant in Madagascar. It has been nice getting an opportunity to rest and see our family the last several weeks as well as spending a week with our fellow missionaries at the BBFI missionary family reunion. We have just a few more days and one more church to report to here in Missouri before we hit the road hard, then we will spend the rest of the summer and most of the fall on the east coast reporting to our supporting churches.

As Vala and I head out east we will also be moving into a new stage of life – we are becoming empty nesters. For the first time in our ministry, we will not have any of our kids with us. I know we are going to miss them greatly, but we also think it will be nice not having to herd kids out the door so we will not be late to church. So, with that said, please continue to pray for Deacon as he continues to settle in and get reacquainted with life in the US. Pray for Gabriel as he moves into his senior year and begins making decisions on where God will use him in the mission world. Then, pray for us as we travel and report on what God has done in Madagascar in the last four years.

One last thing before I finish up; in our last update I told you about a young man Nomena. He went through the kids' ministry training and has begun not only helping in Kids' Church but his uncle has also asked him to come and share Bible stories to the kids in his neighborhood. We reported that Nomena was one who began coming to church and, over time, his whole family began coming. Well, I am happy to report that his mother has accepted the Lord and my missionary partner, Dan Brown was able to baptize her just a few weeks ago. Thank you for all your prayers for us and the ministry, and remember, we are also praying for you.

Phil and Vala Long...New Empty Nesters and Missionaries in Madagascar

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