



# Phil & Vala Long

*Taking Life to the forgotten people of Madagascar*

## Mad 4 Life Ministries

*"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,



Bonjour and Salama Ireo from Hot and Wet Florida,

As you know, we are on furlough until December. While we are looking forward to going home and getting back to work there, we are having a great time reporting just a few of the many life-change stories from people we have seen impacted by the Gospel in Madagascar. One of the life-change stories we have not been able to share is about a kiddo who is dear to our hearts; his name is Joe.

Joe is a young teen who has a lot of special needs. We are not certain of exactly what his special needs are, because his family does not have access to good medical care, so he has never been properly diagnosed, but we believe he probably has cerebral palsy. However, he does not let anything slow him down. He began coming to kids church, and then we invited him to go to camp with us last year because he was 13. Until we went to camp, I did not even know Joe could talk. After 2 days at camp, he began talking, and by the last day of camp he was singing. He loved camp and after that he began coming to the youth and young adults class. Joe would not have ever had the opportunity to go to camp if it had not been for our supporters investing in missions. Joe is a great kid!

The reason I tell this story is because we need you all to pray for him. I spoke to our teammate last week and he informed me that Joe's teeth were all infected and the only thing that could be done for him was to remove them. A few days ago, Joe had to go in and have almost every tooth pulled. He is experiencing a lot of pain and he will be in the hospital for 2 weeks. I am not sure he understands why he had to have this done, so please pray for him. We have seen God work in his family beginning with the salvation of his mom, who is now serving in the kids church.

As we close, we want to say thank you for praying for Deacon. He has now started his classes at college. Also, thank you for praying for us as we travel around the States reporting to our supporters.

Again, thank you for praying for us, and please know we are also praying for you!

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*Phil & Joe, Camp 2021*



*Joe playing at camp 2021*

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