

Summary of Juliette Razafiarisoa's dissertation project for those who are willing to support its implementation in Madagascar

Introduction:

Madagascar is the largest island in the Indian Ocean situated east of South Africa. It has a population of 25,000,000 people. It is my home.

Madagascar was profoundly impacted by colonialism, resulting in disempowerment, corruption, and poverty. Even after Madagascar became independent in 1960, foreign investors continue to exploit the country. Madagascar suffers from corruption at every level which has led to its cultural and economic decline. Seventy percent of Malagasy people live under the poverty line.

Forty-one percent of Malagasy people are Christian and 25% of them belong to the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM). I am an ordained pastor of the FJKM and Director of the Ivato Seminary in Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar.

As a citizen, and church leader, it is clearly apparent to me that change is needed. Religious leaders are desperately in need of leadership training. The church needs to be awakened and equipped to fulfill its mission. My dissertation project is to design a training manual for Christian leadership that directly addresses these needs. The manual will aide me in teaching and training my student - pastors and/or priests from other seminaries, and church leaders throughout Madagascar.

My goal is to awake and to equip the church to stand as a prophetic witness that speaks to life here and now. It aims to have a visionary Church that can proclaim prophetic message, deconstruct the exploitive and dehumanizing system, and build a new society of hope, peace, and justice. It will create awareness, accountability, and stewardship in the privilege of being a Christian leader. The training will equip the church to stand for truth and justice, voice for the voiceless and needy. It will help the church to address poverty and corruption to have abundant life.

The vision: Restoration of the human dignity and peaceful life in a relational community.

Mission: Bringing the gospel into life through training and shifting paradigms.

Purpose: Make a change in Madagascar through equipping leaders so that they can train their members and the change will start from grassroots.

Goal: Strong Christianity that impact economic, politic, and social life.

How to implement this project?

I will provide training at Ivato seminary, my setting during school year, train working pastors in Antananarivo and surrounding churches, provide training in the provinces.

What do I do to make it happen?

I will select the team and conduct the training with them, look for a driver, contact local people to host the training if outside the seminary.

What is needed?

- A strong vehicle like camping van
- Laptop
- Printer and accessory
- Stationery
- Video projector
- Screen: Standing Portable
- Electric generator power (for power outage or remote village training place)
- Driver
- Transportation: gas and supply
- Restoration during training session.
- Rent fee for training
- Catering for trainee
- Honorarium for driver and trainers
- Training tool kits for trainees

1. The program is:

- Training at Ivato seminary: Oct 2020 - February 2021: 24 h
- Training the working pastors in surrounding churches: March and June 2021: 2 days
- Training in the province: April and September 2021: 12 days

2. How the program relates to the “direct making of disciples of Jesus Christ, or to direct relief of human suffering?”

The program aims to equip the church to be more resilient so they can stand for truth and speak for the voiceless, address poverty, injustice, corruption, and power abuse by witnessing Jesus in their daily lives.

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