



THE TRAVELER'S PALM

Evangelism among the Malagasy People



February 2018

Dear Co-laborer,

I appreciate all your prayers for me and my family during the last couple of months. It has been extremely busy. The Lord opened wide the opportunity for me to take a trip back to Africa. We were able to purchase round trip tickets from NYC to the Ivory Coast and then on to Madagascar for about the same price that I have found round trip tickets straight to Madagascar. I had the wonderful privilege of seeing the work that God has been doing in the Ivory Coast as a direct result of Dan and Joan Cuthbertson (Ruth's parents). I enjoyed speaking 3 different times while I was there, seeing where Ruth grew up, and getting to know her family. We had a great time spending time with her family and participating in the ministry.

We then continued on to Madagascar and had 11 days there. We were able to assist our newest missionaries the Bowens move to Antsirabe, a town 3 hours south of the capital, for their language studies. Then we tried to travel out to our town of Maintirano; but because of both weather and mechanical problems, we were only able to have a few days in Maintirano. Ruth was able to see the ministry there, and we had a very good time with the believers. The church has been praying for me, and it was special for them to be able to meet Ruth and to see both of us together. I was able to preach 2 times while in Madagascar. Ruth and I both had a profitable trip and a wonderful time together.

We arrived back into NYC on Jan 30th with just enough time for Ruth to move her belongings down to South Carolina and begin student teaching on Feb. 1st.

On Feb. 17, I proposed to Ruth Cuthbertson and she said "Yes". I am so blessed. I am very grateful for the way that God has brought Ruth into my life. I have really come to love and appreciate her for the Godly young lady that she is. I am so honored to have her in my life. She will graduate on May 4th from Ambassador Baptist College, and **our plans are to get married on May 5th, 2018, close to Shelby, NC.** I will let you know more specific details when we have them finalized. We are all excited to begin this new chapter in our lives. We plan to spend some time after the wedding in the States getting ready and then **return to Madagascar by the end of this year or the early part of 2019.**

As part of the preparation to get back to Madagascar, I am scheduling a few meetings and trying to raise my support level before we leave. If you would like us to come to your church and share our burden for the people of Madagascar, please feel free to contact me. If you would like me to come share how God has been working in my life and give a testimony of His greatness, I would love to do that too.

Praises and Prayer requests:

- Praise the Lord for the safety as we traveled to Ivory Coast and Madagascar.
- Praise the Lord for the privilege to preaching 5 different times throughout Africa.
- Praise the Lord for His grace during difficult times. It is always more than sufficient.
- Praise the Lord for Ruth's understanding and love for all of us, even as we continue to grieve.
- Please Pray for Ruth as she has a full work load finishing up student teaching.
- Pray for us as we continue to get ready for **our marriage on May 5th, 2018.**
- Pray for us as we have a lot of things to do before heading to Madagascar by the end of this year.

In Christ Alone,
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