



THE TRAVELER'S PALM

Evangelism among the Malagasy People



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Dear Co-laborer,

Please allow me the privilege to introduce to you my lovely bride, Mrs. Ruth Marie Cuthbertson Jertberg. We pray that God would receive all the glory for our wedding ceremony and marriage. We were married on May 5th, 2018 in North Carolina, and the church which let us use their beautiful facilities livestreamed the ceremony for us. If you would like to see the wedding please follow this link, <https://livestream.com/accounts/25390470/events/8191996> Ruth's parents and siblings were able to come from Cote d'Ivoire, West Africa for the wedding. Also, we were thrilled to have so many of our family, friends, and pastors at the celebration. Thank you to all who supported us as we joined together in marriage! I am so blessed beyond measure to have this godly woman to be my partner. The kids also are thrilled to have Ruth in their lives as their mother. God has given much grace to all of us as we learn about each other and grow together.

I apologize that it has been so long since I have written a letter! These last couple of months have been busy with much travelling. Since being married, we have been up to NC several times for various reasons: visiting with Ruth's parents before they returned to the field, Ruth helping a pregnant friend, and Matthew going to Camp Barnabas at Ambassador Baptist College. We were able to go down to Jacksonville, FL for the candidate training class with BMFP. Not only was Ruth able to better understand the mission board, but we were also able to fellowship with our friends in the home office. Thank you to all the people at the office of BMFP who made Ruth feel so welcomed and loved.

Along with these trips, we travelled up to Michigan for the memorial service of my grandfather and were able to visit Ruth's grandmother and family as well as a supporting church. From Michigan, we travelled all the way down to Blanco, TX for a wedding. We were able to spend a little extra time and visit several historical and geographical locations along our travels.

Not only have these been busy months, but they have been exciting as we unite as a family. Please continue to pray for the many adjustments that we have to make. We decided to put our kids back into Christian school until December to allow us to have time to adjust to being a family. We plan to spend some time in the States and then **return to Madagascar by the early part of 2019**. As part of the preparation to get back to Madagascar, we would like to visit some of our churches to share how God has been working in our lives, to allow our friends and supporters to meet and get to know Ruth, to allow Ruth to meet you, and to share our burden for the people of Madagascar. If you would like us to come, please contact me.

Praises and Prayer requests:

- Praise the Lord for a God honoring wedding ceremony.
- Praise the Lord for the safety in travelling.
- Please pray for us as we unite as a family.
- Please pray for God's guidance as we seek His will for our lives and ministry in Madagascar.

In Christ,

Richard and Ruth Jertberg
Matthew, Sarah, Nate, Abby, and Kezia



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