



**LUTHERAN HOUR
MINISTRIES**

International Ministries Facts about

Madagascar



THE MINISTRY...

Office Established:
Antananarivo, 2000

Locally known as:
Feon'ny Filazantsara (Voice of the Gospel)

Director:
Jaona Andrianasolo

Population:
18,595,469

Ministry in Action:

- Bible Correspondence Courses
- Reaching out partnerships
- Print ministry
- Equipping the Saints
- Film ministry
- Web site:

<http://www.filazantsara.org/>



TODAY IN MADAGASCAR...

Established in 2000, LHM-Madagascar was the first ministry center to be instituted in a French-speaking country in Africa. With 50 percent of the Malagasy population living below the poverty line, LHM's efforts have been extremely fruitful in this island nation. The ministry combats the hunger of the local people with the Word of God, through programs such as Equipping the Saints workshops and **Bible Correspondence Courses (BCC)**. Local culture emphasizes public performances, and LHM shares its messages of faith through music concerts and radio broadcasts. The ministry translates its topical booklets and **BCC** lessons from the official language of French into the local Malagasy language to reach more people. The performances and radio programs reach the larger illiterate population.

LHM-Madagascar works in partnership with the local church communities in an effort to further proclaim the Gospel. Staff and volunteers reach out to individuals and connect them with congregations.



RELIGION IN MADAGASCAR...

Many Malagasy people have not yet learned about Jesus Christ, as 52 percent of the population practice indigenous beliefs. The Malagasy regard the dead with awe and reverence, and give the afterlife as much importance as the present. The dead play a significant role in the lives of the living. Christianity makes up 41 percent of the remaining population, while Muslims represent seven percent.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP...

Become a sponsor through **Reaching Out** and assist LHM ministry centers around the world. Call 1-800-944-3450 for details, or visit our Web site at www.lhmint.org/reachingout.

Volunteer your talents in a two-week **Global Work & Witness** program. For details visit www.lhmint.org/globalmission.

WANT TO KNOW MORE...

For the latest listing of fact sheets of countries in which Lutheran Hour Ministries is carrying out its vision of *All Nations, All Peoples, All in Christ!*, visit our Web site at www.lhmint.org.

Our world is full of people who NEED to know they are loved. Please join us in reaching out to them with God's love.

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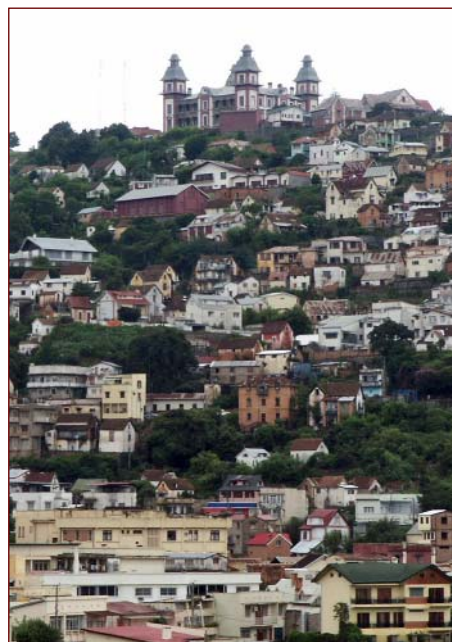
THE COUNTRY...

Located east of Africa, in the Indian Ocean, Madagascar is the world's fourth largest island. Both the climate and the terrain vary throughout the 227,000 sq miles of land. Tropical weather is found along the narrow coastal plain, while the Malagasy people in the south experience dry temperatures. Inland, temperate climates surround high plateaus and mountain ranges. Madagascar is also home to several endangered species of flora and fauna unique to the island.

THE PEOPLE...

Composed of 18 official tribes, the country is characterized by its distinct Malagasy culture.

The culture was established through the integration of Africans and Asians over the years. One of the most unique aspects of this culture is the Malagasy language spoken throughout the entire country. This is exceptional in Africa where more than one hundred languages can be spoken in its Language (the Malagasy), spoken throughout the country. This feature is exceptional in Africa where you can find more than a hundred languages in one country.



YOUR OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE...

You can help us reach unchurched people around the world by:

- Considering a gift today for International Ministries
- Praying for the overseas ministry staff and volunteers
- Getting involved in short-term mission trips
- Continuing to learn about the ministry by visiting our Web site at www.lhmint.org.

For more opportunities to serve, contact: cheerful@lhm.org or (800) 944-3450 x 4275. Through your commitment we can reach people around the world with Christ's message of hope.



Staff and volunteers at LHM-Madagascar.