

World Mission

Why Support Our Missionary Families?

The Work of the Turks in Madagascar, Africa

The Tangible Fruits

We continue to be extremely grateful for the commitment and effort that Government Street Presbyterian Church puts into supporting mission work... Below is a write-up for the money provided last year as well as for money to be raised this year. Our sincere thanks to all who participate in the preparations for your mission events as well as for all who contribute financially. *In Christ*, Elizabeth and Dan

Project Request for 2010 Funds from Government Street Presbyterian Church

- I. **\$3750 to environment ECO 047980
(Installation Fruit Tree Nursery and
Extension Program in Ranomafana)**

- II. **\$3750 to health ECO 047979
(Assistance to HIV+ people and Peer
Educator Training)**

2010 Project Description - Detailed

I. **Installation Fruit Tree Nursery and
Extension Program in Ranomafana: \$3750**
For this year's Government Street Mission Auction, we propose that the money for the environment component go to the establishment of a tree nursery and preparation for a fruit extension project in Ranomafana, in SE Madagascar. Ranomafana is already home to the largest publicly-available collection of fruit trees, with 130 varieties planted on 2 hectares of land within the Ranomafana Arboretum. Although the first fruit trees were planted only 2 years ago, starfruits and guavas are already starting to produce fruits. In 2009 PC(USA) helped purchase land for the church to set up a tree nursery to begin propagating promising fruit trees. A nursery worker was hired and given special training. Already, the nursery has produced over 200 marcotted litchi trees and many hundred tangerine trees. Most of the trees initially produced in the nursery will be kept for extension work to be started later in 2010. In the next couple of months considerable fixing up of the nursery will be required, including expanding the nursery area, putting in a parking area, and filling in a major ditch. All of the work will be done with locally-available labor. In addition, many mother trees not found in the arboretum will be planted at the nursery site for getting propagation materials. About

\$3000 is needed to fix up the nursery.

An extension project is being prepared for the Ranomafana area. This will involve working with 100 farmers all around Ranomafana National Park. Most funding hopefully will come from an outside funding agency, but \$750 is needed initially in the project preparation phase.

II. **Assistance to HIV+ people and Peer Educator Training: \$3750**

Madagascar's HIV infection rate is still low (under 3%), but this is the time to concentrate efforts so that the rate stays low and the widespread devastation that is seen in mainland Africa does not occur here. The political crisis has severely curtailed the amount of funds available to help those living with HIV and AIDS. Since 2006, FJKM dispensaries in 3 regions have been caring directly for those living with HIV and AIDS. Because of the crisis, the government no longer has adequate funds for getting those living with HIV and AIDS the regular blood work that they need for monitoring when to give ARVs. In addition to providing support for those living with HIV and AIDS, the 3 FJKM dispensaries are now covering the cost of the lab work for the 3 regions they cover. The program needs an additional \$1000 to help cover these costs.

As we have mentioned before, youth are particularly vulnerable. This is even truer now as the social fabric has weakened greatly during the crisis. One of the most exciting AIDS prevention programs continues to be the peer educator project that the FJKM is doing with youth from local FJKM schools and churches. We would like to challenge GSPC to help us raise the funds to train 20 youth as peer educators. The next training will be in November 2010. The cost of training is @ \$3000.

Use of 2009 Funds from Government Street Presbyterian Church ... *

* ... the remainder of the Turk's write-up is in the complete document, available as an online PDF from the GSPC website's Home page at:

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