



Madagascar



Introduction to MADAGASCAR

THE REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR, a long, large island off Africa's southeastern coast, is separated from the continent geographically and culturally. Independent from the French since 1960, Madagascar is home to mystic religions and wildlife found nowhere else on earth. The nation has some linguistic and cultural ties to its Southeast Asian ancestors.

The MALAGASY people

Total population:	20,653,556
Children under 15:	8,983,506
Average Life Expectancy:	62.89 years
Per capita annual income:	\$1,000
% children in primary school:	98.46%
Average years of education:	9 years
Literacy rate:	68.9%
Internet users:	316,100
Cell phones in use:	4.835 million

Major/official language(s): English, French, Malagasy

Risk issues impacting children:

- Malaria, diarrheal diseases and respiratory infections are among the deadliest threats.
- 48% of Malagasy children are chronically malnourished; 13% suffer from acute malnutrition.
- Only about 50% of households have access to clean drinking water, and only 3% have latrines.

More about MADAGASCAR

Capital city:	Antananarivo
Type of government:	Republic
Square kilometers:	587,041
General terrain:	Narrow coastal plain, high plateau and mountains in the center
Major industries/jobs:	Meat, agriculture, seafood
National motto:	"Ancestral-land, Liberty, Progress"
Major airport(s):	Ivato

Reaching MADAGASCAR

Currently classified as World B: Somewhat Reached

Major religions:

- Indigeneous - 52%
- Christian - 41%
- Muslim - 7%

Christian groups:

- Protestant - 48.1%
- Roman Catholic - 37.6%
- Other - 7.4%
- Independent - 4.1%
- Anglican - 2.8%

Unreached People Groups: 9 (0.9% of pop)

Average annual Christian growth: 0.023

Average annual baptisms: 365,010

Foreign missionaries: 2,100

Per million: 112.65

National Christian workers/pastors: 14,000

Per million: 750.97

Number of churches/congregations: 16,718

Children's ministry in MADAGASCAR

Overview: • Madagascar has a strong indigenous religious influence, along with a lesser Muslim influence, which presents significant challenge to reaching and discipling children.

- Lack of finances, resources, and training continue to slow the growth of children's ministry in this area.
- There are a number of outside teams doing ministry to children in Madagascar, though many Protestant churches are in need of spiritual awakening.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
16,718 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
8,983,506 children for Christ