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“And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.” (Matthew 10:42)

Statistics are cold facts and not very spiritual but I am listing some concerning Madagascar so that those reading may realize the plight the Malagasy people live under; both lost and saved while the children suffer the most. I am also including photos of my visit to Madagascar in 1994.

May 21, 2020 article by Josephe Rakotondramanana, a sociologist of Madagascar

Madagascar is one of the poorest countries in the world – 90 percent of whom live in grinding poverty with nearly 78 per cent of the 26 million people live below the line of US\$1.90 per day -
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Madagascar Poverty Rate 1980-2020

Madagascar poverty rate for 2012 was 97.30%, a 0.3% decline from 2010.

Madagascar poverty rate for 2010 was 97.60%, a 0.5% increase from 2005.

Madagascar poverty rate for 2005 was 97.10%, a 2.7% increase from 2001.

Madagascar poverty rate for 2001 was 94.40%, a 2.3% decline from 1999

‘Don’t forget Madagascar’s children’

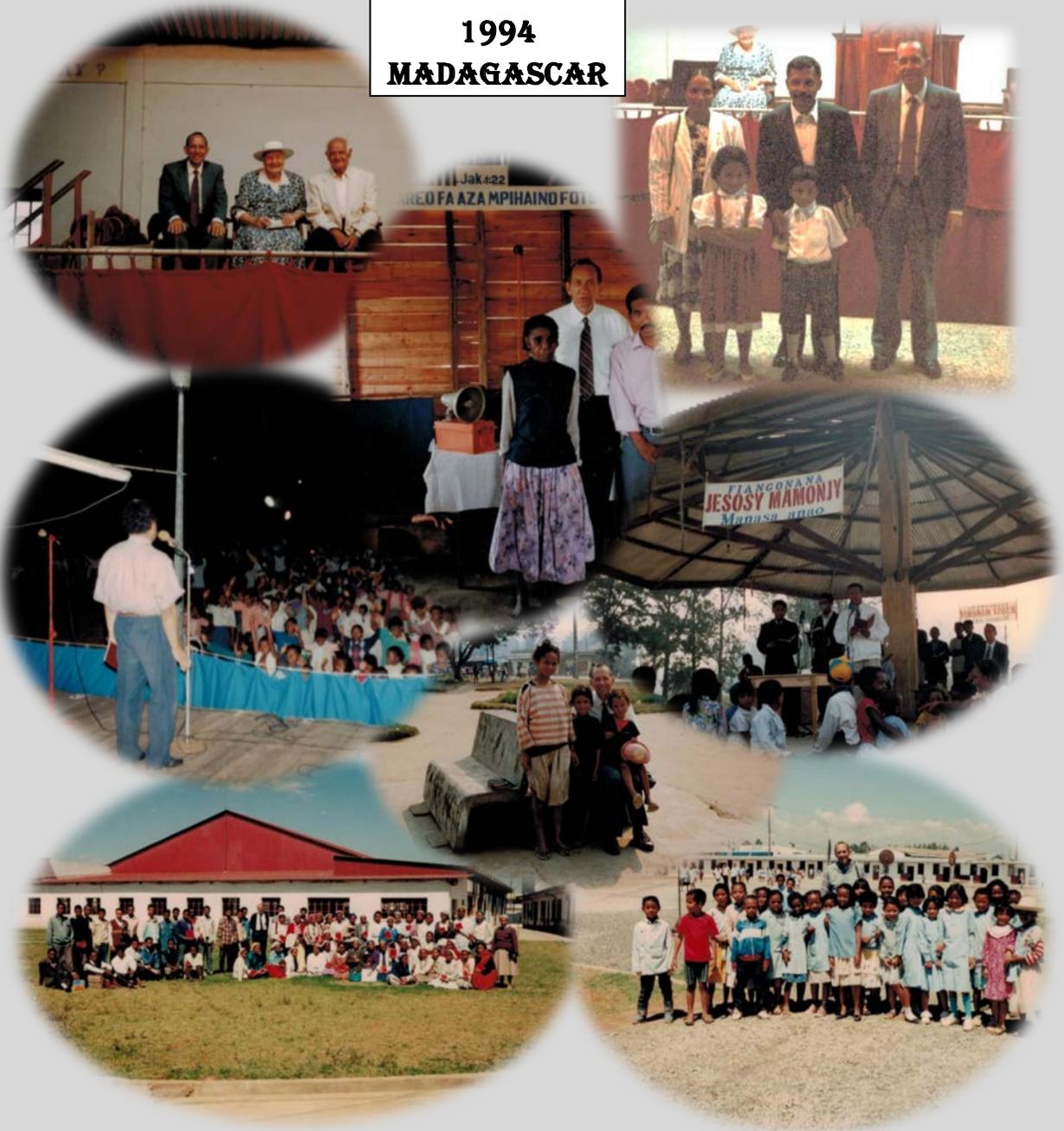
Since 2012, the plight of children in Madagascar has not improved and is in many cases getting worse, UN humanitarians said on Tuesday. (February 11, 2020)

“Because of poor access to sanitation, 40 per cent of the population still practice open defecation”, Mr. Manhes explained. “As a consequence, 93 per cent – I repeat, 93 per cent – of drinking water in rural areas is contaminated by e-coli”. This, coupled with widespread poverty and a generally poor diet, leads to “one of the highest chronic malnutrition rates in the world; 42 per cent of children being stunted or as we say, chronically malnourished”, he elaborated.

Brother Skinner pays \$1.40 for a coffee refill he gets in his insulated container. Brother Skinner feels obligated to leave a 10% or 20% tip if and when he eats out in a restaurant. Brother Skinner asks this question to himself many times: “If the statement found in Matthew 16:25-26 “For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” is true of my own personal life then is it not true of every soul I am able to share the Love of God with while I walk this pathway called “life”?

Thank you for your support for those who are among the poorest in the world but as Lazarus of Luke 16 they are hearing in their poverty the message the rich man requested for his family to hear. Thank you for caring and sharing!

**1994
MADAGASCAR**



These photos show Brother Skinner's ministry while in Madagascar by invitation of Brother M. A. Daoud in 1994.

1. Brother Skinner with Brother and Sister Daoud on main church platform
2. Brother Skinner with his interpreter, Brother Joro and family
3. A pastor and wife in remote church with megaphone Brother Skinner designed and built for Madagascar evangelism
4. Seaside crusade where a young man headed to the ocean to end his life turned aside and surrendered to Jesus
5. Marketplace crusade where demon powers were openly exposed by the preaching of the Word
6. Poor Malagasy children
7. Bible School Brother Skinner taught
8. Malagasy School children

Would you go back? Would you?

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Would you?

*If you had been to heathen lands,
Where weary souls stretch out their hands
To plead, yet no one understands.*

Would you go back?

Would you?

*If you had seen the women there,
Their heavy loads with none to share.
And heard them weep with none to care!*

Would you go back?

Would you?

*If you had seen them in despair,
Beat their breast and tear their hair.
While demon powers filled the air.*

Would you go back?

Would you?

*If you had seen the glorious sight,
When heathen people in their night
Were brought from darkness into light.*

Would you go back?

Would you?

*If you would walk through Afric sands
Your hand in the Savior's hand.
And knew He called you to that land.*

Would you go back?

Would you?

*Yet still they wait, a weary thong
They waited, some so very long.
When will despair be turned to psalm*

Would you go back?

Would you?

(I recorded the above poem read during a Bible School missionary service in 1973)

WHATEVER IT TAKES

Lanny Wolfe

*There's a voice calling me, from an old rugged tree
And He whispers draw closer to Me
Leave this world far behind,
There are new heights to climb
And a new place in Me you will find*

*And whatever it takes, to draw closer to You Lord
That's what I'd be willing to do
And whatever it takes for my will to break,
That's what I'll be willing to do.*

*Take the dearest things to me,
if that's how it must be
To draw closer to Thee
Let the disappointments come,
Lonely days without the sun
If through sorrow more like You I'll become.*

*Take my houses and lands,
Take my dreams and my plans.
I place my whole life in Your hands.
And if You call me someday,
To a land far away,
Lord, I'll go and Your will obey.*

*And whatever it takes to draw closer to You, Lord,
That's what I'll be willing to do.
And whatever it takes for my will to break,
That's what I'll be willing to do.*

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