

Link Report 2023 for All Saints St Pargoire, English Church in l'Herault with Rev.Delphin in the Parish of Fenoarivo in the Diocese of Toliara in Madagascar.

Our Link with Rev Delphin in Fenoarivo continues to develop. Rev Delphin often sends us photos of the baptisms he carries out and pictures of himself and other clergy on their motor bikes travelling long distances to their various congregations in his parish of Fenoarivo. All Saints continues to put a list together to allow us to safely send appropriate photos to Rev Delphin so he and his congregation can better understand our church, congregation, geography, weather and events that happen here in the Herault. We pray for each other at our services and Rev Delphin keeps us updated with his ministry in Fenoarivo, plus what we read in the Friends of Toliara Newsletters.

Madagascar has annual problems with strong cyclones travelling across the Indian Ocean towards Africa. In early 2023 Cyclone Freddy hit Toliara badly particularly in Fenoarivo and Rev Delphin sent us pictures of the devastation and described the problems he and his congregations were faced with. All Saints released some funds to which other funds from supporting events were added which enabled All Saints was able to send Bishop Samy the equivalent of 2,220,637,07 Ariary- the currency within Madagascar- for the Parish of Fenoarivo to provide food, and seeds for replanting ruined crops, restore their houses and churches as well other essentials. Bishop Sammy sent a message of appreciation for the help for Rev Delphin in Fenoarivo and we appreciated his direct message of thanks.

Here is a message from Rev Delphin, giving us a flavour of the work going on after the cyclone and needs in Toliara.

Bishop Samy and Mr Omaly were visiting us and strengthened us in some church in the southern area in Fenoarivo: Ambohimahavelo, Befotaka, Tainosy, Tolikisa, Ambiky, Andraikitra, Maroamalo and Ankazomena after cyclone Freddy has damaged us and come to give some hand to some people that last Tuesday. More than 500 house family are the Christian in the southern area only. That's why it was very hard to share the help to them. Pray for us under the effect of Cyclone. Revd Delphin.



The Diocese of Toliara is now headed and lead with native Malagasy clergy and is continuing to be supported within it's educational, financial and social operations from the administration of The Friends of Toliara. A group from the Diocese Toliara including Bishop Sammy and his wife and son went to The US to meet and celebrate with those in the Friends of Toliara and other link groups in America and took part in a joint celebration in Florida in February.

The founding Bishop of the Diocese of Toliara, Bishop Todd McGregor wrote:

'Hurrah! Miraka: A time to Dance was a big success in South East Florida. 29 people people from two different countries came together and performed wonderfully at St Gregory's, Boca Raton and St Mary's, Stuart, Florida

The Malagasy and Mauritians integrated so well and developed life-long friendships with the Americans. Many people were crying saying goodbye. So many positive stories about God's grace. Many lives from all three countries have been changed as a result of coming together. "

Deacon Faye, from Chapel of St Andrew's, and also part of the Leadership Team of Friends of Toliara, wrote:

It was an exciting, but much too short an opportunity to host new friends from Mauritius and Madagascar. Preparing a meal or two gave me an opportunity to share some Jamaican culture (spice and all) with them. Tasting what they prepared for us at St. Mary's made me realize the similarities in some of the foods.

The team performance of Miraka was exceptional! Colleagues of mine who saw the show wholeheartedly applauded the talent of the entire team, including the musicians!

From the Friends of Toliara posts



It is good to see how the Diocese of Toliara has developed its links with churches in various countries and what Christians can achieve with faith, imagination and hard work! We pray for direction and inspiration for the ongoing links between All Saints in the Herault and Fenoarivo for our future together, in Christ.