



Project Madagascar Annual Report: Financial Year 2007-2008:

It is with joy and thanks that this annual report is presented. It has been a remarkable journey, since the closing period late in the previous year when the Anosibe Community and Learning Centre (CLC-Anosibe) building permit was finally received and the foundation stone laid, to the beginning of this year where the building process in earnest began for Stage 1 to where this report closes with the completion the Stage 2 upper storey.

This newly provided infrastructure has 4 large classrooms, a large library and curriculum development area, Development offices and meeting room, a teacher's room and a toilet block. This was officially opened by Malagasy Government dignitaries and the Toowoomba MADATrek 2008 team of six (*Ps Brendan Kelly and wife Margaret, Ps Peter Gelding, Dr Gary Porter and wife Le-Anne and Andreas Helwig*) on 11th April 2008. For the opening, the MADATrek team represented Spring Street Christian and Vision Community Churches of Toowoomba, Project Madagascar Australian Executive and the regional Darling Downs sponsors and donors who generously supported the project. (*See separate short report attached for MADATrek 2008*).

This year's building work was an amazing accomplishment by 20 trade workers led by the CLC's Construction Coordinator (Tovo) from the Anosibe community; who without any mechanised tools (N.b. even the bricks are locally hand made) carried out this construction in less than 12 months – this building now providing for up to 150 educational places from Kindergarten to Grade 4 over the next two years.

Even more amazing are the results on this site of the collaborative effort of the Australian and Malagasy project teams to bring about the development outcomes of educational programs, CLC culture / community orientated character in the staff and children, and community programs. These outcomes result from the training provided and global network resources from the Australian project executive, and under the direction in Madagascar of Ps Robertine and by the CLC's Programs Development Officer (Vola) and the CLC's Senior Teaching Supervisor (Ben). These programs are being implemented to serve the 200,000+ people community of Anosibe – the poorest neighbourhood in Antananarivo. The three language (Malagasy, English and French) integrated curriculum being developed is unique and is a gift to Madagascar. This program uses self paced, learning workbook style delivery methods, and is being developed to later reach the 40% of children who have no schooling available in Malagasy agricultural or remote areas. This method of educational delivery and community character development can be utilised in classic schooling to remote schooling where children have to be absent from school to help their family survive during seed time and harvest; and can also potentially be used in a school based on radio or satellite communications for the extreme remote areas. The idea being the children progress through set milestones; and even if absent up to 3 months or more – can resume schooling without having to repeat a grade; while at the same time allowing each child to progress at their individual development rate. The motivation behind all of these programs and Project Madagascar is to yield inspired young people who have heart and character to generously serve and help their community and nation, as well as the knowledge of how to do this.

My thanks go to the Australian Executive members for Project Madagascar, ACC World Relief who is the project accrediting and oversight agency, AOGTPL Board for project governance oversight; and especially to the Ps Robertine, Ben, Tovo and Vola who head the working committee in Madagascar and make this unique Christian character based community project actually happen in their own country. This Malagasy leadership literally gives their all - in life circumstances that at best are described as very difficult – to implement the development work for their communities and nation. All of the Malagasy associated with the project (i.e. leaders, staff, trades and workmen) are exceptional people doing amazing things in one of the poorest nations of the world (i.e. by comparison even poorer than Ethiopia). This group of people and the nation they serve in this project are just so grateful to the Australian Project Madagascar and its supporters, who give a helping hand with no strings attached, to allow them to help their own communities and nation. They send their thanks and love to the Australian supporters and their nation; the support given allows positive changes from this project's outcomes to occur in Malagasy society for several generations to come. A site visit by the Australian Ambassador to Madagascar is likely before the end of this calendar year, as recognition and representation of this connection.

In the past year – so much has been accomplished that I have been privileged to personally witness during the two half yearly audit, development and compliance work trips undertaken for the Australian Executive. It is with amazement that I can report the positive changes in the 65 children in the CLC - to see hope emerge, character to develop and a desire to learn to change their lives and nation is greatly motivating to continue this work. Looking forward to the year to come, the start of a new September 2008 academic year will see enrolments at Anosibe rise to above 100 with new Kindergarten and Preschool enrolments and the existing children progressing to Grade 1 and 2. Continuing development work for the future of orphanage services and children at risk (street kids) will be undertaken; and a second CLC at Itaosy site to begin; where it is possible to build a 350 student CLC for \$350,000 AUD.

So to those who partner and donate to this project, I extend a great thank-you on behalf first of the Malagasy recipients for your heart to help; and secondly on behalf of the Australian project executive and ACCWR, to those who volunteer or support this project in the many functions needed to raise funds and carry out development work from Australia.

Thanks for contributor, thanks for those who visited Madagascar to help - your support in the contribution in time, effort and sacrificial funding to do this make this amazing project possible for the Malagasy people.



Andreas Helwig
Project Madagascar Executive Member

Summary Financial Report 2007/08: ¹

Account Opening Balance 01/07/2007	Non Tax Deductible	Pre-Trust Tax Dist.	Post-Tax Trust Distr.	Tax Deductible	Acct Totals
SSCC - Proj MDG <i>Tax Deductible</i>	\$280.80	\$2,945.55	\$0	\$50.00	\$3,276.35
SSCC-Proj MDG <i>Non Tax Deductible</i>	\$2,291.44	\$1,750.00	\$0	(\$535.00)	\$3,506.44
ACCWR (Unallocated)	\$17,867.36	\$0	\$0	\$43,298.86	\$62,161.22
ACCWR (Allocated Exec Authorities)	\$995.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Unused Funds in MDG Anosibe Account (approx - dependent on Exchange Rate)					\$11,161.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE 01/07/2007 (AUD)					\$80,105.01

For the financial year 2007/08, the following funds were used from reserves or donated funds provided during this period through Spring Street Christian Church, Vision Church and donors / sponsors from the Darling Downs & Toowoomba Region:

- **\$144,808.00** of funds sent to Community and Learning Centre Construction and Operations Accounts (in Madagascar) through ACC World Relief for CLC-Anosibe construction Stage 1 Part B (i.e. continuing work from FNY 2006/07) and Stage 2 plus programs development of Malagasy Curriculum for Grade 1 and 2 and the integration the English and French curriculum content and associated works.
- **\$12,407.75** of funds used by Project Officers for statutory development and compliance costs to Australian Government Standards – in Madagascar.
- **\$1,313.78** of funds used in Australian Project Madagascar Executive Overheads

Total Development Funds utilised for Project Work FNY 2007/08: \$158,529.53

Account Closing Balance 30/06/2008	MDG Tana Clinic Medicines (NTD & TD)	Non-Tax Deductible	Pre-Trust Tax Dist	Post-Tax Trust Distr.	Tax Deductible	Acct Totals
SSCC - Proj MDG <i>Tax Deductible</i>	\$100.00	\$477.70	\$3,957.25	\$0	\$25.00	\$4,559.95
ACCWR	\$500.00	\$5,298.36	\$0	\$0	\$5,561.21	\$11,359.57
Unused Funds in MDG Anosibe Account (approx - dependent on Exchange Rate)					\$24,273.00	\$24,273.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE 30/06/2008 (AUD)					\$40,192.52	

Other Indirect Project Madagascar Child Sponsorship Program (CSP) Funds directly through ACCWR:

- **\$16,101.06** Community and Learning Centre Sponsored Children Funds associated through Project Madagascar
- **\$10,048.80** Antananarivo Ivato Orphanage Sponsored Children Funds associated through Project Madagascar

Total CSP Funds utilised for Project Work FNY 2007/08: \$26,149.86

Combined Total Funds Expended for Project Madagascar Work FNY 2007/08: \$184,679.39

¹ N.B.: only a summary financial report is provided in this Project Madagascar Executive Report, as full project funds are statutorily reported in audit statement from ACCWR, and funds transfer from Toowoomba is via SSCC MSO who likewise reports this.

MADATrek April 2008 Report:

- **Connecting Malagasy culture and people!**
- **Official Opening Anosibe Community and Learning Centre!**
- **Ongoing Project Madagascar Development work and separately developing potential cultural exchanges.**
- **Opportunities for technical and professional people to contribute with hands-on work!**

The Anosibe and Itoasy communities of Antananarivo do not have a 'poverty mentality' about them – despite Madagascar being reported (in 2007) by the United Nations IMF as the 9th poorest nation in the world of 209 nations than can be reported. The real poverty in this nation is the waste of human potential – simply because 200 years of past colonialism have left them with insufficient fiscal resources and viable processes to tap and use the latent capability of their growing population of children and youth; who right now account for over half of the 20 million population of this one-off, very unique nation and culture.

The communities associated with this project do amazing things with the little resources they have at hand; with the Malagasy partner group in the project are able to do so much more with what has been given through the project. Project Madagascar is an opportunity to unlock and release hope and potential in this nation; influencing and leaving a legacy that will last for several generations. The challenge for us as Australians, who comparatively have so much: can we do more with what we have; to not only bring life in abundance only to our community, but also to the nations who neighbor us, who likewise also need a chance to at least achieve some measure of such a life as ours?

The successful official opening of Community and Learning Centre (CLC) Anosibe Stages 1 & 2 on the 11th April 2008, with Malagasy National Government and Antananarivo Municipal representation, is a witness to the importance that this project is gaining in the eyes of the leaders of Madagascar. This project has been given the opportunity to positively influence a nation through these outcomes!

MADATrek 2008 marks three years of accelerating project work development in CLC-Anosibe and the official opening recognised the works that have been achieved since first work began in April 2005! Project Madagascar has another 18 years to run to fulfill its vision and outcomes. There is a need to raise \$350,000 in the next 12 months to continue the second CLC development at Itoasy. So the project very much needs partners who not only have a desire to leave a legacy of hope in generations of Malagasy, but who also participate in unlocking the potential of the children and youth on this unique island - MADATrek Team 2008



CLC-Anosibe Opening –Ps Brendan Kelly (Chairman of regional oversight Board) April 2008; **Right:** Brendan Kelly & Margaret Kelly (professional primary school teacher of 30 years) with Ben (Malagasy Senior Supervising Teacher at CLC).



Left to Right: Le-Anne and Dr. Gary Porter, Ps Peter Gelding & Andreas Helwig (of Project Madagascar Executive in Australia).