

HELP Madagascar



*Health, Education &
Life-skills Projects*

Toamasina, MADAGASCAR

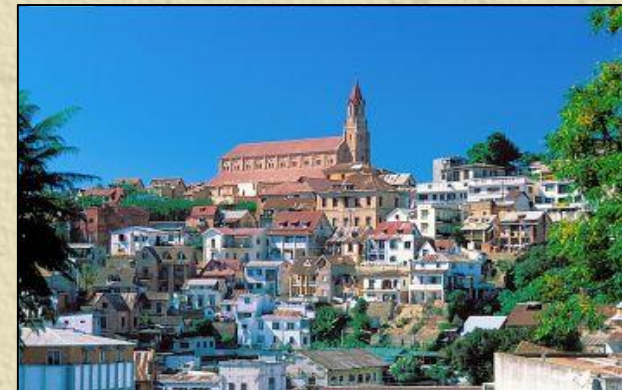
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Madagascar Micro-facts



- ✚ Fourth largest island in the world
- ✚ Population: 21 million people divided into 18 different tribal groups
- ✚ The Malagasy people have Indonesian, African & Arab ethnic roots. Malagasy, French & English are the national languages.
- ✚ Antananarivo – called “Tana” -- is the capital.



A Land of Diverse Beauty...



& Beautiful Diversity...





Toamasina, a.k.a., Tamatave:
regional capital, the
country's largest seaport &
HELP's base since 2000

HELP = Non profit health &
development organisation
created **to empower the poor
for selfchange**



Improve the
physical,
mental,
social,
spiritual
development of the
marginalised people
in Madagascar

HELP: Health & Human Rights

- ✦ Medical & dental treatment for the poor, including surgery
- ✦ Primary health care & basic first aid
- ✦ Health promotion & education, especially disease prevention
- ✦ Assistance w/ child abuse & domestic violence cases



Common Health Problems



- ✦ Wounds: burns, ulcers, deep cuts, etc.
- ✦ Leprosy-related injuries to nerve-damaged feet & hands
- ✦ Malnutrition
- ✦ Complications during pregnancy & delivery
- ✦ Continued...

Mosquito-borne diseases: malaria, dengue & filariasis



Insecticide-treated bednets:
Preventing disease & death for <\$2/net

Hygiene- & Parasite-Related Illnesses: Scabies, Lice, Diarrhea, Worms, Schistosomiasis/Bilharzia, etc.



These village boys (right) live en route to Betampona. The size & shape of their bellies is a sure indicator of worms and most likely schistosomiasis, a disease carried by fresh water snails.



Dental Care Assistance

- ✦ Dental hygiene promotion to students
- ✦ Toothbrush distribution to students & needy adults
- ✦ Reliable local dentist provides care "at cost" for fillings & extractions



HELP's First Grade Class brushing their teeth together after lunch. Some have never owned a toothbrush before coming to school.



HELP: Education

- ✦ 200 -250 children/yr
- ✦ School sponsorship :
K through university
- ✦ Tuition assistance
- ✦ Subsidized school
supplies
- ✦ Youth literacy
- ✦ On-site intensive
“catch-up” classes
(1st, 4th & 5th grades)



Pre-ASAMA (2007 -...) & ASAMA (2005-...) & : Intensive “Catch-up” Classes

ASAMA = Action Scolaire d'Appoint pour Malagasy adolescents (hands-on – participatory approach)



90 – 100 children /yr
12-19 years old
UNDP-developed program
UNESCO “Education for all” to
help adolescent school drop-
outs/ non-attendees cover five
years of primary school in
one or two years.



HELP's Site Since 2007

ASAMA & PRE-ASAMA 100 USD/yr/p – 4 classes of 25



HELP's renovated building has four classes & office/storage space. Two classes can be joined by a removable wall. During the rainy season, we are rainwater sufficient. HELP will go solar by September 2010!



HELP's Tiny Tots!

14 children/class 6-10yr



Student Benefits and...



- ✦ Free & subsidized school supplies
- ✦ Daily snack & hot lunch (150 children)
- ✦ Medical/dental care
- ✦ Gifts of clothing, flip-flops, hygiene-related items (soap, washcloth, toothbrush, etc.)

...Enrichment Activities



In 2010, future voyages courtesy of a Body Shop Foundation Grant:

- Trip to the capital for 10 "graduated" students with university potential;
- Visit to Parc Andasibe for 25 winners of HELP's first essay contest;
- Vacation enrichment courses in French, English & IT;
- Additional field trips to major local employers for student "career days"



Salary Assistance to Partner Schools: Urban & Rural

Better to support existing malagasy programs than recreating the wheel, assist programs that reach the vulnerable and underserved populations

- ✦ *Enfants de Joie* Charity School (1200 students; urban)
- ✦ Ambatoharanana Primary & Middle School (300 students; rural)
- ✦ Three *ecole maternelles* in remote rural locales (100 students)



HELP: Life-skills Projects

to break the cycle of poverty and hopelessness



Sewing, Embroidery, Knitting,
Crochet, Carpentry, Mechanics,
Metalwork, Computer & Language
Classes

Emergency & Disaster Relief



Cyclone Ivan Feb 2008 – 25 000 people – 100 tons rice, beans, oil via helicopter, 95 tons per road



Housing Assistance



Modest Traditional Houses



Built with local,
renewable materials:
Bamboo, dried palm
fronds & stems, etc.





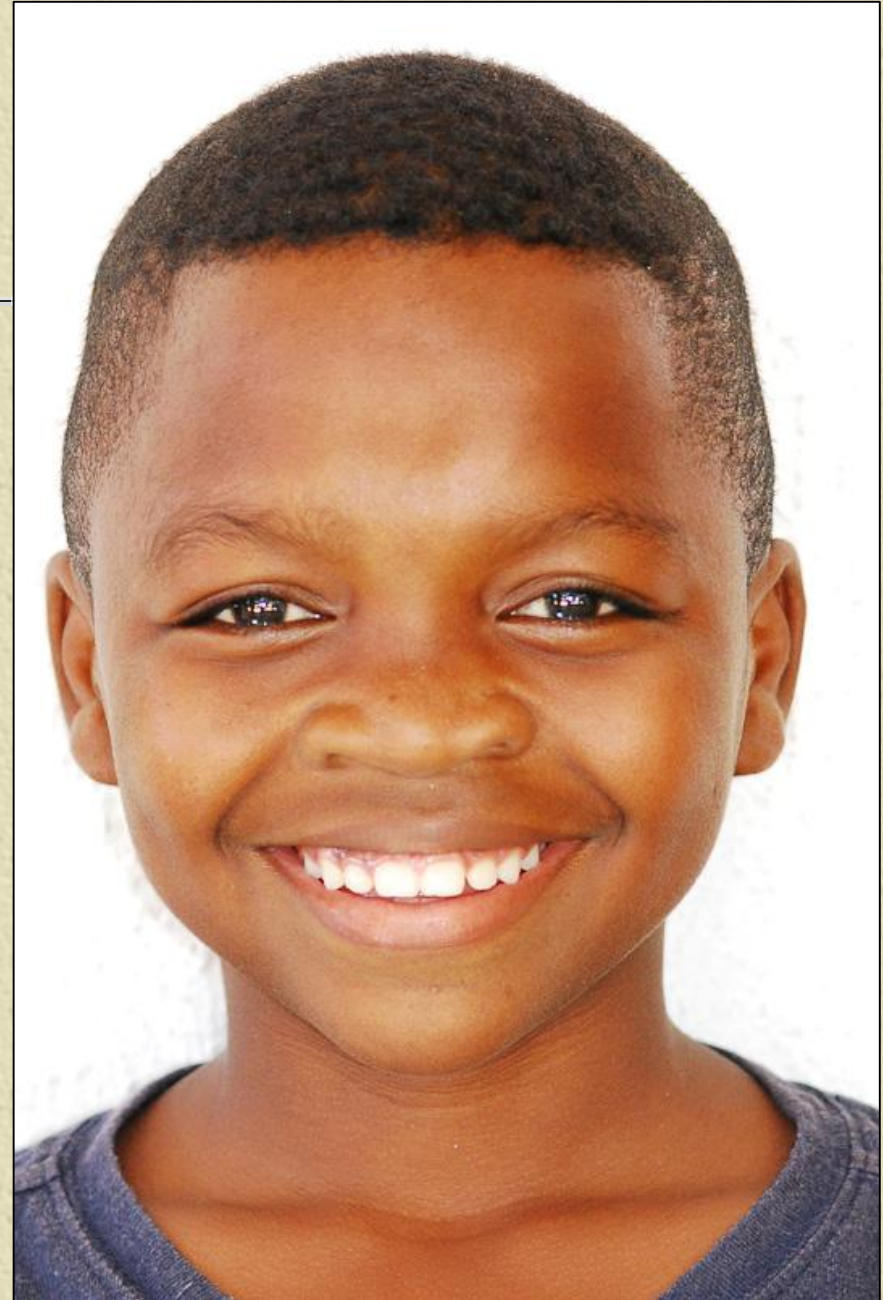
Rosaline,
17 years old
(now 19)

Fabien "Fabi" Alex age
15



The Radfords: Who we are...

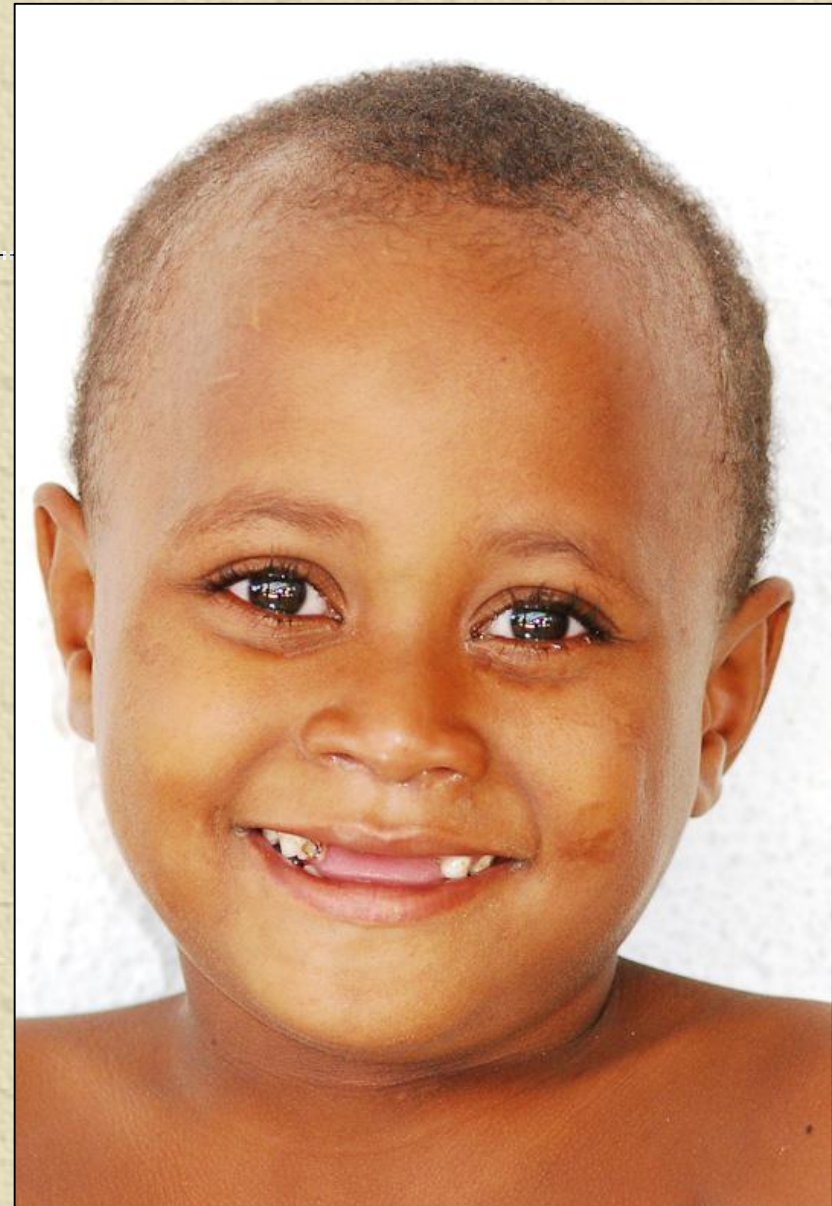




Angelo: 2005 at six years old & 2010, age 11



Kitika, Dec 2008
4 years, 7 months
@5.2 kgs



June 2010, 6 years old, 16.4 kgs



HELP Madagascar & the Radfords wish to thank An Bollen & her family and friends for the great kindness they have extended via the An Foundation. Your donations are truly changing & saving lives in Madagascar!



What will their future hold?



