



# UPDATE ON OVERSEAS MISSIONS PROJECT

## THE GOOD NEWS HOSPITAL IN MANDRITSARA



Romans 10:15 **“And how shall they preach unless they are sent. As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things.”**

First of all, I would like to thank everyone across the Union, for their support of the Overseas Missions Department, and for the project that we have supported over this past year; namely the Good News Hospital in Mandritsara in Madagascar. We have raised over £5,000 for the cystoscope they needed, and they are all very appreciative of our support.

In 2020 it is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the commencement of the work in Mandritsara, and various celebrations had been planned during 2020. Obviously, these have been postponed due to the Corona Virus and the lockdown restrictions. It is hoped, however, that these celebrations will be able to go ahead in 2021.

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*The Good News Hospital now includes a 44 bed hospital with surgical and medical facilities. A 13 bed maternity unit, a school of nursing and midwifery, and a school and a radio station, and members of the friends of Mandritsara team also assist with the training of village leaders.*

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Friends of Mandritsara trust aims to raise finance for the hospital and related activities in

Mandritsara, and seeks to recruit Christian medical and support personnel to assist in the project on short or long term placements. This is achieved through hospital staff, volunteers, and trustees speaking at Church meetings and sending regular news and prayer letters. One of our very own WRU members Dr Lesley Noghti, volunteers out there, but is currently grounded back in the UK due to the Covid-19 crisis. She was planning to go back in May, but Madagascar remains officially closed with no international flights permitted. However, she is hoping to go back later in the year as they desperately need help.



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*We, as a Committee, have decided to continue to support the Good News Hospital Project for a further year as they are building a new theatre block and they desperately need funds. We, once again, ask for your continued financial and prayerful support for this very important project. We have a goal to reach of £10,000 to help to support this wonderful work.*

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Also, the Overseas Missions Committee has, due to your support, been able to continue to fund both WRU Missions Personnel and associated Missions Personnel during this year, and we will continue to do so.

We also offer short and long term grants for anyone associated with the WRU, for training in Mission. Please contact Lindsey Hedley, OM Secretary for further information on this issue.

We continue to seek God's will in all that we do, and to be wise stewards of the gifts that are received. Once again thank you all for your support. If you require any further information on any of the topics in this update, please contact Lindsey Hedley, Secretary for the Overseas Missions Committee.

Philippians 2:2 **“Fulfil my joy by being likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord of one mind.”** We are better together and stronger in unity in Jesus name!

God bless,

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