



## Where are we going??

We want to visit our companion synods in Madagascar, to learn what the Lutherans and other Christians are doing there and to find ways that we can share the burdens and joys of their ministry. In the short period of two weeks we will travel across their land and celebrate the Gospel with them.

## Details for Planning

The two-week trip from Chicago to Ft. Dauphin, Madagascar, begins and ends with a long over-night flight. It includes a domestic flight and land travel in Madagascar, some of which is on under-developed roadways. Housing facilities are modest, corresponding to the relative poverty of the land. Generous hospitality is nonetheless to be expected and enjoyed.

The C/SIS hopes for two participants from each of the synod's six conferences. A form requesting further information and an application is attached. The application itself should be completed and returned by November 30, 2013. A deposit of \$1000 will be due by January 15, 2014.

Further details will be published as communications with Madagascar progress.



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# To the Ends of the Earth



Join  
 Bishop John Roth  
 of the  
 Central/Southern  
 Illinois Synod  
 of the  
 Evangelical Lutheran  
 Church in America  
 to visit  
 brothers and sisters  
 in our  
 companion synods in

# Madagascar

September 4-19

2014

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Age (12-31-2013) \_\_\_\_\_

Your congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Passport no. \_\_\_\_\_ Nation \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

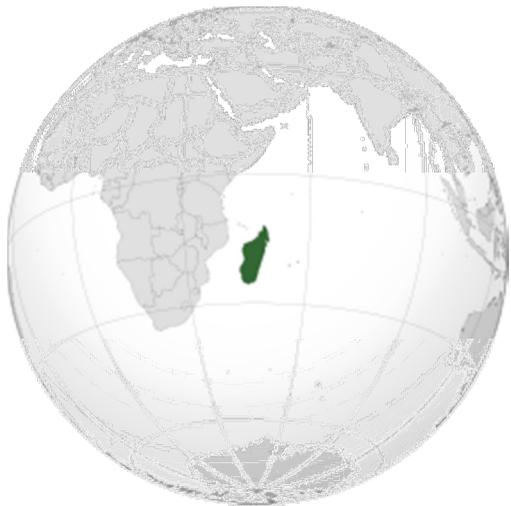
*Complete this request form and submit it to the  
Global Mission Committee of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod  
524 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701-1822*

## *Lutheran Ministry in Madagascar*

The Malagasy Lutheran Church (Fiangoanana Loterana Malagasy or FLM) sponsors programs for youth development, women's ministry, interfaith cooperation, and radio broadcasts. Seminaries for men and women, high schools, Bible camps, hospitals, clinics, and nursing schools are parts of the ongoing efforts.

These institutions and programs are supported in part by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and also Lutheran churches in Norway, Denmark, Malaysia, Singapore, and around the world. In addition to C/SIS, the ELCA synods of Southwest Pennsylvania, West Virginia / Western Maryland, and Rocky Mountain are companions of seven synods in Madagascar. Foreign visitors are exposed to many facets of needs and services which may be unknown at home, and will learn new dimensions of the gospel. As companions, we receive as well as give; called and blessed, we can be a blessing.

# Madagascar



Located in the Indian Ocean off the southeastern coast of Africa, Madagascar is the world's fourth-largest island. Together with small peripheral islands, it is a nation of some 21 million, formerly known as the Malagasy Republic.

The Malagasy Lutheran Church, with its 24 synods, in 2014 will celebrate the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the Gospel in its Tulear Synod.

## *Welcome to the C/SIS Mission Trip*

As one of the four ELCA synods in partnership with the Lutheran synods in Madagascar, Central/ Southern Illinois encourages the Bishop and others from this synod to maintain concern for and contact with some of the synods of the Malagasy Lutheran Church.

In past years both Bishop Zenker and Bishop Freiheit have traveled to Madagascar. This year it is the goal of the Global Mission Committee to have two members of each C/SIS conference accompany Bishop Roth.

This trip is not a "sight-seeing" tour, but an actual Mission project—a learning experience and an effort to connect with, learn from, and assist fellow Lutherans on the other side of the world.

The distance is great, and the cost is high, estimated at \$4-5 thousand per person. Each participant is responsible for his or her own expenses. There will be preventative medical requirements, passport and visa clearances, and all the usual expectations of international travel.

Once the roster of committed participants is set, there will be orientation sessions to prepare for the spiritual, sociological, and practical dimensions of this trip.