

Madagascar

Republic of Madagascar/Repoblikan'i Madagasikara

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Population: 17,800,000

Area: 226,656 sq. mi.

Capital: Antananarivo

Languages: Malagasy, French, both official

Religions: Indigenous (ancestor worship), 52%; Christian, 41%; Islam, 7%

Missionaries appointed to Madagascar: Chris and Paula Richardson

Madagascar, the world's fourth largest island, lies off the southeastern coast of Africa. At one time, more than 1,000 pirates of various nationalities were based on the island's east coast. They used it as a convenient base to attack ships rounding the Cape of Good Hope. Formerly an independent kingdom, Madagascar became a French colony in 1886 but regained its independence in 1960. The Malagasy Republic imports consumer goods, foodstuffs, and crude petroleum.

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Denzil and Freida Richardson founded the United Pentecostal Church of Madagascar in 1970. The vibrant, growing church now has 75,000 constituents, 600 churches and preaching points, and 550 licensed ministers.

The national church is led by the national superintendent, David Rasolomanana.

Last year, 6,112 people were baptized in Jesus' name and 7,007 received the Holy Ghost.