A little over 2 years ago, we answered the call from World Christian Radio to take medical teams to the island of Madagascar and assist them in helping the poor near their short-wave radio station. From there, “Madagascar World Voice” can broadcast the gospel to more than a third of the world’s population. After multiple problems over the past six years in regaining official permission to begin broadcasting, we are overjoyed to report that the necessary documents have been signed, and the station will soon be on the air.

In a letter just received from Charles Caudill, President/CEO of WCBC, he wrote, “I want you to know that the positive feelings the Officials in Madagascar have expressed toward Madagascar World Voice are due in great part to the work you have done with the medical missions for the past two years. Quite frankly, I’m not sure we will ever be able to express adequately our appreciation to you. The most eloquent words I know are a very simple, but sincere “Thank You.”

To all of you who made these missions possible, we say thank you, the people of Madagascar say thank you and millions who will hear the gospel message will thank you. We all know the Lord is pleased. WITHOUT YOU, THIS COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED!
You Can Save Little Lives This Christmas

The World Health Organization reported November 19 that 734 children under the age of 15 lost their lives through drowning in the last year of reporting (2010) and that this number has increased each year since. Partners In Progress is making a concerted effort to slow this rate by distributing life vests to all the small children in the remote villages the Ship of Life visits, and thus far have given more than 5,000 vests to children whose families could not afford to buy one.

There are still thousands of kids who depend on little canoes that capsize easily, and you can help save their life with a life jacket through a $5 donation in honor of a loved one at Christmas. Please make a “life saving gift” part of your Christmas list this year.

Send a check to:
Partners In Progress
“Life Vests”
P.O. Box 13989
Maumelle, AR 72113

Put a note in your child’s or friend’s Christmas stocking or card telling them about your donation. They will be thrilled, you will be blessed, a child will be protected and God will be glorified.

English Bible Studies in Siem Reap, Cambodia

We are planning to host an English Bible Study team the month of February in the city of Siem Reap, which is the fastest growing city in Cambodia. With five million tourists coming to visit Angkor Wat and the sixty other ancient temples in the area, everyone wants to learn to speak English.

Last March, a team of Americans came and taught English Bible studies, and the experienced teachers said the students were the most serious and showed the most interest of any they had ever taught.

We encourage you to join our team and to tell others about this thrilling opportunity and bring along a friend to work with you. Write or call for information and to sign up to go. You can e-mail pipwem@aol.com or call 501-753-2559.

You may be the only opportunity some of these students will have to learn about Jesus.
Under the new Burmese government, which is allowing more religious freedom, churches are growing numerically and spiritually. Where they were previously afraid to speak out, they are now telling their neighbors the good news and some are coming to the Lord.

One brother recently wrote, “We did not expect many people to come on last Sunday for worship as most of them are working in the field and having heavy rain every day, but to our surprise 57 people gathered for worship. This is the largest group ever. Some of them bring their family members and friends as they come.”

Brother Russel Bell worked with us in a recent seminar where church leaders come together for Bible training, and seven who were brought by their friends obeyed the gospel. These seminars are taught twice each year in an effort to equip leaders who take home what they learn and grow churches.

Without you, this would not be possible.
Nutrition Program Back Under Partners In Progress

Dennis and Sharon Welch, missionaries who have been running the nutrition program, have asked us to again place the program under our MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the Cambodian government and this became effective October first. The Welches have done an outstanding job for several years and we look forward to their continued progress as they expand the evangelistic emphasis of the program. They will work to plant churches in the villages they serve where there are none.

The Welches report that the program is now serving more than 1,850 different children in nine villages where they also teach the life-skills of good health and hygiene. The children are also taught about their Creator and Savior as four of the six Christian staff are graduates of a Bible school and love to tell “the story” to the children.

Building on the foundation of goodwill produced by teaching and serving the children, two of the staff go house-to-house meeting with the families and sharing the Good News about Jesus. They are finding that the families are eager to hear about Christ and why we Christians enjoy serving others.

You can learn more by visiting this site: http://www.snackprogramcambodia.org.