

January & February 2024

# *the* **BROWNS** *to* **MADAGASCAR**

## A Wonderful Furlough

As they say, “Time flies when you’re having fun.” These last five months have passed so quickly and now we find ourselves with bags packed preparing for our return to Madagascar. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time in the United States and are thankful for all God allowed us to do and see. In this update, we would like to share some highlights of our furlough.

### Family and Friends

How blessed we have been to spend much time with family and friends. From New Jersey to California and Texas to Michigan, we saw siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and grandparents. Our kids (and their parents) have been spoiled by so many! We enjoyed the happy reunions, the limitless laughter, and the reminiscing of days gone by. We will cherish the memories over the next several years as we reflect on the wonderful time with family.



We are thankful as well for the time reconnecting with friends, many of whom we have not seen for years. We enjoyed reliving memories as well as rejoicing in God’s faithfulness in our lives.

### Church Visits

While it has been a wonderful furlough, it has also been busy. In these last five months, we traveled nearly 20,000 miles through 25 different states reporting to 26 supporting churches. We are thankful for our supporting churches that help us reach Madagascar with the Gospel. We believe we have the greatest churches in the world and are thankful for their faithfulness to the Lord and generosity to us as we continue reaching Madagascar for Christ.

## Making Memories

Our travels have allowed us to stop at many beautiful sites throughout the United States including the Grand Canyon. We enjoyed the stunning beauty of God's creation as we witnessed beautiful sunsets over the Pacific Ocean and sunrises at Arches National Park. We also took time to visit some historic sites including the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, and were privileged to see the Blue Angels practice in Pensacola, Florida. But perhaps the greatest memories were made in the piles of snow which are foreign to Madagascar. Before coming to America, we asked the Lord to send snow and He answered that prayer four times (our apologies for those who live in the northeast!)! The kids built snowmen, snow forts, and tasted snow for the first time. God has been good to us and we are thankful for all the "extras" He gives.

## A Word from Madagascar

Throughout our furlough, we have received many encouraging reports from our church in Madagascar. We hear of good growth and new visitors attending the church regularly.

We were particularly happy to hear of two young people who accepted Christ as their Savior recently. They are the fruit of an English club hosted each Saturday afternoon. Their mother started attending the English club and then began attending our Sunday and Wednesday services. Soon after, her two teenage children began attending as well. After prayer meeting one Wednesday evening, some of our young people approached the two teenagers and turned the conversation toward salvation. Before long, they bowed their heads and asked Christ to be their Savior.

In closing, we offer our gratitude to you who faithfully uphold us in prayer and financial support. Without you, we could not serve the Lord in Madagascar. May the Lord richly bless you as much as you have been a blessing to us.

*Dan Brown + Family*

*"Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account."*

**Philippians 4:17**

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### PRAYER

- *Our return to Madagascar on February 28<sup>th</sup>.*
- *Health and strength as we reacclimate to life abroad.*
- *For God's leading as we search for land to build on.*

### PRAISE

- *Safety in our travels of nearly 20,000 miles.*
- *For the two young people who accepted Christ as Savior.*
- *For good reports of progress and growth in our church during our absence.*