

# AID TO ORPHANS OF MADAGASCAR

AOM is committed to offering assistance to child centers and other programs in Madagascar that help children and their families in need by providing food, education and job training. We work to help families stay together so they may avoid putting their children in orphanages for economic reasons. Your donations are precious gifts that transform the lives of children who live with so little hope. Our very small organization with its equally small budget is able to succeed because we know each person we are helping and can keep in touch with the results of each project. This year we were able to make significant improvements in these children's lives because of your generous donations.

## Winter 2022



'Tis the season to grow in strength, health, opportunity and security.

## WE STAND BY HER SIDE



Oh those pigs, always the pigs. Though Anjaratsilavina Famenosoa Fandferana is only 14 years old, she knows she loves science, human anatomy and finds diseases to be so interesting. Blood and body fluids don't bother her; she wants to be a healer not a pig breeder. And yet, against her heart's desire, her parents have asked her to go to agriculture school. Because Famenosoa is a good child, she will do as they wish. She will learn as much as she can to help them overcome the many agricultural mishaps that keep their lives low.

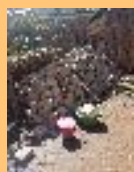
Famenosoa reluctantly agreed to help her parents by attending Ag School, then hopes to show them how certainly she wants to be a health care professional. AOM Director Jacky may be able to convince Famenosoa's parents to allow her to go to medical school at a later date.

We will explain how a passionate professional health care worker can live a more positive life while bringing in a higher income than a pig farmer does. AOM has a college fund for motivated students.

It is a long term commitment to go to medical school but our goal is to guide our most motivated learners to positions of strength. We want our underrepresented students to inspire their community, live meaningful lives and take positions of leadership. We want to be there for the long haul.

## HERE'S TO GROWTH!

Daniella's parents tore down their crumbling house and built a temporary tiny lean-to shack. Slowly, they gathered building supplies that matched their income. They are growing a strong and safe house that protects them. Other families are joining them in this method of building a safe home and better life. Part of this equation is the belief that it's important to grow healthy, educated children that can take time to learn and bloom instead of demanding child labor. These beautiful beacons of the future need a healthy environment so a plan was made to grow trees to replace the burned and over harvested forests while creating future income. Thank you for your part in this tale of growth.



## EIGHT LAPTOPS ON THE WAY



Who could have foreseen that our sweet round-faced pre-school students of 10 years ago would be now taking classes on how to use a computer. Here they are, five students crowded around our single old computer. The first class of sixteen students has been divided into 4 groups that meet twice a week.

Soon the class dynamics will improve greatly as 8 new laptops will be delivered to our center in Madagascar.

The interest in learning how to use a computer is widespread throughout AOM and the community. Parents are eager for their children to have the same access to information that wealthier students have. The parents themselves want to learn how to research recipes, sewing patterns and new ideas for income enhancement.

AOM Parents can use the computers to market the school uniforms and popular sturdy pencil bags they sew. Laptop cases could soon be added to their growing range of items to sell.

Our students will be learning research methods for their homework while gaining valuable job skills. They will be better prepared for high school and college. The computers will allow us to offer more engaging literacy and language classes for all ages. The opportunities are endless.

All this is possible because 3 Delta Airlines employees and I are hand delivering laptops in December to Madagascar AOM that could otherwise be caught up in complex and costly transactions. (We travel with advice shared by the Embassy of Madagascar.) A well-traveled volunteer took it upon herself to research the best laptops to take over and even installed helpful programs for our students and families. **Your donations help bring access to information that has never been available to this hard-working low-income group of families including 284 students. Thank you!**



## 2022 AOM Budget

**AOM supported 284 students ranging from pre-school to high school across 3 regions. We partnered with their families to build strength and community.**

Education: \$31,945.

Salaries: \$4,420

Rent: \$4,500.

Medical: \$2,800.

Office supplies, internet, phone, newsletter, \$2,400.

7 computers: \$2,425.

Income enhancement programs: \$2,300.

Misc: \$2,400.

Travel : \$ 3,300

**TOTAL \$56,490**

### Scholarships/Education

School supplies: \$6,020.

Registration: \$2,340.

Uniforms: \$2,015.

Tuition: \$11,500.

Lunch fees: \$9,080

After school: \$990.

**Total: \$31,945**

**I would like to end this year with a huge thank you for all of your care, support and amazing generosity. You are a large part of lives and futures of these children and their families.**

**I will be returning to the US mid-December with more stories and news to share after the holidays.**