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St. Anthony Parish Member accepted for Mission work in Madagascar!

With the blessing and support of His Grace, Bishop Ilarion, Alan Sanger, St. Anthony Parish Member, Edmonton, Alberta, has been selected as a member for a mission team traveling on behalf of OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Centre) to Madagascar in August 2010.

They have been invited by the Bishop of Antananarivo and All Madagascar, His Grace Bishop Ignatios, to teach and witness the Faith among the growing Orthodox communities in Madagascar, as directed by His Grace.

The Orthodox Church in Madagascar was revived recently, and over the past 25 years expanded rapidly. Priests and leaders are being developed within the local communities, and new members now are joining. The Orthodox faithful are constructing new parishes for themselves and new converts. They are working hard to strengthen the Holy Orthodox Faith, and the Mission Team will be there to help them!

If anyone would like to share in this opportunity by providing assistance through spiritual and financial support for this mission, you may do so by praying for their safe travel and success in teaching, and making a donation. The OCMC has limited funds, and so relies on donations to cover the costs of travel and living during each mission. Each member of the 2010 Madagascar mission team has been asked to raise funds before June for travel, supplies and expenses. By offering your prayers and making a donation you will be contributing to this mission work and it will be greatly appreciated by the team members and especially by the Orthodox Christians in Madagascar.

Donations are tax deductible, and are being coordinated through the Office of the Consistory of the UOCC. In the memo space at the lower left hand corner, please write "Sanger OCMC Mission 2010" and the funds will go to the intended purpose. We are very grateful for any support you are able to give.

Alan is also available to make a presentation to parishes and organizations after his return, at a mutually convenient occasion.

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