



## **Africa Inland Mission Canada Praying For Malagasy in Canada**



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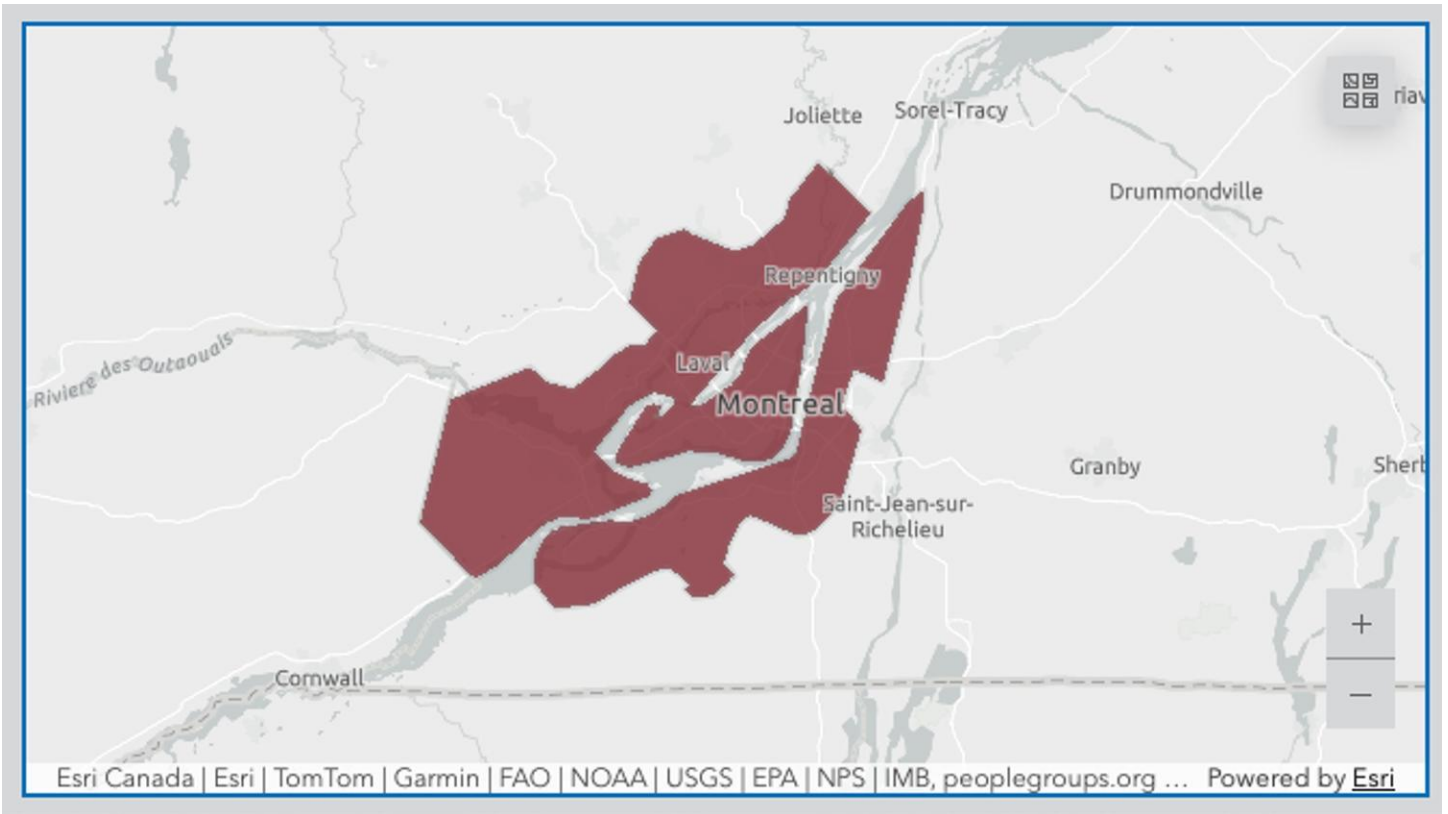


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What do you know about Madagascar? Perhaps it's lemurs, vanilla, or even the animated movie Madagascar. Yet beyond these familiar images is a vibrant island nation and a global community of Malagasy people with rich cultures, deep history and stories worth knowing.

Today an estimated 300,000 Malagasy people live outside of Madagascar, with communities established across globe.

Like many diaspora communities, Malagasy people have established homes in countries around the world - including Canada. Across Canada, Malagasy families are building new lives. Students pursue higher education, professionals contribute their skills in workplaces and communities, and families establish new roots. Among the approximately 2,400 Malagasy people living in Canada are business people, students, skilled professionals, parents, and children—each deeply loved by God and created to know Him.

This month, we invite you to join us in praying for the Malagasy in Canada.

Originally from the island nation of Madagascar, Malagasy diaspora can be found around the world. In Canada, many have settled in Quebec (particularly in the greater Montreal area), where French language skills help ease the

transition in a new country. Some diaspora are also located throughout New Brunswick, Ottawa (Greater Toronto and Ottawa), and British Columbia.

For many newcomers, adapting to life in Canada brings both opportunity and challenge. Building new relationships can take time, and the more private nature of Canadian society may feel different from the close-knit community life many are accustomed to. At the same time, many Malagasy people contribute significantly to Canadian society through education, professional careers, entrepreneurship, and community involvement.

Malagasy identity reflects centuries of migration and cultural exchange across the Indian Ocean. With ancestral roots in Africa, Southeast Asia, and beyond, Malagasy culture has been shaped by diverse peoples and traditions, creating a rich heritage that is uniquely its own.

The Malagasy community reflects a variety of religious backgrounds. Some identify as Roman Catholic, while traditional beliefs surrounding ancestors and the spiritual world continue to influence everyday life for many families.

God knows every Malagasy in Canada.

He sees those who are navigating the joys and challenges of life in a new country. He is at work through churches, friendships, and everyday conversations, drawing people to Himself with His love and grace.

The Malagasy are known by God. Loved by God.

Will you join us in praying for them?

**Details:**

- **Population:** Approximately 2,400 in Canada
- **Primary Language:** Malagasy, Merina
- **Primary Religion:** Ethnic Religions/ Non Religious
- **Christian Evangelicals:** Estimated 0.1-2%
- **Number of Countries:** 6
- **Location:** Primarily found in Quebec (Montreal, Laval, Mirabel, and Saint-Jérôme)

**How you can you #pray for Malagasy in Canada:**

- Pray that Malagasy people across Canada would encounter the love of Christ through genuine friendships and welcoming Christian communities.
- Pray that churches would grow in wisdom and hospitality as they build meaningful, genuine relationships with Malagasy neighbours.
- Pray for Malagasy believers to be encouraged in their faith, equipped to disciple others, and strengthened to share the hope of Christ with their own community.
- Pray that God would raise up workers with a heart to serve and walk alongside the Malagasy community in Canada.
- Pray that families, students, and professionals adjusting to life in Canada would experience belonging, hope, and opportunities to encounter Jesus.

*References: Joshua Project (People Group: Malagasy in Canada), The Link Newspaper (Why There's No Malagasy Neighbourhood in Montreal), Malagasyatcanada, West Kootenay Local Immigration Partnership (From Madagascar to the Kootenays: Mika & Holy's Story of Resilience and Community), PeopleGroups (People Group Profile: The Malagasy of Canada), Wikipedia (Malagasy), Britannica (Malagasy Languages, Malagasy Peoples), Maldaliving Instagram, Reddit*

### **Respond and Encourage**

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### **Impact, Growth and Reach**

A photograph of a wooden pulpit in a church. The pulpit is in the foreground, and the background shows rows of pews and a series of arches. A red and white text box is overlaid on the right side of the image.

What happens  
when a  
missionary no  
longer  
has to spend  
every  
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survival?



# 602% GROWTH IN 3 YEARS

More Missionaries.  
More Families.  
More communities reached.



188 Adults  
170 Children



129 Adults  
95 Children



24 Adults  
27 Children

Across four mission agencies in Africa - impact is expanding and lives are being changed.



AMF enabled African Missionaries to continue their vital work among unreached communities.

And for that,  
we praise God!

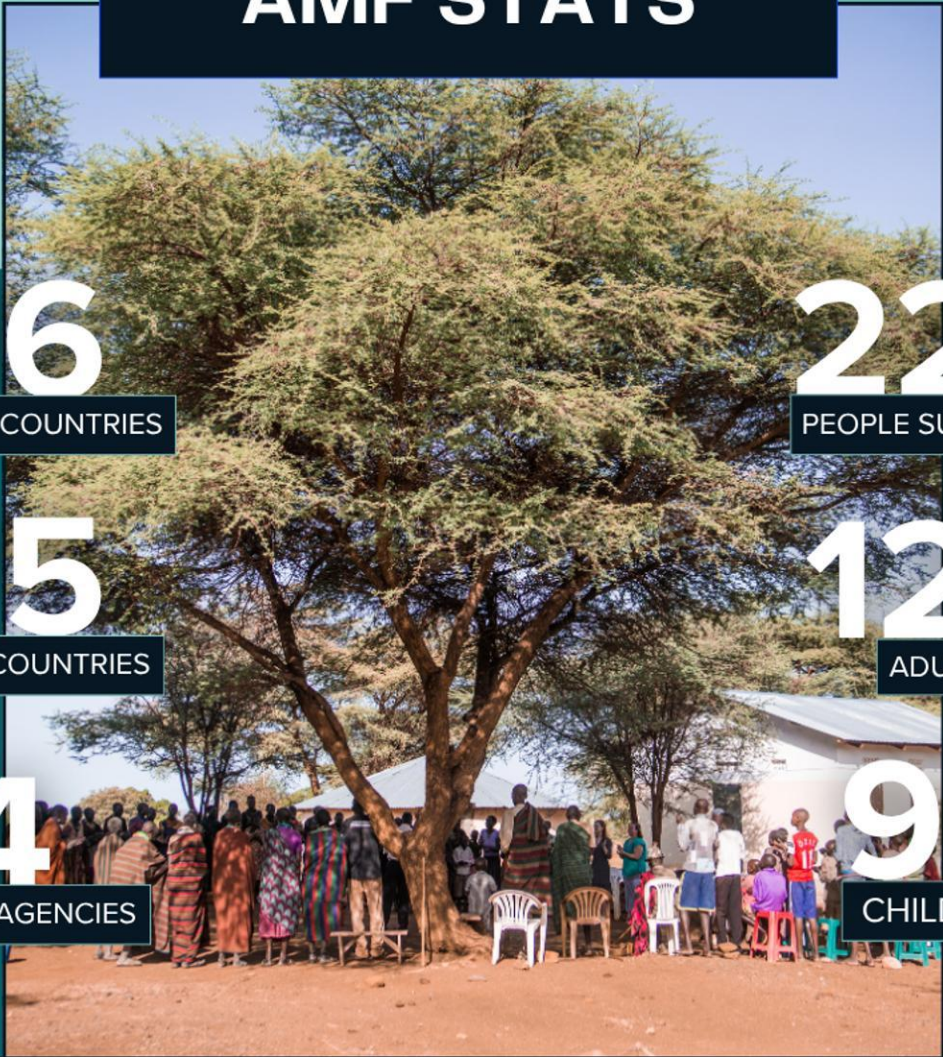
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Partnering.  
Empowering  
Transforming Lives.

# STATS

## AMF STATS



26

RECEIVING COUNTRIES

224

PEOPLE SUPPORTED

25

SENDING COUNTRIES

129

ADULTS

4

MISSION AGENCIES

95

CHILDREN

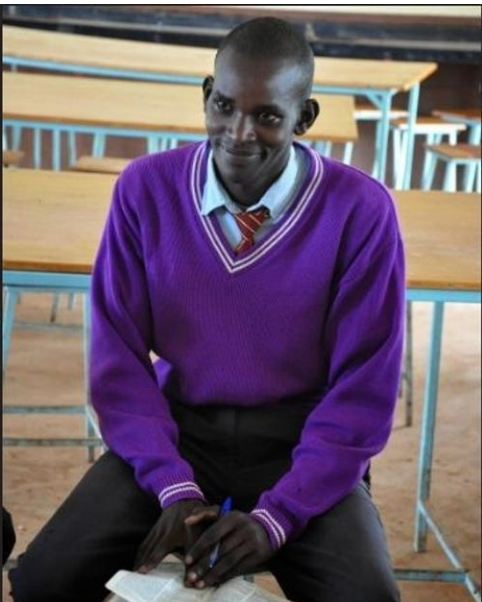
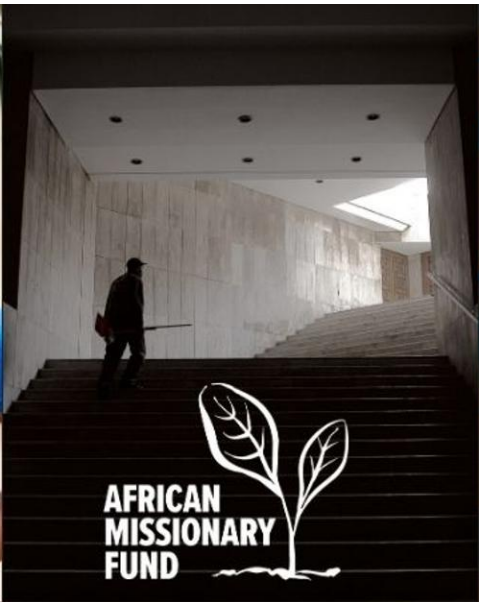
**AFRICAN  
MISSIONARY FUND**





# MINISTRY PARTNERS





AMF missionaries now represents 26 African nations, serving in 30 different countries worldwide.



We partnered with 111 different churches to reach 107 Unreached People groups.

In 2025, **the African Missionary Fund made a HUGE impact!** Here are some of the numbers.

AMF cycle reached across borders, supporting missionaries deployed to 26 countries and originating from 25 African nations. A total of 224 people (129 adults and 95 children) from 4 different mission agencies received assistance through the fund, enabling African missionaries to continue their vital work among unreached communities.

### **The African Missionary Fund saw HUGE growth!**

The numbers tell a remarkable story:

- 2023: You supported 24 adults with 27 children
- 2024: You supported 129 adults with 95 children
- 2025: You supported 188 adults with 170 children

That represents 684% growth in adult participation and 530% growth in children served, a total growth rate of 602% in just three years across four mission agencies in Africa.

AMF enabled African missionaries to continue their vital work among unreached communities and for that we praise God!

### **The African Missionary Fund had HUGE reach!**

Workers who are supported by AMF now represent 26 African nations, serving in 30 different countries worldwide. The churches we partner with through their workers nearly doubled from 62 to 111, demonstrating the ripple effect across Africa. We reached 107 Unreached People Groups (UPGs) this year, with 69 new additions from last year.

This matters. The AMF is making it possible to engage more unreached people groups than ever before!

### **What happens when a missionary no longer needs to spend every day worrying about survival?**

A.A. Shares: "I've served among Somalis for the last six years in Kisenyi-Kampala. Since 2020 I struggled financially and could barely meet even my most basic needs like rent, food, and clothing. I was always on the edge financially and barely crossing through each month up until last year's quarter when I started receiving AMF funding. I was constantly stressed, discouraged and anxious as I didn't know where the money for paying bills would come from or how I would meet my other personal needs. When I started receiving AMF funding in last year's quarter, I was so relieved of the extreme financial pressure, stress and anxiety I had been facing for the last few years in the mission field because it enabled me to pay my monthly rent on time and meet some of my basic needs too. I also served more joyfully and was greatly encouraged in my work because my personal needs were being catered for through the funding."

### **We are stronger together.**

By partners with African missionaries and mission agencies across Africa the Gospel advances and works best when the body of Christ works together. By strengthening existing ministries and supporting those already serving, we can multiply impact, encourage missionaries, and help bring the hope of Christ to more communities.

Partnership isn't just a strategy.

It's a reflection of God's design for His Church.

Behind each number is a story: a worker able to pay rent and focus on ministry rather than facing sleepless nights thinking about eviction, children staying in school, or their next meal. Communities are able to support one another as workers give to others out of their own generosity.

Together, we can invest in a future where more African missionaries are empowered to share the hope of Christ among the unreached.

Learn more: <https://cagiving.aimint.org/african-missionary-fund-amf/>

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### **Local or Global?**

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# **Should Churches Be Focused on Local or Global Missions?**

**Rethinking  
Missions**

Should churches be focused on local or global missions?

Yes.

Sometimes Christians debate where our attention should be directed. Should we serve our neighbourhoods or support mission work around the world?

The reality is that Scripture calls us to both.

Jesus commanded His followers to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). From the beginning, God's mission was never limited to one place or one people. Throughout Scripture, we see God's heart for all nations. The Bible begins with God's promise to bless all peoples through Abraham (Genesis 12:2-3) and culminates in a vision of people from every tribe, language, people and nation worshiping before His throne (Revelation 7:9).

The mission has always been both local and global.

Today, however, the distinction between the two is becoming increasingly blurred. Many of the same people groups AIM has sought to reach in Africa are now living in cities and communities around the world. The nations are on the move, creating new opportunities for churches and believers to participate in God's mission right where they are.

The question isn't whether we should choose local or global missions.

The question is: How can we faithfully participate in God's mission wherever He calls us?

### **What's the difference between local and global missions?**

Local missions focus on sharing God's love and serving people within our own communities. This might include supporting food banks, mentoring youth, caring for newcomers, or building relationships with neighbours.

Global missions involve crossing barriers—geographic, cultural, linguistic, or religious—to bring the hope of Christ to people in other parts of the world who have little opportunity to hear the Gospel.

Both are rooted in the same calling:

- ♥ Love God.
- ♥ Love people.
- ♥ Make disciples.

The location may change, but the mission remains the same.

Whether you're serving down the street or across the globe, you're participating in God's work of reconciliation and restoration.

### **Why do both local and global missions matter?**

Because every person matters to God (Luke 15:3-7, John 3:16).

The family in your neighbourhood matters.  
The unreached community thousands of kilometres away matters.  
The student searching for purpose matters.  
The village hearing the Gospel for the first time matters.

God's love is not limited by borders, languages, or cultures. His desire is that people everywhere would know Him (Matthew 28:19-20, Psalm 67:1-2) .

When churches embrace both local and global missions, they reflect the full scope of God's heart—a heart that seeks people nearby and far away.

We don't have to choose between caring for our community and caring about the nations.

God calls us to do both.

### **How does AIM engage in both local and global missions?**

For over 125 years, AIM has been committed to sharing the hope of Christ among Africa's unreached peoples—communities with little or no access to the Gospel.

Many of these groups live in places that are difficult to reach due to geography, political realities, or religious restrictions. Across Africa, AIM missionaries continue to partner with local churches and believers to bring the Gospel to these communities. We remain committed to this mission.

At the same time, the world is changing.

Africans are relocating around the globe as students, professionals, refugees, and newcomers. People groups that were once accessible only through overseas missions are now living in cities and communities across North America, Europe, and beyond.

That's where AIM's Borderless ministry comes in.

Through Borderless, AIM missionaries partner with local churches to build relationships with African diaspora communities, international students, refugees, and newcomers. In many cases, local churches have opportunities to meet and serve people from unreached backgrounds without ever leaving their city.

A church member may never travel to Africa, but they may befriend an African student, welcome a newcomer family, or build a relationship with a neighbour from an unreached people group. In these moments, local mission and global mission intersect.

The mission field may be closer than we think.

### **How is God raising up African Missionaries?**

At the same time, God is raising up African believers to carry the Gospel both within Africa and beyond.

As the global Church grows, mission is no longer flowing in just one direction. African missionaries are playing an increasingly important role in bringing the Gospel to Africa's unreached peoples and to the nations.

Through AIM's African Missionary Fund, churches and supporters help equip, train, and send African missionaries to serve among unreached peoples. These missionaries bring valuable cultural understanding, language skills, and unique opportunities to share the Gospel in places that can be difficult for outsiders to access.

God is raising up missionaries from every nation to reach every nation.

This is a beautiful picture of God's global Church working together. As believers from different nations partner in God's mission, more people have the opportunity to hear and respond to the hope of Christ.

### **Joining God's Mission**

The mission hasn't changed.

The world has.

As people move across borders and cultures, God continues to create new opportunities for His people to share His love and make disciples.

AIM is committed to this renewed expression of the same mission - serving and equipping the Church of Jesus Christ to make disciples among the peoples of Africa and seeing Christ-centred churches established and thriving among all of Africa's peoples.

Together, churches, international workers, and African missionaries are partnering to see the Gospel reach people who have never had the opportunity to hear it.

Whether God calls you across the street or across the world, the invitation remains the same: join Him in bringing the hope of Christ to people who need to hear it.

Because God's heart has always been for the nations—and sometimes the nations are right next door.

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### **Lucky's Story**

Lucky's story is a powerful story of trusting God for provision. He serves with AIM in Madagascar.

"I'm not going to lie, like, raising funds was stressful. I was panicking. Are you really sending me? And please show you are sending me by bringing the money. I believe you are sending me but help my unbelief."

It is because of powerful senders like you that African missionaries can be supported to serve the Lord. [Will you send well?](#)

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