

## Cathy Armstrong – Madagascar update.

Cathy has asked us to bring you all up to date with news from Mandritsara.

The good news is that entry visas have been miraculously granted to the Thiessen family (Jesh is a surgeon) from Canada and the Hinds family (Mark is a primary school teacher and musician and Lucy is a paediatrician) from England. The Hinds are hoping to fly out this week. Dr Lesley Notghi, a paediatric neurologist who has been waiting to return to Mandritsara, is booked on the same flight! In addition, Dr Marco, a Malagasy surgeon who served in Mandritsara 8 years ago is planning to return to help Ted Watts set up a surgical training program in February. Please pray for protection and safe travel.

This is an extract from the recent prayer letter for Mandritsara.

‘2020 was a huge challenge for the missionary and medical team in Mandritsara, with no possibility for reinforcements to arrive and no possibility for the team to have home leave or indeed much of a break at all. Please pray that the arrival of the folk mentioned in this prayer letter will be of great help and encouragement for all the team as they seek to serve the sick and needy and above all to make known the wonderful message of hope – of Jesus, who came into the world to save sinners.’

Cathy and Louise are in good spirits. The hot season is now being accompanied by much needed rain. Thankfully there don't seem to be many cases of the corona virus in Mandritsara.

Thank you all so much for your prayer support. As you can see, our God is indeed faithful.

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