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Dear Friend of Bible Alliance,

I'd like to introduce you to **three people who desperately need a *Fire Bible* in Malagasy**, a language spoken on the remote island of Madagascar.

Located off the southeast coast of Africa and home to 18 million people, Madagascar is the largest island nation and the fourth largest island in the world.

The first person I want to tell you about who needs a Malagasy *Fire Bible* is **Hingo**. He graduated from Bible school, and every graduate is expected to plant a church. But Hingo had a problem. He stuttered.

Determined to plant a church, Hingo moved with his wife and son to one of the most difficult places on Madagascar — a famine area on the island. Keep in mind the average annual wage is \$800 per person on the island, and Hingo's family went to a famine area. Did I mention the area is also a Muslim stronghold?

The first week Hingo's family had nothing to eat. He walked two kilometers looking for food. Finally he found a snake, and they ate it for their only meat. Still determined, Hingo the stutterer recruited people to come to his new church. When they started the first church service, Hingo was instantly healed! Hingo needs a Malagasy *Fire Bible*.

Lala Sua needs a Malagasy *Fire Bible*. She and her husband, Jocelyn, went to a very remote rain forest in Tsivory to plant a church.

Jocelyn got sick and died while Lala Sua was pregnant with their third child. Lala Sua stayed, and now their church plant

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[Photo of Lala Sua]

has 150 people and she is committed to planting another church. This widow with three children needs a Malagasy *Fire Bible*.

Lala Sua, a widow and single mother, pastors a church and wants to plant another one.

[Photo of Pastor Martin]

Pastor Martin helped plant a church in Tulear, Madagascar.

Pastor Martin needs a Malagasy *Fire Bible*. He and his wife went to help plant a church in the desperately poor area of Tulear. For a year they only had mangoes to eat, twice a week.

Finally, Martin decided it was too difficult and told his wife it was time to leave. But she was determined. She told him, “If you are going to leave, go by yourself. God called us here. I’m staying.”

Pastor Martin and his wife stayed, and people started getting saved. They built a simple church building but almost as soon as they got it built, a cyclone destroyed it and their home. This time, Martin never

considered leaving. Currently without a building, the church has several hundred adults attending. Pastor Martin needs a Malagasy *Fire Bible*.

And thanks to you, a church in California, and other members of the Assemblies of God Bible Alliance . . . Hingo, Lala Sua, and Pastor Martin CAN have a Malagasy *Fire Bible*.

The Malagasy *Fire Bible* was officially launched June 21, 2008, in Madagascar. And what a celebration it was! We’ve included some photos here of the event so you can share in the joy and excitement of the Malagasy church over this one-book Pentecostal library that will bless the 18 million people who live in this island nation.

“The *Fire Bible* is the greatest thing you can bring to our island and to our people because of the great hunger we have for the Word of God,” said the general superintendent of the Madagascar Assemblies of God, Nicolas Rakotomalala.

This was also a special moment for the people of La Palma Christian Center in La Palma, California. This church gave almost \$200,000 in one offering to provide “the greatest thing you can bring to our island,” the *Fire Bible*.

Just think. All three of these pastors — **Hingo**, the former stutterer; **Lala Sua**, the widow mother of three children who is pastoring a church and planting another; and

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Pastor Martin and his “stubborn” wife — will have this study Bible that can help them in their efforts to proclaim the gospel to the 18 million people of Madagascar.

Like the general superintendent said, I can’t think of a better gift we could give to the church and the people of Madagascar.

Thank you for being a part of the Assemblies of God Bible Alliance. Thank you for asking the Author of the Book what He would have you do this month to help us keep blessing national churches, national workers and great nations around the world.

Each \$10 gift makes available a *Fire Bible* at a price a national pastor can afford. Think of the impact this gift will have.

I’ve only told you briefly the stories of three pastors in Madagascar who are among thousands who will be blessed by the publication of the Malagasy *Fire Bible*.

And we have **26 *Fire Bible* language editions in print and another 32 in process.** [The numbers are constantly changing as you friends help provide *Fire Bibles* in more languages and as requests for more languages come to us from the mission field.]

Talk about an impact! Thank you.

Please use the enclosed postage-paid envelope to mail in your gift this month to help more deserving people have access to **“the greatest thing”** we can make available to them. The Word of God.

Yours for the Word,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alton Garrison". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light yellow rectangular background.

Dr. Alton Garrison
President
Assemblies of God Bible Alliance

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Keep Giving the Greatest Thing!



"The *Fire Bible* is the greatest thing you can bring to our island and to our people because of the great hunger we have for the Word of God."

— Nicolas Rakotomalala (Left)
General Superintendent, Madagascar Assemblies of God



(Above) National pastors in Madagascar, Africa, received their first copy of the Malagasy *Fire Bible* at the dedication ceremonies on June 21, 2008.

Dear Alton:

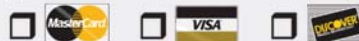
I/We agree with the general superintendent of Madagascar. The greatest thing we can give the nations is the Word of God. I feel the Author of the Book we publish together would have me/us give:

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