

Missionary Updates

The Rev. Lancelot Themba Mkhabela, Madagascar

Due to recent Cyclones (Cyclone Ana) on the week of January 17-22 and Batsirai the next weekend, there were at least 28 casualties and over 50,000 people lost their homes and livelihood.

Since Cyclones Ana and Balsiral the Reverend has been working with the church to respond to the aftermath. Assessing the needs of those who were affected so that he can submit a request to disaster response assistance.

Madagascar is one of the poorest counties in the world. The infrastructure is old and not properly maintained. A small storm can cause tremendous damage to people's lives. It is simply remarkable to see the damage.

The Rev. Mkhabela had planned to send us a video of his work in Madagascar but asked us to be patient as he helps the people of Madagascar. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Rev. Dr. Jeffery Truscott

I want to update you as to my current situation. You might remember that I have been teaching students at Seminari Tinggi Teologi in Siantar, Indonesia remotely (online) since mid-2020. After a year and half, I will finally be able to travel to Indonesia. Needless to say, I am happy and relieved to finally make this important move.

Please pray that God will guide and protect me during the journey. I hope that this new phase of my ministry will reinvigorate my relationship with ELCA missionary sponsoring congregations. Perhaps we can explore new means for keeping in contact.

Best wishes to all for the new year and thank you again for your support of my ministry here in southeast Asia.

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are in the pews and the Narthex.**