

TRAINING LEADERS

Sam & Violette Beeton in Madagascar

Mission Companions

In their own words

'It is so encouraging to see the students developing into church leaders with a vision and a passion for serving God's people and the Anglican Church.'

Sam Beeton
 USPG Mission Companion



Madagascar factfile

Capital: Antananarivo
Languages: Malagasy (official), French
Religion: Indigenous beliefs, Christianity
Export: Vanilla, coffee, seafood, cloves, petroleum products, chromium, fabrics
Geography: Madagascar is the world's fourth biggest island after Greenland, New Guinea and Borneo
Further reading:
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madagascar

USPG in Madagascar

USPG has been supporting the church in Madagascar since 1864 and now gives over £50,000 towards grassroots initiatives of the church in Madagascar, Mauritius and the Seychelles.

About this Project...

▶ **Target: £42,600/ €56,800 | Project 335**

Since 2002 Sam Beeton has been serving as a USPG Mission Companion in the Diocese of Antananarivo, Madagascar, where he is training priests.

Sam Beeton is helping the Anglican Church to overcome a severe shortage of local priests as an ongoing project.

Sam teaches Church history, Greek, Hebrew and English to ordinands at St Paul's Theological College, in Ambatoharana, which is the key training centre for the Anglican Church in Madagascar.

The church in Madagascar is strong but faces challenges of encroaching western

lifestyles and funding. The church struggles to cover both the wages of priests and training. Most priests come from poor subsistence farming communities so have little income to support themselves. Sam said: 'St Paul's is a place that refines and prepares students to become leaders'.

Supporting Sam in his mission work is Violette who is running a community centre. This centre provides agricultural classes to help students boost crop yields and market their produce. The centre is a hub for the local community. Other training provided includes sewing, organic farming and beekeeping.

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