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## Upcoming Events

**NACOG** Conference in Philadelphia, August 6-9 (Thurs - Sun)

Special Convention sponsored by Church of God churches in Dallas

Speaker: Rev P.I. Abraham (Kanam Achen)

August 21 - 22 (Friday & Saturday) at 7 PM

Highland Oaks Church of Christ, 10805 Kingsley Rd, Dallas 75238

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## Weekly Schedule

Sat Aug 8th (Metro) Prayer Meeting @ Metro (7 PM)

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### Prayer for the Nations: Madagascar (Africa)\*

- The ancestors of the Malagasy peoples of Madagascar came from Indonesia and Africa - mixed in with Arab traders.
- The main ethnic division is between the people who live near the coast and the Merina people in the mountains - who have historically been more powerful and the elite.
- A disastrous experiment with socialism during the '70s and '80s has left the island in deep poverty. As a result many are malnourished and malaria is spreading rapidly.
- Under Marxist rule all religion was completely banned but since 1993 Christians have been able to meet and worship freely.
- The church has seen loads of exciting times of renewal in the last century - pray that the church would continue to grow and be grounded in the bible.
- Young people are so important for the future in this fast growing population. Pray for Christians who are called to working with this generation and ask God to give the young people a passion for God, for prayer and sharing their love for Jesus.
- Over 5 million people live in remote villages in the north and the south where there are hardly any churches. Pray for missionaries who are living in tough conditions and travel for days on bicycles to reach these villages.

\* [http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country\\_id=84](http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=84)

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Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase. Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps. (Ps 85:12,13)

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# Welcome

This poem was engraved on the wall of Mother Teresa's home for children in Calcutta.

## ***Anyway***

People are often unreasonable, illogical,  
And self-centered;  
***Forgive them anyway.***

If you are kind, people may accuse you  
Of selfish, ulterior motives;  
***Be kind anyway.***

If you are successful, you will win some  
False friends and some true enemies;  
***Succeed anyway.***

If you are honest and frank;  
People may cheat you;  
***Be honest and frank anyway.***

What you spend years building,  
someone could destroy overnight;  
***Build anyway.***

If you find serenity and happiness,  
they may be jealous;  
***Be happy anyway.***

The good you do today,  
people will often forget tomorrow;  
***Do good anyway.***

Give the world the best you have,  
and it may never be enough;  
***Give the world the best you've got anyway.***

You see, in the final analysis  
it is between you and God  
***It was never between you and them anyway.***

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# Sermon Notes