

PRAYING

FROM PAMPLIN

Mission Focus: *Madagascar*

Our missions' focus this week is on a seminary leader. His name is

Nirintsoa Mamitiana, and he lives in Madagascar. That's the island on the right lower side of Africa when you look at a map. Mamitiana started a new seminary in his home country to train pastors and other leaders to serve the churches there. Our church helped that happen.

How? Well, our church supports Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, through the Cooperative Program. That helps students get the training they need for a much lower cost than most other schools charge. Mamitiana earned a Ph.D. degree from Southwestern. Then he went home and put it to good use. Our investment in Southwestern and the five other seminaries across the United States will pay off in ways we cannot even imagine.

Let's pray for Mamitiana and his teaching ministry as well as for the students now studying at in his seminary. In addition he and his family work with the *Mission House*, a ministry seeking to improve the quality of life of the vulnerable and disadvantaged. In another 10 or 20 years, who knows what kind of Kingdom ministries they will be doing!

Church of the Week

New Jerusalem Baptist Church
Appomattox, VA

Shut-in of the Month

Nancy Dickerson
418 Mountain View Rd
Pamplin, VA 23958

Prayer Concerns from Congregation

Government Leaders

- For discernment for Special Counsel Hur as he conducts his investigation.
- For Attorney General Merrick Garland as he heads the Justice Department.
- For our Commonwealth's legislators meeting for the next 6 weeks in Richmond.

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2. Church leadership is identified as a plurality of men.

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Look in the mirror.

Look over the flock

The one to which the Holy Spirit has called you.

The one to whom you have been given a responsibility.

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