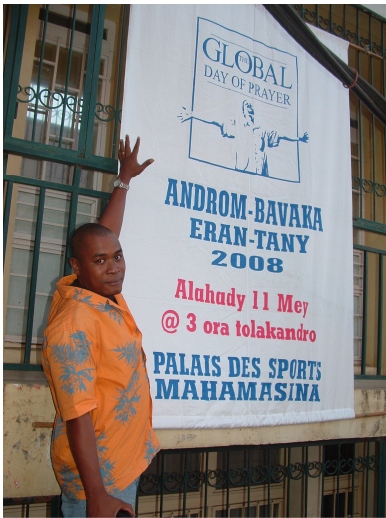


Dear Friends,

It was only ten months ago that our delegation took part in the SOMA Regional Conference in Madagascar. Being hosted by one of the warmest and friendliest people of the Indian Ocean, our experience was truly one that allowed God to refresh us and minister to our team. Spending two nights with one devout Malagasy family made us realize that we had left one earthly home and entered another, for the fellowship we enjoyed served to remind us of our sisterhood and brotherhood in Christ.

After the conference, as we took our day off and walked the streets of the capital taking some souvenir photos, we came across a very prominent piece of advertisement: a poster advertising the Global Day of Prayer 2008



I turned to my Madagascar-born Seychellois teammate and asked her "Isn't that heart warming?" as we had been preparing for the event back home as well. She promptly replied "**Yes, we are one!**"

This year, as we celebrate the oneness of the bride of Christ, may I appeal to you to pray on the Global Day of Prayer itself? Let all the churches across the globe uplift this land and her blessed people in prayer for one solid special hour as we ask God to intervene in this unfortunate situation that is presenting ministers of the Gospel with a mountainous challenge. My suggestion is that churches are left at liberty to choose the most convenient hour to incorporate in their programs.

"Yes, we are one!" said my sister Tiana. Indeed we are. And as one we will call upon the Lord.

Blessings
Yours in Christ's service

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