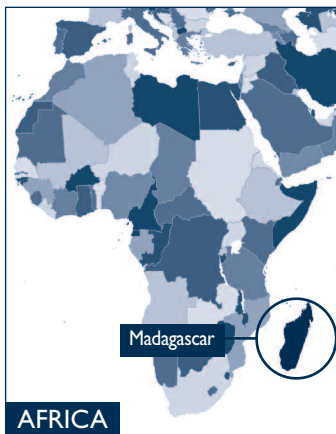


IHS Heartbeat

Center in South Africa Starts to Multiply International Saline Trainers New trainer teaches 100 healthcare workers in Madagascar

International Saline has reached the island country of Madagascar off the southeast coast of Africa, brought there by Martine Ranivontsoarivony. Martine attended a session at Healthcare Christian Fellowship International's training center in Rynfield, South Africa, in June. Her instructor was Angelina Sandy, who participated as an IHS apprentice in the International Saline held in Singapore back in March.

Angelina's first group of participants numbered nine and included medical doctors, full-time HCFI workers and a university lecturer. They came to the training center from Madagascar, Zambia, Nigeria and Sri Lanka. From among this committed group,



Martine set to work training in Madagascar:

At the university in Antananarivo, Madagascar, Martine delivered International Saline to the faculty of medicine using the French translation for a mostly Cameroonian group (Cameroon is in West Africa). She also presented the training in Malagasy at the HCF national congress for 100 Madagascar members. For each training she gave, Martine was in contact with Angelina and IHS for prayer, coaching and other assistance — a lifeline for her.

Soon the materials will be translated into Malagasy. At the end of September, Martine will present again to a group of healthcare leaders in Antananarivo.

Saline Supply

Follow-up bolsters commitment to witness

Translated International Saline materials are motivating participants to take action, particularly e-mails sent in the indigenous language following a training session.



International Saline slide in Portuguese shows the need for patience as God's Spirit is at work.

A participant in the session in Brazil in July responded to Bob Snyder's first follow-up email with gratitude: "First I would like to thank the kindness to send me an e-mail written in Portuguese. Actually I have difficulties in English, which I must strive to improve. I thank God for the

life of you and the International Saline," Solange Madjarof wrote.

Solange said that she shared what she learned with a friend who is a nurse. Solange also began practicing newly learned skills of being a witness, because the follow-up e-mails reminded her that she made a commitment to use International Saline tools.

After other follow-up emails, Solange reported using the tools of taking a spiritual history (to find out about a patient's faith) and planting a faith flag (to let a patient know in a brief statement that you are God's child), and she said, "I did this with permission, respect and sensitivity," according to International Saline principles.

Vital Signs

Divine appointment during Brazil Training

International Saline participant Lorena Velho was looking for a bookstore in São Paulo when she unknowingly asked an Ecuadorian heart surgeon for directions. After he learned that Lorena's grandfather came from Ecuador, they spoke in Spanish, and then he opened up about personal struggles. "This was clearly a divine appointment for touching the heart of a lonely colleague," said Chris Steyn, who witnessed the conversation. (Dr. Steyn is international coordinator of Healthcare Christian Fellowship International, which included International Saline in its Brazil conference.)

For the Record

“Seven trainers regularly give International Saline sessions, mentored by Bob Snyder and Gábor Györi. Twenty-eight trainers have begun the process of becoming proficient. Another 10 participants have been identified as future trainer candidates.”

