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Ambatondrazaka Community

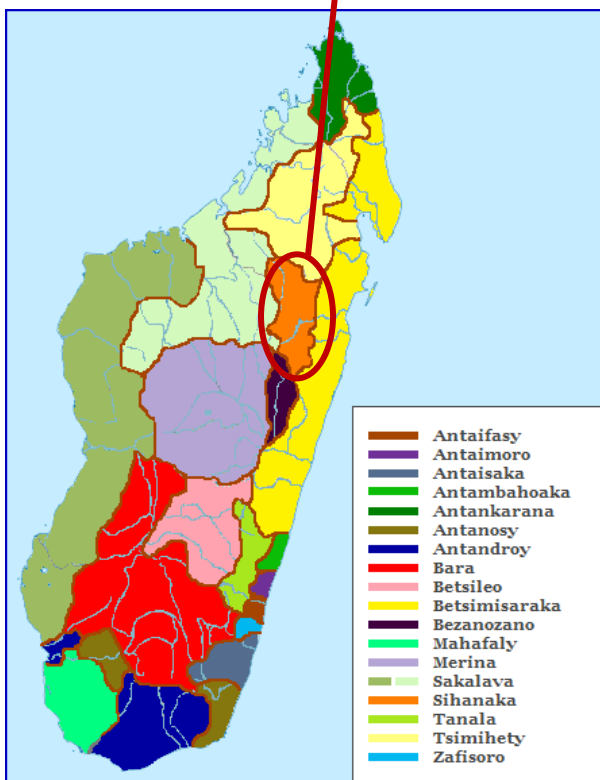
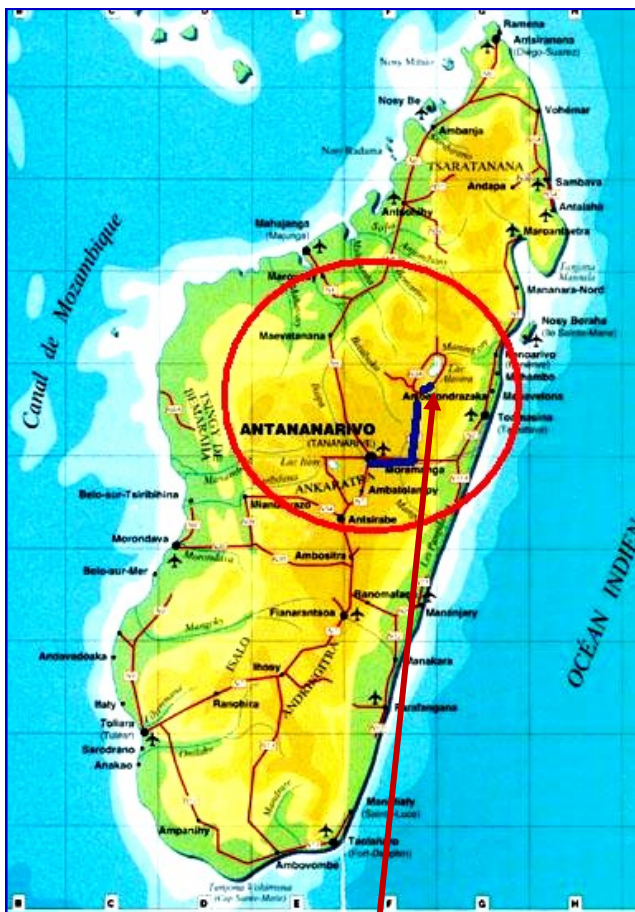
In Guest Centre « Victoire Rasoamanarivo »

In Antsihanaka region (territory of the Sihanaka population) the weather is so hot that even the vegetable leaves in the garden and burned by the sun.

The farmers worry because of the dryness. Last year the first rain did not arrive until the month of February, and so there was a shortage of rice even though Antsihanaka is the store house of rice for Madagascar.

The Sihanaka people have their customs. Tuesday and Wednesday are taboo days : people do not work on these days not even in the rice fields or other fields while they do work on Sunday. This is a problem for the life of the Church.

Because of this the Diocese has made efforts to prepare young adults for the parish responsibility they will take in the future. They come to « Centre Victoire Rasoamanarivo » each term and they spend ten days each year in the Centre where we are. This formation lasts for three years. Twenty five young people completed the course in catechetics this year. On Thursday 19th October 2017, a solemn Mass was celebrated at the end of their training for sending them on Mission.



The diocesan Centre has a flock of seventeen sheep. They were given to the Bishop when he made pastoral visits to the parishes. We also take charge of a small book shop where people can come and buy books, rosaries, medals... The diocesan priests also come there to obtain hosts for their District.



Our Community is made up of three Sisters and a girl on work experience:

Sister Chantal Tantely is in charge of the Centre. She is responsible for welcoming guests and for organising the activities of the various groups who come here.

Sister Marie Adeline helps Sœur Chantal to ensure a welcome for guests and she is also part of the group for vocational ministry (VOFAFIA). She brings Communion to

the sick when they ask for it. As the last arrival she is gradually adapting to the hot climate.

Sister Marie Ange, Sister in Charge in the Community, also shares in the life of the Centre. She is a member of the Parish Pastoral Council, she is involved in basic communities (A.P.F) and she visits some sick people. She is responsible for accompanying the young girl who is doing work experience.

Linah, who has just started her first year of work experience helps with cooking, cares for the chickens with Sister Adeline and she looks after the little vegetable garden with Sister Marie Ange.

Each one has her responsibilities and we help each other so that this initiative flourishes in this area....multiple tasks needing our hands, our heads and our hearts !

The Community of Ambatondrazaka
in Centre Victoire Rasoamanarivo
wishes you a « Good Apostolic Year ».

