



## From the Director for Missionary Sponsorship

"Today," reflected Barbara, "I stand on the successful ministries of our predecessor missionaries." An ELCA missionary in Madagascar, Barbara Hinderlie has served with the Malagasy Lutheran Church in Madagascar. She has assisted the church with strategic planning, self-reliance and the monitoring and evaluation of existing ministries.

A chemical engineer by training, Barbara chuckled, "I don't do engineering calculations, and I am grateful for that! But all of my analytical skills have been needed as, together with the church, we have prepared for the next era in the life of this church." She observed that the Malagasy church is filled with hope and eager to reach its full potential.

As Barbara's family recently prepared to leave Madagascar for new missionary responsibilities in Tanzania, she felt privileged to have helped prepare the Malagasy Lutheran Church for the next generation of missionaries. She notes that the "next missionaries will assist with bridge-building for the long-term relationships of the church. They will be called



*ELCA missionary Barbara Hinderlie meets with Ralaivao Luc Robel, the accountant for the Malagasy Lutheran Church. Hinderlie and her husband, the Rev. Andrew Hinderlie, have recently moved to Tanzania where they serve as ELCA Regional Representatives for Eastern Africa.*

to fill a gap identified by the local church and their work will be done in coordination with a Malagasy counterpart."

"As a member of the ELCA, it has been exciting to serve in one of the fastest growing churches in The Lutheran World Federation," concluded Barbara.

Through your support of ELCA missionaries you, too, can help to equip the church for mission! Thank you! Your gifts make a lasting world of difference.

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