

# PRAY FOR

## THE ANTEFASY OF MADAGASCAR



Have you ever tried to hold a fist full of sand without letting any of the teeny tiny grains slip through your fingers? It's not easy, is it? Did you know that sand is really just a technical term describing its size rather than what it's actually made of? In fact, sand is different all over the world. It can be made of rock particles, shells, bones, glass, lava, and coral. There's probably a lot more possibilities than that, but I think you get the idea. What's really amazing is that each grain of sand tells a story of the world. When you grab a handful of sand you are holding a graveyard of what was once living organisms, a fragment of what was once a towering mountain, or a tiny bit of what was once liquid-fire.

On the island of Madagascar, the fourth largest island in the world, lives an unreached, unengaged people group called the Antefasy. The Antefasy, whose name means "those who live in the sands," live in the southeastern coastal region of the country. Although many Antefasy claim to be Christians very few have a true understanding of the gospel. Rather, they follow their own traditional religions passed down from their ancestors, whom they worship. However, they are open to hearing the teachings of the Bible and surprised by what they hear.



Although a really clever scientist might be able to measure a grain of sand and determine its composition, no one can actually know for sure where it came from and how long it's been around. Because we can't ask a grain of sand to tell us its story, we can only guess. But our great God, who knows how many hairs you have on your head, also knows how many grains of sand are on this earth. Not only that, but He also knows how many grains of sand there have ever been and will ever be on this earth. And, not only that, but He also knows exactly where they came from. Nothing can be hidden from God. If this is true about sand, how much do you think He knows about the people that He created in His own image? And how much more do you think He cares for ALL the peoples of the earth? Pray now for the Antefasy to hear about the ALL KNOWING, ALL LOVING, ALWAYS GOOD, God. He is worth sharing!



Don't forget to pray for the Antefasy children, too! Can't you picture them holding a fist full of sand and wondering what made it? Don't you think they might also wonder who made them and why? Pray that someone will faithfully share the Truth and they come to know the One who already knows them.