

STANDING
in the gap

FOR THE PEOPLES OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA



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The Antandroy (Ahn-tahn-DROO-ee), meaning “where there are thorns,” inhabit the southernmost tip of Madagascar, an inhospitable environment covered by thorn bushes and plagued with drought. Although known for the fierceness and independence needed for survival in such harsh conditions, their lives are also plagued with superstitions and taboos. Culturally, the Antandroy, numbering over 928,800, are known for the elaborate tombs they build, which tell the life stories and wishes of the deceased.

- Pray that God would plant believers near Antandroy villages, softening the thorns that surround their lives with the message of Christ’s love.
- Antandroy believe that seeing or doing certain things such as pointing to a tombstone will cause calamity to fall upon them. Pray that they will understand that their lives are controlled not by taboos and superstitious beliefs, but by the Creator of the universe.
- Pray that as this realization comes to life, there will be a messenger from God ready to go and tell them about the God of the universe.
- Pray that a new story will be written on the hearts and tombs of the Antandroy: the story of God’s love, of Christ’s sacrifice, and of the eternal life given to those who believe.

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