

STANDING *in the gap*

FOR THE PEOPLES OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA



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Antesaka (Ahn-tay-SAH-kah) villages are spread along the southeast coast of Madagascar. While the people, numbering over 500,000, are warm, hospitable and open to outsiders, they are isolated by the remoteness of their environment. Antesaka beliefs are dominated by superstition and taboos. Often their houses have a second door, located on the east wall, used only for taking out a corpse. Antesaka, along with many other people groups in Madagascar, put great emphasis on burial rites. Ancestor worship is their way of gaining peace in their daily lives and with god. In spite of a few churches scattered among Antesaka villages, they demonstrate little knowledge of the Gospel.

- Ask God to help missionaries overcome the difficulties of reaching remote Antesaka villages.
- Pray the Antesaka will have encounters with God through dreams and visions, causing questions and discussions readying them for the Gospel message.
- Pray that Christian workers receive clear direction from God on approaching the deep-rooted superstitions and taboos plaguing the Antesaka people.
- Pray for God to strengthen new Antesaka believers and give them strong testimonies of the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives.
- Pray for God's light to pierce the darkness of Antesaka taboos and superstition.

For information on how your church/group can partner in prayer to reach this people group with the Gospel and a schedule of other Standing in the Gap prayer events go to <http://gap.imbafrica.org/>.