

PORTRAITS OF FAITH

When Rakotomalala became interested in the gospel, the nearest church was in Antsirabe, a city 30 miles (50 km) from his village in Sarodroa. Rakotomalala and a friend found a way to make the journey each Sunday.

Today, Sarodroa has a small meetinghouse where over 100 members attend every Sunday. Rakotomalala has seen his village embrace the gospel. Four missionaries have served from Sarodroa and the Church continues to grow.

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Rakotomalala Alphonse

Sarodroa, Madagascar

I wanted to attend church, but I had no money for the bus. I talked to my friend, Razafindravaonasolo, and she said we could ride my bike. We rode two hours one way from Sarodroa to Antsirabe every Sunday. When I would get tired of pedaling, I would ride on the back and she would start pedaling. Then when she got tired, we would switch places again.

Eventually, Razafindravaonasolo's family and I joined the Church. We attended church in Antsirabe until a branch opened in Sarodroa. We were so happy when we could attend church in our own village!

See more photos of Rakotomalala and Razafindravaonasolo at lds.org/go/41845.

Learn more about the growth of the Church in Sarodroa at lds.org/go/41844.



