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### **Vakoka Vakiteny...**

...is a young and professional publishing company producing literature for children and youth in Malagasy language.

...is owned and run by a dynamic team of young Malagasy.

...contributes to growth and development in Madagascar - culturally and materially.

...promotes the joy of reading and develops the understanding for literature and art in a modern Malagasy environment.

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# Vakoka Vakiteny News

## **Dear friends of Vakoka Vakiteny.**

The tickets are bought and we are ready to go to Germany! The week in the Baden-Baden region will be very intense and we will have arrangements almost every day. Hopefully we will meet many people who are interested in the work of **Vakoka Vakiteny** and who wants to support us.

On these arrangements we will first talk about Madagascar, the language, culture and nature. Then we will inform about our work with literature. People will get the opportunity to ask or comment, and we appreciate discussions and debate. We are really looking forward to this, and we will encourage you all to come!

*Mparany Rakotondrainy*  
Director of Vakoka Vakiteny

## **Various "deals" with sponsors**

When we are in Germany we will try to get as many people as possible supporting our work. Our approach is that all people have their own fields of interest, and that they want to give support to something they appreciate and find important.

Therefore we introduce different parts of our work that people can choose to support. They are as following:

- Supporting printing our new book "Uncle Tefy"
- Supporting writing of a children's atlas of Madagascar with pictures and maps.
- Supporting rewriting and publishing of a new edition of a book about Malagasy nature and environment.
- Supporting translation and printing of the books Rebila and Dangeligny into Braille (text for blind people).
- Supporting reprint and distribution of the three books which already have been published (Dangeligny, Rebila and Takoboka).
- Supporting equipping of the company's office in Toliara.
- Supporting our trip to Germany.

The money collected will be used for the purpose it was donated. Of course people can also give money for no specified purpose, and they can give as little or much as they want. They will also be encouraged to join the association "Förderverein Madagaskar Schul- und Kinderbücher". We hope that many people will be convinced to support our work among the Malagasy children.

## SUMMER PROGRAM

### July 9th morning:

Meeting with "Kinderbuchfonds Baobab", Basel

### July 9th evening:

Annual Meeting "Förderverein Madagaskar Schul- und Kinderbücher e.V.", Schopfheim

### July 10th:

Oldtimer-Meeting, Baden-Baden

### July 14th:

Dinner with the German French association, Baden-Baden

### July 15th morning

Lectures for children at "Buchhandlung Wasserburger", Baden-Baden

### July 15th evening

Lectures for adults at "Buchhandlung Wasserburger", Baden-Baden

### July 16th morning

Dialogue with students at "Albert-Schweitzer-Gymnasium", Gernsbach

### July 16th evening

Arrangements with the association "Kenia-Hilfe e.V.", Bühl together with delegates from the Malagasy Embassy in Berlin

### July 25th:

Participation on the "Markt der Möglichkeiten", Schopfheim

In addition we also plan some meetings and arrangements in Fürth and Fichtelgebirge. These will be the week after the arrangements in Baden-Baden area

## Web Blog



**Vakoka Vakiteny** has established a web blog where we post news and information about our company and various activities. What we want to achieve with the blog is to make a forum where people can discuss and ask about our work. It doesn't cancel or annul the web

page, but it functions as a supplement. The web page contains valid information over time, and give more profound explanations, whereas the blog will inform about day to day news and open to debate.

There will be published material on the blog that otherwise would have been included in the newsletter. Therefore we want to use the newsletter for more specific information about certain book projects that people support if we have news about these. We will not stop sending the newsletters every three months. Despite frequent advertisement, there are very few visitors on the page every day. This makes it impossible to reach out to the people we want to get in contact with. It also makes it difficult with discussions. Therefore we want to encourage all of our friends to invite people to take a look at the blog. If we are lucky, people will start to follow the news and get familiar with the company and our work. The aim is that these people will become members of the association "Förderverein Madagaskar Schul- und Kinderbücher" - and our sponsors. So please take a look at the blog every now and then, and inform others about this page:

<http://vakiteny.blogspot.com>

## News from Tojo

Tojo has had a lot of pictures to paint lately and he really worked hard. Now all the illustrations for the new book, "Uncle Tefy" are ready.

We have also made some changes to the book "Dangaligny sy Konaky" to make it easier to read. The measures include shortening of the text and many new pictures. These are almost ready as well—according to our illustrator. So he will bring many new original drawings to Germany in a few weeks.

