

# HAAS STORYBOARD

## God's Provision on Mauritius

Our church sent 10 young adult interns to Mauritius, an island east of Madagascar that is only 40 miles long and 30 miles wide. Most people haven't heard of the place, which was once home to the now extinct dodo bird. Nine of our interns served through the summer and have now returned home. One woman is still there, serving for a year. All 10 expanded the work pioneered by a missionary family that moved to Mauritius nine years ago. Many islanders are originally from India. Roughly half of the 1.3 million inhabitants are Hindu, giving it the distinction of being the only Hindu country in Africa.



This spring, Holly informed me of her two overseas business trips this year: Africa in June and Europe in November. She appreciates me supporting her duties overseeing missions at Antioch Raleigh when I can, and such trips give us an opportunity to add extra days for a much-needed vacation in the year. I felt prompted that her first trip to a tropical island was the right place at the right time. Once there, we both knew that we needed the time away to rest in June. Had we waited until October we would have risked burnout. After our pastoral visit helping the interns sort out a few ministry and interpersonal issues, we were able to check into a beachside resort and just be. Holly

called it a wonderful "vacation from decision-making." Just walks along the beach, sitting by the pool and reading books. Introvert paradise. The most we planned was a short hike halfway up a nearby mountain and a boat ride for an hour of snorkeling among tropical fish.



*In the water behind us is a formation called Crystal Rock. Behind that is Le Morne, which we climbed halfway up a few days before.*

We need to thank several people who gave to cover our airfare, which allowed us to use the money we had saved for a 2024 vacation at the resort.



*Ed Malski's grandfather opened John & Sons Auto Sales in the 1950s.*

## God's Provision in Michigan

We hope and pray that every letter we write is a blessing to the hundreds who receive a printed copy in their mailbox and hundreds more by email. In our last letter we invited you to join us in prayer for a replacement for our old rusty van. Holly has always wanted a Jeep. When we got engaged in 2007, I drove a two-door Cherokee which I sold to fund her wedding ring before moving from Orlando to South Africa. So my joke is that she's been wearing a Jeep for 16 years.

A family Holly has known for decades reached out within days of receiving our June letter asking if we would like a donated Jeep! Their family has been in the used car business for seven decades and they had just purchased a white 2014 Compass. It has a little rust but drives great. We pray that it serves us for many years. The timing was from the Lord as Holly had already planned to visit Michigan in July right after the Mauritius trip to help her mother celebrate her 70th birthday at the family's annual lake picnic (below). Because of this gift, I flew north with her and we drove back to Raleigh in our "new to us" SUV together.

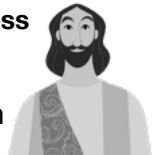
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The MOTION team keeps progressing on the Buddhist series *Journey to Hope*. Our composer has begun recording the soundtrack. Alec, the animator we mentioned six months ago, got married in June. He and his wife plan to move to North Carolina in October. To see the latest, visit [twrmotion.org/bbs-characters](http://twrmotion.org/bbs-characters).

### Characters in Progress

early Jesus design



improved design with more hair and clothing details



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