



Pastor's Comments

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He Really Wanted God!

Twelve-year-old Mahery had traveled **93 miles by bicycle** on horrific dirt roads through the wilds of northern Madagascar to pray to receive the Holy Spirit in special meetings.

Assemblies of God missionary to Madagascar, Nate Lashway, explains: "We were at the end of a three-week tour of the island holding regional Acts 1:8 seminar, linking **the power of the Holy Spirit to witness** and mission. Mahery had heard about the seminar through his pastor, but the bus he was going to take broke down. This **did not deter this young boy. He grabbed his bike and began riding.** A local pastor brought the boy up to us after the first evening service and explained his story. We immediately began praying with him. Not only did young Mahery receive **the baptism of the Holy Spirit**, he began praying for other children and youth throughout the prayer times during the week. In addition, he took furious notes at each teaching session. This young boy, who's name in Malagasy means "**Powerful**," was **driven by an insatiable desire for the Holy Spirit's power.** Mahery was not alone. During the three weeks of teaching, thousands of pastors and lay leaders attended and **hundreds of people were newly filled with the Holy Spirit.**"

Like Mahery, do you find within yourself a **deep desire to experience the reality and power of God's Holy Spirit?** Jesus knows your **longings** and promises satisfaction, "***If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink***" (John 7:37). He was referring to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit which He called "***the promise of the Father***" (Acts 1:4). Acts 2:39 states, "***the promise is unto you!***" If you earnestly seek the Lord as did Mahery, you will receive God's promise to you! Take the time to prayerfully read the scriptures of the promised Baptism of the Holy Spirit at: www.naog.ws/thirsty.htm