

HIS BEATITUDE INAUGURATES THE NEW OLD AGE HOME IN MADAGASCAR

A new Old Age Home has today been added to the many other institutes which have been built by the Patriarchate of Alexandria throughout Africa for missionary purposes

The new Old Age Home, which was inaugurated on 19th February 2008 by His Beatitude Theodoros II, Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, is the result and fruition of another lot of donations which this time came from Cyprus , whom the Venerable Primate thanked warmly.

‘ It is right that we thank the benefactors who contributed towards this Home. We thank the heroic island of Cyprus from our hearts. We especially thank the Holy Metropolis of Kition and the town of Larnaca ‘ said His Beatitude, remembering also to thank the Greeks of Australia who also assisted in the completion of this work.

This new Home in Madagascar which is added to the already existing clinic and Seminary which started operating two days ago, the offices and hostels of the missions and the Byzantine church, completes one of the biggest missionary orthodox centres on the entire African Continent, in the area of Alasora, under the ceaseless efforts and the pastoral and missionary care of the local Bishop, His Grace Nektarios.

Alasora is one of the poorest areas of Madagascar, where the aged find support with great difficulty when they need it, given the very low income of the local citizens which in the best instance is not more than 100€ a month.

Following the inauguration ceremonies His Beatitude had a private meeting with the 200 seminarians of the Seminary of

the Diocese, listened to their problems and their visions, as future active members of staff of the pastoral and missionary work of the local church of Madagascar . He gave them his paternal advice and expressed his love for them, which the ancient Patriarchate extends to all its spiritual children.