

## JONES, DAVID (1797 - 1841), missionary

**Name:** David Jones  
**Date of birth:** 1797  
**Date of death:** 1841  
**Spouse:** Louisa Jones (née Darby)  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** missionary  
**Area of activity:** Religion  
**Author:** Evan Lewis Evans

A missionary connected with the Madagascar Mission for nearly twenty-five years under the London Missionary Society; born 1797 at Pen-rhiw, near Neuadd-lwyd, Cardiganshire. He studied when 14 under **Thomas Phillips** at the Neuadd-lwyd Academy, and later at Llanfyllin and Gosport. At 16 he felt the urge to preach, and, offering himself for service under the L.M.S., was appointed to Africa and ordained at Neuaddlwyd, 20 and 21 August 1817. He married Louisa Darby of Gosport. Directed to Madagascar instead of Stephen Laidler, he landed in 1818, and was laid low with fever; he buried his wife and child at Tamatave. He settled at Antananarivo in 1820, and in conjunction with **David Griffiths** translated the *Bible* into Malagasy; he also, with the help of **David Johns**, published a *Spelling Book*, a *Catechism*, and a *Hymnary*. He was forced to leave but used Mauritius as a base for evangelization. He died there in September 1841.

### Author

Reverend Dr **Evan Lewis Evans**, (1898 - 1978)

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