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Departing General Director Jim Cardillo Welcomes New Director David Bochman

New General Director Appointed for Praise International

July 31, 2009 marks the completion of two years in my service as Director for Praise International. It has been two years of transition, growth and witnessing God's work in some of the more difficult places of the world. As we continue in the transition of Praise, one very important aspect remains: succession planning.

As of August 1, 2009, I will be transitioning out as Director of Praise, and assuming the role as Regional Director for East Africa. As many of you may be aware, in addition to serving as the Director of Praise, I have a full-

time job that requires forty - plus hours per week, and the current needs and the demands of the Director position make it extremely difficult to be highly effective in both capacities.

At our Board of Directors meeting held on July 11, the Board unanimously approved offering the position of General Director to David Bochman. David is a 27 year veteran of Mission Aviation Fellowship and has extensive knowledge of international missions.

David and his wife, Debbie, have lived in Ecuador, Russia and Hungary for many of those 27 years. Dave has served on Praise's Board of Advisors for the past two years and is fully familiar with Praise's values and mission. Those of us on the Board see Dave's coming on board as just one more sign of God's hand upon this ministry. We will be communicating more information to you in the very near future regarding this change.

I want to thank each of you who have served this ministry with such dedication and for your support of me during this time. Please join me in welcoming Dave in his new role with Praise, and commit to pray for him that the Lord would continue to use him and his giftedness for God's glory. Serving Him together,
Jim



Four generations of leadership for Praise International.
Left to right: Ron Warren, Richard Shaw, Jim Cardillo, and David Bochman.



Read the letter from David Bochman enclosed.

East African Impact

By Mike Bull

Jesus had compassion on them. Matt 20:34a

As our plane touched down in Entebbe, Uganda, late Saturday night on June 13, 2009, my wife Ali and I had little idea what a powerful experience it would be to spend the next three weeks ministering with Praise International in East Africa. Our primary contact in Uganda was Pastor Moses Muwanguzi. We spent the next several days meeting with him and 19 other pastors who are currently assisted by Praise. We had the opportunity to visit a number of churches in the Kampala area, and we also visited Mount Elijah Primary School, which is supported by Pastor Muwanguzi's ministry association. Next we had the opportunity to spend some quality time with Darrie Turner, who serves with WorldVenture and has lived in



Kampala for the past 13 years. We accompanied him six hours west of Kampala to the Congo border and visited the Bible school where he teaches pastors from a number of countries in the surrounding area. Upon our return to Kampala, we traveled to Jinja, where the headwaters of the Nile are located. We took a little tiny raft down these class five rapids- an experience of a lifetime to say the least. Our experiences in Uganda, and all of the people that we met there, will remain with us always.

The following week was spent in Kigali, Rwanda and the surrounding areas with new contacts and new lessons to be learned. We were hosted by Bishop Bernard Ndutiye and spent time with him and a number of pastors in his association. There was much discussion regarding micro-business development and the potential for an educational conference next year. One cannot go to Rwanda without being touched by the genocide of 1994. On Monday, we visited two genocide memorials where over 15,000 men, women and children were brutally massacred. We were speechless and

severely disgusted to see how Satan could have orchestrated these horrific murders. Later that same day, we returned to Kigali to visit the largest genocide memorial in the country, where over 250,000 people were buried in mass graves. The people in Rwanda are in desperate need of God's healing. As we reflect on what we've seen we will pray to that end. We returned home with a new burden to share the needs and opportunities of Africa wherever we are able!



Mike and Ali Bull live in Eagle Point, OR where they serve in youth ministry at Eagle Point Community Church. Mike is a civil engineer and Ali is a high school teacher. They both have a desire to continue ministry with Praise International and to return to Africa on another trip in the future.



In The Beginning

By Ron Warren, Founder and former General Director

There were actually multiple beginnings within the ministry of Praise, proving God's plans are greater than our own. The ministry began to provide a blessing through music, sharing resources with local churches to help provide musical concerts for the community. Then my wife bought me a set of Bible tapes that changed our lives forever.

Hearing God's voice speak to my heart through His Word was transforming, and I wanted to share that experience with others. To do so, we produced our own recordings of the Bible and shipped thousands of sets of Bible tapes all over the world. Turning our home into a small factory, we shared it and our financial resources with others to encourage them as we had been encouraged. We made friends with people from other parts of the world, and they asked us about recordings for languages native to the places they came from.

We traveled to their countries to better understand what we needed to do, and it was another beginning. When we learned of pastors in Vietnam in desperate need of help to sustain their daily lives, the **IMAP** ministry of Praise began. Praise is a ministry committed to His purposes and for His glory. So, rejoice in His faithfulness over these 30 years, and see Him continue to do as He will, with what He wishes, for whatever He purposes. I will join you as we watch His hand of grace continue to be extended to His children.

The Indigenous Ministry Assistance Program allows you and Praise to partner with national missionaries and pastors in their home countries supporting them so they can focus on guiding and teaching others in the Christian faith. Through I.M.A.P. we provide financial assistance for the basic necessities like food, clothes, and medicine.



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Home for Lepers in Saluru, India

India has the world's largest number of leprosy patients - estimated more than a million people affected by this horrible disease. John Nanda, one of our leaders in India, with his team, has been caring for three Leprosy Colonies. "In the beginning, we were the only people who were unafraid of these shunned people in the Indian society. We



were the only ones who would reach out to them with a hand of compassion or look at them in a spirit of love." As a result of a visit from Jim Bull of Palmeroft Baptist Church, Phoenix,

AZ and Jim Cardillo, God has moved and a home for these leprosy patients in Saluru has started to be built.

Unlike other disease patients, the leprosy affected patients suffer during and after the disease is arrested. Today leprosy is as much as a social problem as it is a medical problem in India. Those inflicted with leprosy are outcast from the Hindu society and under-privileged all through their lives. Their unaffected children also have to reside with them. Their entire family is rejected from their village community and unable to work and earn a living. The Hindu belief in "Bad Karma" is that the worst way god's world punishes someone from their previous life is to be affected by this horrendous disease. Leprosy is a disease which



affects both the skin and nervous system. Serious disfigurement quickly occurs. An educational approach, including detection and treatment, is most useful for rehabilitation and counseling. If medical

help is sought early, leprosy can be totally cured without visible permanent damage. Unfortunately in remote places and among the poor, the diagnosis and treatment often come late.

God is working in the lives of these patients giving them hope and a joyful life.



To America and Back

By Joseph Oulai

When I received my visa for the USA, I started to dream about what the country looks like. It was my first time to come close to an airplane. My dream became reality when I saw Uncle Jim and Mum Candy waiting for me at the Boise airport during a cold night in March. The following days were busy with warm greetings and receptions. I was received as a prince. Even my water was milk. God gave me wonderful mothers who really adopted me.

May my greetings reach the ears of my Mum Candy - the candle light that enlightens the hopeless path, and Mum Susan whose sweet heart strengthens the weak soul. Nothing impressed me in the USA but people: the hospitality and care and

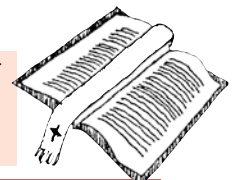
their truthful love of God and neighbors. I even learned how you people love your wives.

I am very grateful to all the brothers and sisters who surrounded me with their affection. Thanks to the pastors and churches who opened their doors to pray and support my ministry among West African pastors. "God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them." Hebrews 6:10

My special thanks is toward Papa Jim Cardillo, who is like a father to me. May God bless you all.



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The gospel for all people

Richard Shaw, Eastern European Representative

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. Romans 1:16

I had the wonderful privilege to be part of a teaching team that traveled to Tambov, Russia in April, 2009. Pastor Jim Harris from Heritage Bible Church in Boise, Idaho, and I went to teach a preaching class for pastors and church planters. Class members came from churches throughout the Tambov region for the classes that were conducted just after Easter was celebrated in Russia, so the greeting among the brothers and sisters in the class was, "Christ is risen!" with the response, "He is risen indeed!"

While there are many wonderful things I could say about the class and our time visiting churches and participating in worship services, I want to share one particular story.

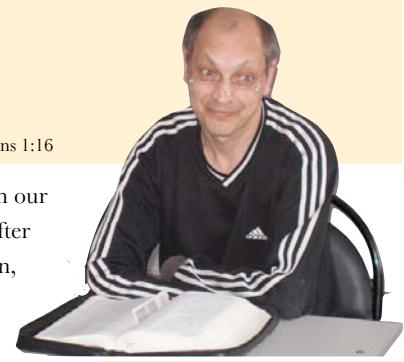
One of the class members who attended was Nikolai Boloshov. Nikolai is a Russian gypsy

who is a very effective preacher and teacher of the scriptures. He has established a gospel preaching work among gypsies near the city of Michrinsk and has led a number of people to faith in Christ. Ten years ago Nikolai came to faith in Christ, and then two years later he was stricken with the crippling effects of polio. His feet are twisted in such a way that he cannot walk. During the class it was such a blessing to see the other brothers in the class carrying him up and down stairs, to and from class. He is dearly loved among the brothers! Sunday after our class was finished we were able to visit his church and worship with our gypsy brothers and sisters. What a joy to share with these dear believers! We discovered that the necessary surgery to

enable Nikolai to walk again would cost about \$5000. When I shared this

need with our church after my return, people began to spontaneously respond by giving toward the project.

One teenager handed me all the money in her purse. As other churches heard of Nikolai's need, funds began pouring in, and now all the funds needed have been raised. Pray that the surgery will be successful. Pray for the continued growth of the gypsy church in Michrinsk. We are offering the opportunity for someone to become a monthly sponsor for this dear brother. We are looking for a sponsor to help with \$60 a month or two sponsors for \$30 per month. If you would like to have this privilege, please contact us by phone, mail, or email!



Pastor Nikolai Boloshov, who told us, with tears streaming down his face when we visited his church, "I have been praying for two years that you would come!"



Members of the gypsy church outside the building where they are meeting

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