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## Director Comments



Dave

It is hard to believe that 2010 is nearly over. A highlight of my year was my trip to four countries in Africa in July. There I heard over and over how significant the sponsorship from Praise International is in the lives and ministries of the pastors and national missionaries we support. **You make it possible** for these pastors and national missionaries to feed their families, send their children to school (because all of their education expenses are not free), assist with medical expenses, provide transportation between communities, start micro-businesses that help them become more self-supporting, etc. **Thank you** for your faithful, financial and prayerful support of national missionaries and pastors through Praise International. Each one of these faithful servants of Christ expresses their gratitude to God for your encouragement, prayers and financial assistance.

**We now have over 300 names on our "waiting to be sponsored" list.** These are men and women of God who have already been approved by our national leaders. They are active in ministry working in the harvest – but they are praying that someone like you will commit to sponsor them for \$35/month. Your sponsorship will allow them to engage themselves more fully into ministry. **Are you the answer to their prayers?**

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## Staff Volunteer Update

Barbara Ludy — Prayer Coordinator



"My name is Barbara which means stranger." Barbara loves the meaning of names and believes that God works in our lives accordingly. She and her husband, Win, have moved multiple times, in the states and overseas. "I have been a stranger in many places. I love to greet people and be hospitable to people who are new to a community, whether foreigners or not. Everyone needs to know they are welcomed and received."

After living in many cities, when her husband retired, they moved Parma where she grew up. Living in Parma has given them the opportunity to demonstrate this hospitality. "We have seen how praying for a community and giving love and support into the community can really change and influence a small town."

Barbara started volunteering at Praise ten years ago. Her love for the Lord and for people is contagious. She is the prayer coordinator for Praise and spends much time talking to God about the needs of our pastors, for world missions and generally for all who need the Lord.

It is with great joy that we welcome **Freddie and Kandee Harris** to the Praise International ministry. After their long and fruitful association with Greater Europe Mission, they come with a wealth of ministry experience that is highly relevant to the Praise International ministry. For several years, Freddie has worked with Praise International pastors in Eastern Europe. Both have a wealth of cross-cultural and service experience. Praise International will give them a platform from which to serve broadly. Freddie will be working to encourage and develop national pastors through training conferences as well as providing oversight to our field ministries. He will also be assisting in strengthening our prayer ministry and our communications with donors. Kandee looks forward to using her home economics skills to train and coach micro-businesses. Both Freddie and Kandee will be involved in presenting the ministry to U.S. individuals and churches helping to develop the support base for Praise International. Their French language skills will be invaluable in working with our national leaders and sponsored pastors in West Africa.



Freddie and Kandee Harris

## Matching Gift Opportunity!

A new donor is giving the Praise International General Fund a matching gift of \$12,000. That means that **every special gift you give to the General Fund will be matched (up to a total of \$12,000).** **Your gift of \$100 to the General Fund becomes a \$200 gift.** **Can you make a special sacrifice to be part of this multiplication effort?** If you give an extra gift to the General Fund at this time, it will

help us end the year in the black. We've enclosed a response card and envelope to use for your gift, or you can make an online donation at [www.praiseinternational.us](http://www.praiseinternational.us). Click on "Want to help?".

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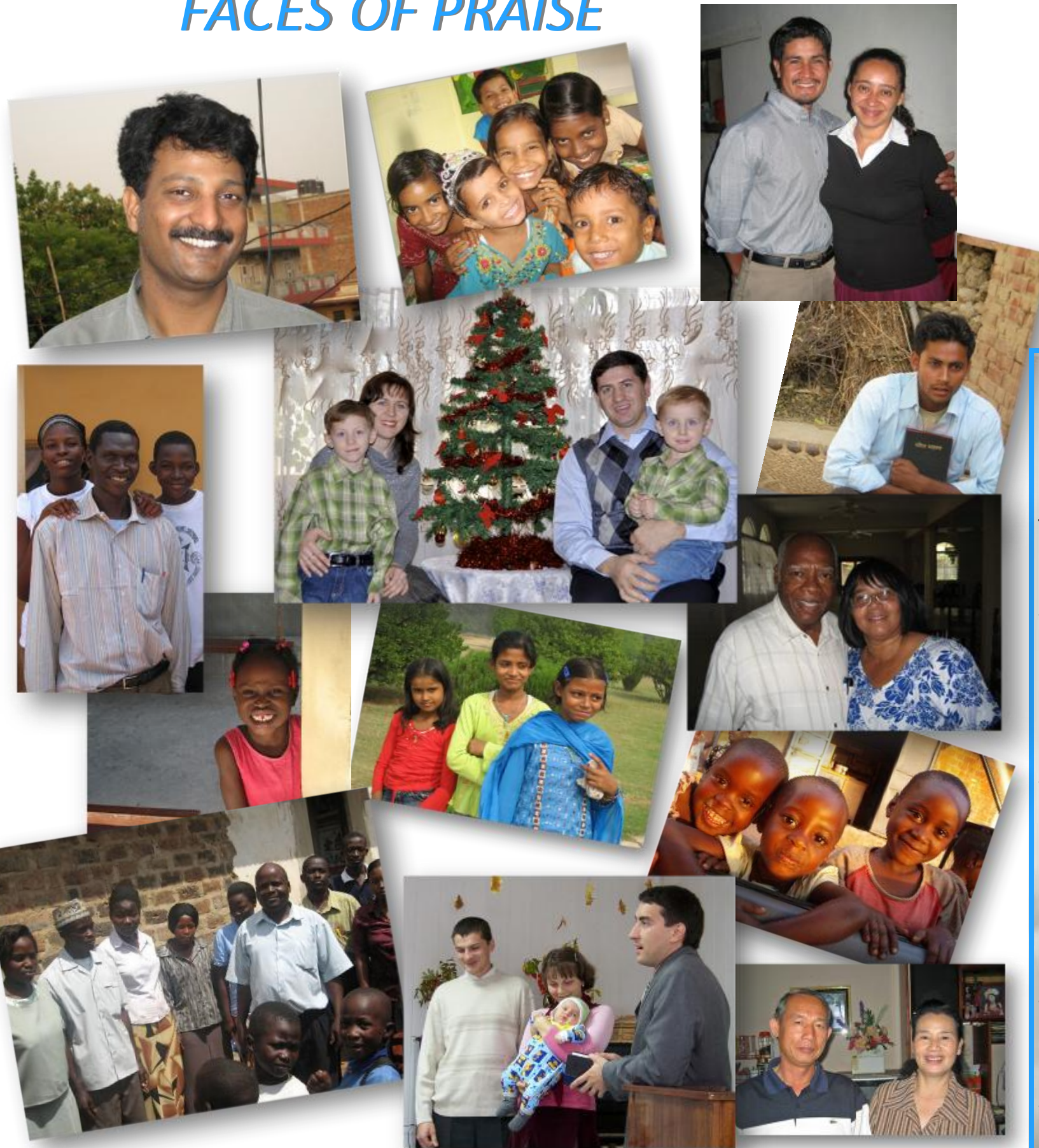
## Pastor in Cote d'Ivoire Impacting His Nation for Christ!

Praise International seeks out and identifies local Christians who have a visionary passion to share God's love with their own people and neighboring unreached people groups. Once identified, we support their ministry and families in a variety of ways.

One of these visionaries is Joseph Oulai from the town of Man in western Cote d'Ivoire. Sensing God's leading into ministry in 1993, Joseph moved to Abidjan to study at the Seminary of Evangelical Theology. He has been a full-time pastor since 1999. He has also worked with Bible Union Mission as an Exegete for the translation of the Old Testament into his native language, Dan.

Joseph is a humble and gracious man, fervent in serving the Lord, and enthusiastic about reaching his country for Christ. He's gifted with administrative and leadership skills. Believers have rallied around him, and he has even gained the esteem of non-believers in his community.

Praise International began sponsoring Joseph in 2007. Today Joseph is Regional Director over West Africa, where Praise supports 59 national pastors. On his own initiative, he organized a celebration in Abidjan this past July to raise funds for village pastors in his own country. Over 200 attended the event, and as a result, these national believers are sponsoring local pastors in rural areas of their own country!



## Pastor in Moldova Teams up with a Rabbit?

We believe that the long-term success of a ministry is its ability to be self-sustaining. Virtually all of the national pastors we serve are poor, requiring them to have two jobs. Praise International employs a strategy called "micro-enterprise development" to help pastors provide for themselves, save a portion of their income for unexpected needs, and contribute to their overall economic growth. At the request of Sergiu Rutcovschi, National Director with Praise International in Moldova, we offered Pastor Petru Chirica a micro-loan so he could start a rabbit farm.

Petru lives in village called Fagureni. He oversees all the evangelical churches in his region, 15 miles NW of Chişinău. He is also chairman of an evangelical ministry that ministers to handicapped individuals in Moldova.

Petru and his wife have five children. Their youngest, Petru-Marius has Down's Syndrome, and his medicine alone costs over \$200 a month. They could not afford this; and despite Praise International sponsoring Pastor Petru with a monthly gift, it was still not enough. Petru submitted a business plan for a rabbit farm. Thanks to generous contributions from people like you, Praise International was able to give a micro-loan so he could start this business. Now Petru can generate enough income to meet the needs of his family. Apparently, Peter Rabbit makes a tasty stew and his fluffy flesh fetches a high price. Please pray for Pastor Petru, his family, and for the other three pastors that Praise is affiliated with in Moldova: Sergiu Rutcovschi, Artur Boicu and Sergiu Filat.

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