



Moving From Dependence to Interdependence in Thailand

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The first week of March, Mark Haley (Praise's National Director for Thailand and Tribal Ministries) and I had the privilege to spend some time with Pastor Boone Bureenok in Korat, Thailand. We visited a number of churches and met with most of the pastors that Praise is assisting. One of the most interesting aspects of the visit was to see how Pastor Boone has been pursuing micro-business development projects for the pastors he oversees. One project we saw was a farm raising pigs, chickens and goats. Another facility was producing cement

statues which were then hand-painted and sold to retail outlets.

As a result of Pastor Boone's creative and successful approach to self-sustainability, the pastors under his direction are no longer in need of Praise International's financial assistance. As a result, we will redirect these sponsorships to pastors with a greater need.

Back home at Praise International's Headquarters, Dave Bochman is currently developing similar strategies in micro-economic development. (See his article below.)

Stepping Toward Sustainability, by Dave Bochman



Praise International is concerned about the long-term sustainability of our supported pastors. Our vision of sustainability is rooted in the Gospel and it involves the integrated application of a Biblical world-view to every aspect of life. It includes local churches and their pastors moving beyond meeting their basic needs to developing the capacity to reach out to others and strengthen their communities. Therefore, Praise International will be nurturing micro-enterprise development projects through micro-loans, savings, business skills training, coaching, etc.

Working in partnership with the local churches where the pastors serve, we will seek to gradually build up the economic capacity of the pastors and their churches. Our expectation is that, over time, the monthly support these pastors receive through Praise International, will be freed up to support pastors elsewhere.

Praise International's existing network of regional directors will facilitate these efforts in conjunction with new volunteers experienced in business development and management. In addition, we anticipate partnering with other organizations specializing in Christian micro-finance and micro-enterprise development.

While we are excited about this new opportunity in the ministry of Praise International, the challenges to effectively develop this initiative are great. We will move ahead slowly as we add new skills and processes. Additionally, we will need to establish a fund from which to provide the loans and catalyze the project. Let us know if you feel God is leading you to facilitate in the development of this new ministry thrust by contributing to such a fund. The opportunities for Kingdom impact are great as we strengthen the historic ministry of Praise International with this new dimension. Please pray with us as God leads us forward.

To get involved with the microenterprise program, contact the Praise office or email Praise International at contact@praiseinternational.us

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Palmcrot Children's Home

Update!



In June 2005, the Lord opened to us the door of the ministry for an orphanage. Since that time we have brought destitute children to our home. In a dream the Lord revealed to my wife a burden for us to move by faith to start getting orphan children from different parts of Mindanao.

The Lord has given us the responsibility and privilege to care for the material necessities of these less fortunate children, and most of all to help them walk in the way of the Lord. We see how they are being molded in the ways of the Lord, especially in prayer. We trust God for His continual miraculous provision in meeting the needs of these children. Please include us in your prayers.

Through the help of people who love the Lord and have the heart to help children,

we have been able to house the children, but we saw the necessity of a bigger and better building. We started

to pray and God provided the money to get land across from our residence. Praise International, through Palmcrot Baptist Church, has provided funds so we can build the new building.

The construction is in progress and we are now working the interior part of the building. The men that drill for water will start working today. The first building will be finished before we start work on the cover for the court in the middle. Help us pray as the price of construction materials are unpredictable. We trust the Lord for His continual blessing upon this project.

We want to express our



thanks to Praise International and to Palmcrot Baptist Church and to everyone that prays and has a part in the work of the Lord in the Philippines.

May the Lord bless you richly
In His service,
Pastor Levi Adrales



Expecting 4 and 23. Discovering 3 and 25.

Mark Haley – Northern Thailand and Myanmar



Expecting 4 and 23; discovering 3 and 25... This is what awaited Jim Cardillo and I as we traveled out of Northern Thailand into Myanmar to a Lisu hill tribe village. We were expecting to meet 4 pastors and 23 orphans being supported through Praise; instead there were 3 pastors and 25 orphans. In October, one of the pastors being supported by Praise was killed in a motorcycle accident and his two children were added to the orphanage run by Senior Pastor Robert and his family. We also discovered that the orphanage is in dire need of basic items, including bedding and mosquito netting in this malaria zone. An inventory of the most urgent needs was made and we are working on funding those items. The three remaining pastors are more than just shepherds to the church, but also ministers to their villages and a father to the orphans.

Jim and I also had the opportunity to meet with leaders and pastors to some of the other hill tribes in Northern Thailand, including representatives of the Akha and Hmong tribes. One pastor and a dear friend of mine traveled 4 hours from his jungle village to visit with us. I pray these contacts will result in future Praise supported pastors.



The Russians are coming

By **Richard Shaw** (Representative for Eastern Europe)
And all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:3b NIV



Early this spring we have the great joy to welcome two of our supported pastors from Russia to the Treasure Valley of Idaho where our Praise International offices are located. One is Rev. Vadim Mikhailin, pastor in Tambov, Russia at the Truth Church in that city. Pastor Vadim recently sent us a year-end report of his ministry activity for the last months of 2008.



Pastor Vadim with his family

In October through December we organized the following activities, in which I also took part:

We had two seminars for group leaders using the "Explorer" program. On November 21-22 we had a regional Youth Conference. On the 20th of December we had a Creative Festival in the framework of the youth ministry.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

I cordially greet you in the name of the Lord! We have 3 weekly services - on Thursday (prayer services), and two Sunday worship services - in the morning and in the evening.

I continue to organize the ministry of small Bible study youth groups using the "Explorer" program, which is being held in all regional churches here.

On Monday, I prepare plans for leaders of small groups in the church, which we have during the first hour of our Sunday worship services.

Once a month we celebrate Holy Communion and we fast from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

In December, I gave a Bible lecture in a Pedagogical college. Twice I took part in the meeting of the Advisory Council of religions and national Diasporas. I gave a report on the history of Baptists in Tambov region of Russia and on tolerance towards other religions. I thank the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, opportunities and inspiration, and especially for His entrusting of me in the work of the gospel.



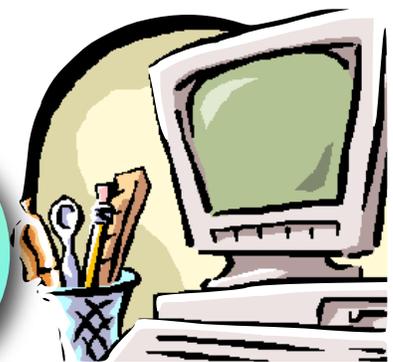
Pastor Anatoly (left) with extended family

Pastor Vadim's church is between 200-300 people in size. Pastor Anatoly will also be coming to Idaho for this visit. He is another key pastor in the Tambov region, leading younger men in church planning and evangelism in the area. He is planting a second church in the city of Tambov. Pastor Vadim and Pastor Anatoly are coming to visit in partnership with the Slavic Gospel Association and a local coalition of churches which provide systematic teaching and training of pastors in the Tambov region. Pastors from the coalition travel to Russia 3 or 4 times a year to conduct the training classes. Local congregations also support the key evangelism project for the Russian churches, helping provide Christmas gifts for children in

the region in an outreach called Emmanuel's Child. For a schedule of opportunities to hear these Russian brothers share their ministries, please contact the Praise International offices.

Pastor Vadim

Please pray for us as we seek to encourage pastors, evangelists and churches in difficult places around the world.



Bookmark our blog at praiseinternational.wordpress.com/ for the latest updates and prayer requests so you can be a prayer partner with the pastors of Praise International.

Countries and number of pastors that Praise International is supporting through your generous donations.

COSTA RICA-2	PANAMA-8
GHANA-1	PHILIPPINES-118
HAITI-46	ROMANIA-6
HONDURAS-31	RUSSIA-32
INDIA-51	THAILAND-9
MALI-12	KENYA-20
MEXICO-4	COTE d'Ivoire-43
MOLDOVA-2	UGANDA-34
MYANMAR-4	GUINEA-2
NICARAGUA-7	

Coming to America

By Joseph Oulai (West Africa Representative for Praise International)

I bless the Lord that the Director of Praise International, Jim Cardillo has given me the opportunity to visit the USA. In the month of October, when I received the invitation, the appointed date seemed to be too far off. But now I am coming this month!

Having the invitation is one thing, and coming to USA is another thing. It is not easy to have an American visa! I failed to receive my visa at the first attempt. Honestly, my faith was a little bit shaken. Then, we understood, like Paul, that when a great door is to be opened, there is some opposition.

My wife and I spent days and nights in prayer before God. If our prayers were like letters, the office of God would have been full. By the grace of God and thanks to your prayers, I have received a visa for 4 months.

My first travel to the USA can be compared to the travel of the first cosmonauts on the moon. What is the moon exactly like? He didn't know. Contrary to this cosmonaut, brothers and sisters, lovely church members are waiting for me. I really wish to meet each sponsor and thank him/her on behalf of each pastor in West Africa. You can never imagine how

much your support has been vital for many families here in Africa. May God bless you and see you soon.



We love to hear from our Praise International family! Please note that we have relocated our offices to Meridian, Idaho. Here's how to write: For donations sent through the mail or to send written correspondence, address your letter to Praise International, P.O. Box 100, Meridian, ID 83680. If you would like to email us, the address is contact@praiseinternational.us. Our local phone number is: 208.884.5149 or call us toll free at 877.777.2473

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