

# Praise International

Providing a *Lifeline* to National Pastors in Poverty-Stricken Countries

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**Praise International** is a Christ-centered outreach to national pastors serving the Lord in undeveloped countries. We believe that evangelism and church planting is much more effective when local Christians, with a passion for Christ, share His love with *their own people*. They live with the people they touch, speak the same heart language, understand the culture, live at the same economic level.

We support, encourage and facilitate the ministries of indigenous pastors, who are willing to face persecution, imprisonment and even death, for the sake of the gospel.

We believe that this is a more effective approach to accomplishing the great commandment (Matt 22:36-40) and the great commission (Matt 28:19-20).

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Dear friend,

You must have been praying! Our Ministry Trip to West Africa was better than we could ever have imagined! Thank you. What a cultural experience! I noticed one interesting thing: people everywhere need encouragement. "A generous man shall be made prosperous; he who refreshes shall himself also be refreshed." Prov. 11.25 We refreshed them but, wow, did they refresh us!!



With Moussa Ex-Sorcerer



Pastor with Photo of his Sponsor

We wanted to learn Africa, to better support our Praise pastors. Pastor Christophe Dembele's passion to win souls was such a blessing to us. He took us to a beautiful village in Mali. It was here that he was able to share Christ with Moussa, the feared sorcerer. He miraculously accepted the Lord! Moussa blessed our hearts. He told us with gratitude & humility, "I just want to serve the Lord for the rest of my life."



Kandee Taught Wives

Kandee and I met with nearly 50 pastors. Africans were so kind & generous to us! Their expressions of gratitude to Praise touched us, testimonies of God's blessings even in the midst of very difficult circumstances. **Our visit meant so much to them.** I wish you could have seen their radiant faces. We felt overwhelmed by their hospitality and generosity to us. Praise has a history of compassion & generosity, but their graciousness was refreshing & seemed so natural for them.



Freddie Taught Men's Workshop

Kandee & I are grateful to work with Praise International. It was confirmed to us again during this ministry trip that God has called us to use all the talents, abilities, background and experiences that He gave us. Plus, so many were delighted that we spoke French fluently!



Freddie Preached Sundays

We are thankful for your prayers, encouragement and financial support. We couldn't have served full-time in world missions without it.



Kandee's Cooking Class

Praise International is a faith mission, meaning we don't receive a salary from Praise. God calls, then faithfully provides, through people like you. Our support is presently low. Would you consider giving a generous tax-deductible gift? If God calls you to do this, please use the enclosed envelope. Make sure to designate it to the "Harris".



The Widow's Mite

Not long ago, Praise was able to gift 14 widows with a nice dress, scarf and shoes. Kandee and I got to meet those precious widows. We were so moved when they formally thanked us, with song and dance. Lydie (photo) was one of the poorest ones. On our last Sunday at the end of the service, Kandee and I were at the exit door, shaking hands. Lydie came out & we shook hands. "What's this?" She had left this little coin in my hand! "She can't afford to give me this!" Her face was glowing. I carry this *widow's mite* in my pocket to remind me of the blessings of generosity. "Merci, Lydie, for your inspiring example." Thank YOU for refreshing us. If you have questions about making a donation, email or FB me.



Refreshed and blessed in serving Him,

*Freddie*