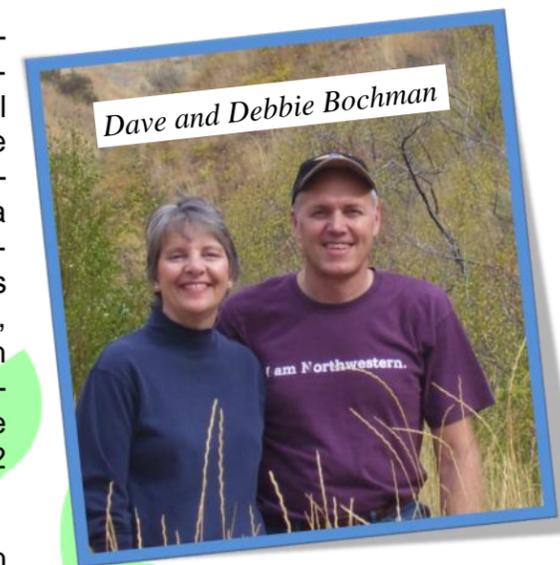


Director Comments

BIG CHANGES COMING TO PRAISE

Winter is ending. Plants and trees are just about to burst forth into a thousand shades of green. I feel the same way about this season for Praise International.

The board of Praise has been wrestling with issues related to the future of the ministry for many months. The financial crisis of the past couple of years has impacted all of us. Some of our sponsors were forced to discontinue their giving. We responded with belt-tightening and cut-backs. Beyond these steps, the board has also made a more comprehensive analysis of the ministry. In a nutshell, the board's conclusion is that Praise International is not sustainable at its current size and form. Currently, pastors and national missionaries sponsored through Praise International live in 20 countries spanning 4 continents. After much prayer, the board has decided that we need to focus as an organization and limit our span to 2 regions: Eastern Europe and West Africa.



Dave and Debbie Bochman

What happens to the rest? God has led us to a plan that enables the sponsored pastors and national missionaries in the rest of the world to be supported through other organizations who are already established in those countries. It is as if the branches that are being trimmed from Praise are being grafted into other healthy trees – and that gives us great joy. We've included three stories in this newsletter to share that joy with you.

How will these changes affect you? Praise International will depend on your continued prayer and support. We will be writing individually to each of the sponsors to clearly explain the changes and to provide updated instructions about how to send your sponsorship to your national pastor or missionary.

My term of service with Praise International comes to an end in July, at which time Brenda Ball will also complete her time working with Praise. Between now and then we will work out all the details for a smooth transition. **Freddie and Kandee Harris** will assume the responsibilities of overseeing the ongoing Praise International ministry. They are especially equipped to provide strong connections with the Praise supported ministries in Eastern Europe and West Africa.

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Staff Volunteer Update

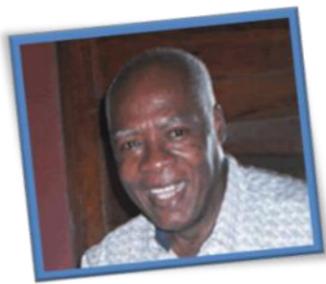
Holly Kaufman—Donor Relations



Holly Kaufman is one of our fabulous volunteers. Originally from Caldwell, Idaho, she has been with Praise for 3 years. Wife to Mark and mother of two wonderful girls (Olivia & Elle), she has a servant's heart and is usually behind the scenes working to make sure the Praise events run smoothly.

Extremely flexible with no strings attached, Holly works faithfully in our donor processing department and she selflessly gives of her time and effort again and again! She and Mark have a goal to take the whole family on a

mission trip to "see what the world is really like." When she isn't volunteering at the Praise office or at her girls' school, she works as a part-time nurse. Holly loves spending time with her family, running with her dog, doing crafts, and organizing things. We're so thankful to have you on our team, Holly!



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Pastor Ignace and Franchette Augustin, our directors in Haiti, have a remarkable story. Like

most native Haitians, he was exposed to and involved with voodoo worship and witchcraft from a young age. Eventually, a friend invited him to a prayer meeting, and there he accepted Christ as His Savior. Through the support of some American believers, Ignace came to the states to attend Bethany Bible College in Minnesota. After graduating in 1974, he returned to Haiti and began pastoring. A man with deep passion to impact Haiti for Christ, he founded Bethanie Evangelical Mission in Les Cayes, a region in the southwestern part of Haiti. Today there are 60 churches and 27 schools in southern Haiti and about 4,000 children who receive clothing and education through this ministry.

Through our contact with Ignace, Praise International began sponsoring national Haitian pastors. Bethanie's US office also began their own pastor sponsorship ministry. Consequently, placing our 40 pastors under the care of Bethanie is an easy and natural step.

Grace In Gods Hands Ministries

Reaching the needy in many countries, Grace in

God's Hands Ministries directed by Stephen and Carol Carlyle, has been

our long-time relational connection in Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and The Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Stephen and Carol Carlyle first brought us into contact with our present Praise regional leaders Moses and Gertrude Muwanguzi in Uganda. The Carlyles arranged for a meeting with Praise to reconnect with Bernard Ndutiye while he was visiting America, and recommended him and his wife Rose as leaders in Rwanda/Congo. Weston and Violet Gitonga in Kenya and the Carlyles have worked together in Africa and America since 2001.

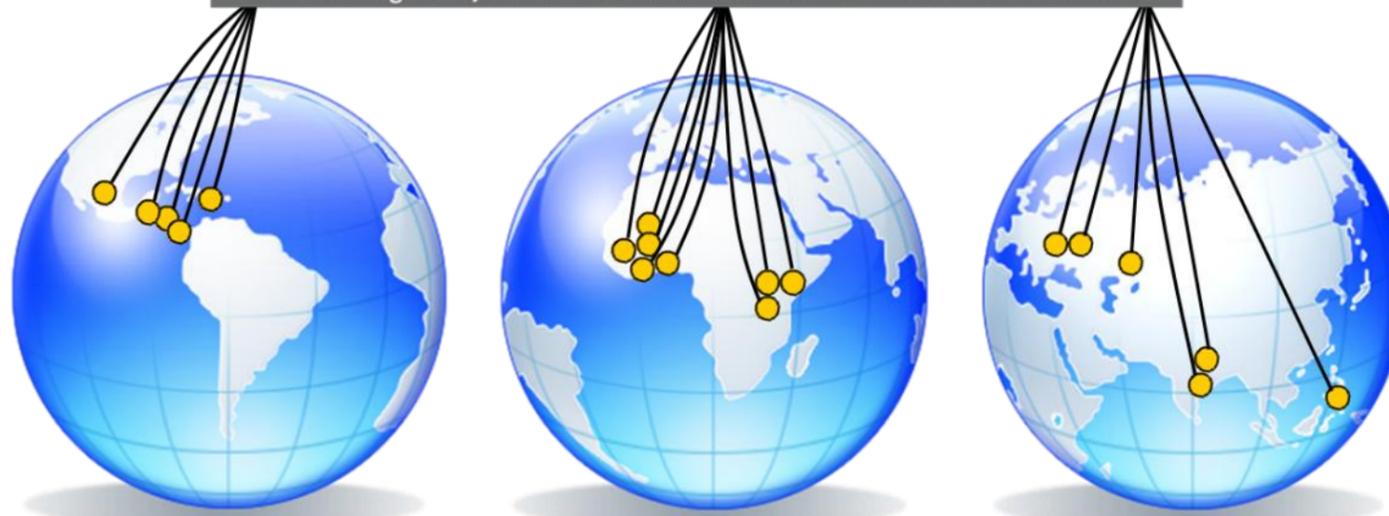
Through their ministry, the Carlyles make annual trips and send teams and goods to the region. They are co-founders with Moses of Warriors with Grace Bible College. They work alongside, respect and love our pastors. Handling the direct oversight of these Praise pastors will be like a family reunion.

With no doubt, Grace in God's Hands Ministries is perfectly equipped to give excellent supervision and will continue to bring great encouragement and assistance to our Praise pastors in East Africa.



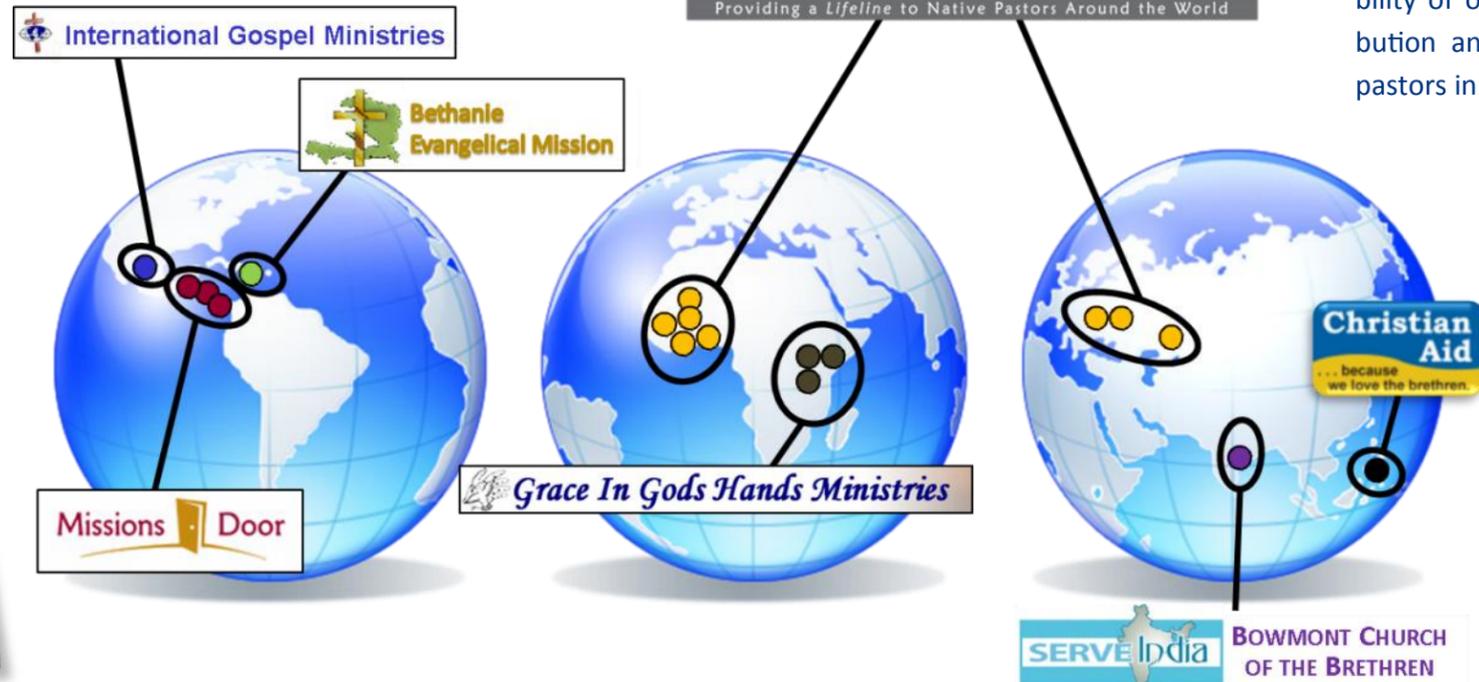
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BOWMONT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Praise International has been in India for many years. PI's founder, Ron Warren, had a heart for producing scripture recordings in multiple languages. He eventually met Willard Waggoner, a 3rd generation missionary in India with a background in radio who had moved to Idaho during WWII. The two of them began working to produce a Hindi version of audio scripture and many other versions, as well. Soon, thousands of recordings were being sent worldwide in several languages. This was PI's first touch to India. Some years later, Waggoner was able to provide the connection with John Nanda who is still PI's regional leader in India.

Willard's son, Wes Waggoner, is now the pastor of Bowmont Church of the Brethren in Nampa, ID. Because of the family history in India, those in the Bowmont church sponsor several Indian pastors. Wes's older sister, Charlotte Lowe, was born in India, has visited India many times, sponsored children's

homes, and connected with John Nanda. When approached about the possibility of overseeing the support distribution and encouragement to our PI pastors in India, Wes and the Bowmont

Church were happy to take on this responsibility. Our Praise ministry in India has come full circle. Willard Waggoner joined the team when Praise International was at the starting block. Now, 32 years later, Praise is passing the baton to Wes Waggoner and the folks at Bowmont Church.