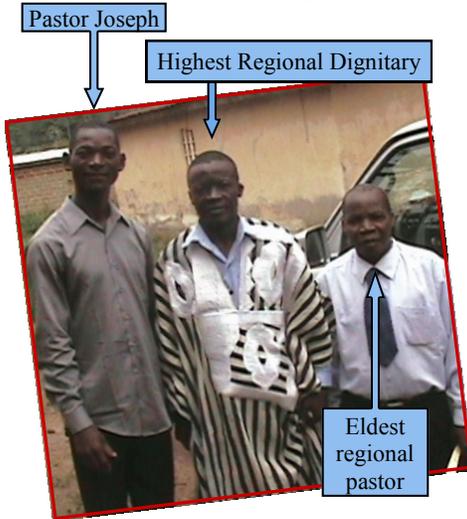


Joseph Oulai: Honoring Widows and Glorifying God



Our West Africa Praise International Leader, Pastor Joseph Oulai, wants to tangibly demonstrate to local villagers the Compassion of God. Recently Praise International was able to send him a little extra funds. Knowing that God is father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, Joseph decided to honor several widows. Joseph found fourteen widows in three remote villages. With the gift money he bought each widow a beautiful skirt, scarf and pair of shoes. In order to greatly glorify God through this gesture, he organized a Sunday morning ceremony where the gifts would be offered. The fourteen widows were moved with emotions as they received the gift and as the pastors prayed a blessing upon them.

In the following week, villagers and village chiefs got wind of this act of kind. They were so impressed that they in turn planned an official ceremony to publically recognize and express their appreciation for our West African branch of Praise International.

The highest regional dignitary had also heard about it and participated in the ceremony. During the service, these authorities came to understand that our God is gracious and compassionate, abounding in loving-kindness. Afterwards this highly regarded dignitary actually invited Pastor Joseph into his house to get to know him better, to learn more about Praise and talk about future collaborations. Joseph asks prayer that God would work mightily in the hearts of the villagers and of these regional authorities.



“You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.”

2 Corinthians 9:11



Volunteer Spotlight: Jennell Morfitt

Jennell was a God-send. What a huge blessing for Praise! Though raised in Boise, Oklahoma is the place she wanted to be, graduating from Oklahoma Baptist University with a Business Admin degree. She was so enthusiastic when she heard that Praise needed administrative help. “God has given me the ability to use my degree while volunteering at Praise International.” Thank you, Jennell! You’re invaluable!

Please Pray: Ministry Trip in West Africa, October 7-29.

Freddie and Kandee Harris will visit Praise pastors for a few days in Ghana and Mali, then they will the rest of their time in Cote d’Ivoire with Joseph Oulai. This is where Praise partners with the most pastors. Many of these live in the backcountry of Man (see map), which is where Freddie and Kandee will spend most of their time. Please pray that God give them a very fruitful ministry of encouragement.

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Sergui Rutcovschi: Pointing the Disabled Towards Jesus



Praise International partners with Sergui Rutcovschi. He grew up back in Strășeni, a remote village of Moldova. Born with Cerebral Palsy, he could have chosen to live an isolated, sedentary life. He chose a completely different route and God has used him mightily. God is more than willing to use those who are more than willing to be used by Him. Sergui said yes to God's call. Though limited in mobility and speech, he went to Bible school in Chisinau and became a pastor.

Praise International is committed to supporting and equipping national pastors in poverty-stricken countries. Moldova is one of Europe's poorest countries. God gave Sergui a passion to bring the love of Christ in word and action to the estimated 300,000 disabled children and adults in Moldova. There are virtually no state or private organizations helping these individuals. Inspired by Jesus' words, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners," Sergui founded the *Charity Mission for the Disabled of Moldova*. This growing ministry now runs a regular daycare, offers speech and massage therapy, and provides support groups for mothers. Moldovans living in the rural regions are the poorest of the poor. Unemployment is over 64%. Sergui's ministry has been supplying humanitarian aid to hundreds. For those who want to provide for their own families, Charity Mission trains and assists them in starting their own small business. Charity Mission also conducts summer camps for disabled children, youth and adults, as well as for the families of the disabled.



In the 8 years that Charity Mission has done summer camps, this year's camps were the best ever, with nearly 350 campers, 40% higher than last year! Pastor Sergui reported that many campers accepted the Lord this summer. "The most important thing is that they can hear God's Word." At the end of each camp, the children say they want to stay at the camp and that they are already looking forward to next year. Petru Chirica, pastor of the village church and director of Charity Mission, brings solid Bible teaching each day at the camps. Praise International also facilitates the ministries of Petru and Antonina Chirica.

