



# Global Partnership Ministries

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## 1 Motorcycle, 28 Bicycles and Building Materials to Bless Pastors

As I have traveled and ministered in various countries in Africa, I've encountered the needs of people including pastors and these needs are often overwhelming. Knowing I can't help everyone all the time, I at least want to help a few some of the time. Over the last two years, I have become aware of some very practical ways we can encourage and bless pastors who often don't receive any salary from their churches, living under some very dire situations.

Because of God's blessing through the faithful support of our partners like you, I want to pass this blessing along to help these pastors in very tangible, practical ways. The GPM Advisory Team agreed so in March funds were sent to bless 15 pastors, their families and churches.

Jean the Baptist is an Africa Inland Church pastor and lives in the Ntunga area of Rwanda. I've had the privilege of preaching in Pastor Jean's church. He has seen tremendous growth



from the last two festivals which have occurred in that area over the last few years. As a result of the festival in June 2011, there were so many new Believers that they had to tear down the former church building to build a much larger facility that will accommodate all those attending. GPM provided funds to purchase a new motorcycle, providing much greater mobility so he can minister to more people. Pastor Jean writes: "*Thanks so much from me, my family, and my church, too, to enable us to buy a motorcycle.*" He expressed his heart-felt gratitude to his brothers and sisters in America who made this possible.

Pastor Jean Bosco of Bujumbura, Burundi was our church relations

coordinator for the *Love Burundi Festival* in August of 2011. After the festival, a number of



the pastors wanted to continue meeting for prayer, fellowship and training. Therefore Jean, who has received formal Bible training felt called to train as many pastors as possible since few have any Bible training. In Bujumbura, Jean is teaching 120 pastors for four days every month as he takes them through a 4-year Bible training program. He is also teaching the same program to two groups of pastors in the "up-country" (outside of Bujumbura) of Burundi. Earlier this year Jean expressed the need of bikes for at least 25 pastors in the "up-country". This caught my interest and desire to help encourage these pastors in a very practical way. Many of these pastors can't afford the cost of transportation, so they walk up to 50 kilometers each way to

minister to

people.

We're

very

happy to

be able

to send

funds to

purchase



13 bicycles for the neediest pastors. Pastor Jean Bosco wrote: "*Thank you so much for the gift you sent to our dear pastors in Burundi. These pastors were so happy and thank*

*God for GPM who sent the gift. They said this is a real encouragement to God's work.*" One of our faithful supporters heard about this and recently donated additional funds to purchase another 15 bicycles - Praise the Lord!

Pastor Lordgard of Rwanmagana, Rwanda started building a house for his family more than four years ago, but due to the school fees for his children and other financial setbacks

he has never been able to finish his house. Only a few hundred dollars were needed to



complete the house so we sent the funds needed to provide plastering of the walls, cement floors and remaining windows and doors. The house should be finished in a few weeks, allowing his family to live near their church and the people they minister to. Above is a picture of Lordgard and his family and their new house a couple years ago when construction was halted due to financial challenges. Pastor Lordgard wrote: "We thank God for you. You have been a blessing to us. The work of the house is going on."



We are currently working in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to prepare for a major evangelistic thrust throughout the year, culminating with the festival November 16-17. Five cities throughout Ethiopia will also be participating in the *Love Ethiopia Festival* with five partner evangelists in November.

Addis is a growing city between 3-4 million people. It's

considered the capital of Africa since the Africa Union is headquartered in Addis along with numerous embassies and the United Nations.

In Addis about 45% of the population is Orthodox, 40% Muslim, 10% Evangelical Christians, and 5% other religions.

Currently we are getting leadership and staff in place and an office opened. June 18 will be the Pastor's Launch with Andrew Palau. This will kick off the festival with hundreds of pastors who in turn will launch the festival in their churches.

Pray this will truly be a historic moment in the life of the Church and the nation. We will be reaching out in many different ways to touch the lives of thousands of people. In every situation the Gospel will be proclaimed to the street children and prostitutes and to the highest leaders there and to the Africa Union. Our prayer is thousands of lives will be impacted by the Gospel not only in Addis, but throughout the country.

Consider joining us in Ethiopia this November by becoming a part of the Mission Team. Our team will minister through eye glass clinics, school assemblies, orphanages and through many other opportunities. For more information about this go to: [www.palau.org/missionteams](http://www.palau.org/missionteams), or contact Gary by phone or email. (See below)

We praise God for our partners who faithfully support the work of Global Partnership Ministries. Our partners enable us to continue to help facilitate evangelistic thrusts throughout the world.

Your continued prayers are greatly appreciated during these busy days of travel and planning.



### Coming Soon

Watch for the launch of our new website!  
[www.globalpartnershipministries.org](http://www.globalpartnershipministries.org)