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Orphans Director



**REV. JOEL MASABO**  
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**JAPHET SINZOTUMA**  
Holistic Community  
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*"... The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest."*

LUKE 10:2



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International Ministries (IM) was established in 1814 as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and is the first Baptist mission agency formed in North America. It serves over 1,800 short- and long-term missionaries annually, bringing U.S. and Puerto Rico churches together with partners in over 70 countries to tell the Good News of Jesus Christ.



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**Jeanne Ndimubandi**

*Women's Ministries Coordinator*



EBLB ministry started in 2004 when the country was still engulfed in civil war which has left many widows. The HIV/AIDS pandemic has exacerbated the situation by leaving behind many orphans. Jeanne Ndimubandi will have two primary responsibilities—

retreats and Christian education training. (2) She will also coordinate economic development activities such as micro-loans, training seminars on family planning, and HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment. She will use the "Self-Help" methodology by which women using their meager resources would be able to provide loans to one another, with interest to keep growing the revolving capital. **Support level needed: \$12,000 a year for three years; after that Ms. Ndimubandi will be self-supporting through EBLB.**

**Japhet Sinzotuma**

*Holistic Community Development Coordinator*



The Office of Holistic Community Development seeks to lift up people especially the "least of these." Japhet Sinzotuma will conduct economic development seminars in EBLB churches to develop and implement ideas. He will write grant proposals, will supervise the implementation, and evaluate and report to donors on outcomes. This work will improve

water quality, support women, men and youth in their economic development by facilitating people to implement their own visions and ideas. He will work strategically to improve the quality of life of people, especially those afflicted or affected by HIV/AIDS. **Support level needed: \$12,000 a year for three years; after that Mr. Sinzotuma will be self-supporting through EBLB.**



**Surprising Fact: Christianity is exploding in Burundi, Africa.**

Most North American Christians would be amazed to see the enthusiasm for Christianity in countries like Burundi, Africa. The hunger to know Christ is something that we in the U.S. and Puerto Rico rarely experience in our neighborhood churches.

For the people of Burundi, their Christian faith gives them hope. Their day-to-day life is filled with suffering. Grinding poverty is an unrelenting problem. Burundi is one of the five poorest countries in the world largely due to warfare, poor access to education and the devastation of widespread HIV/AIDS. The AIDS epidemic alone has left thousands of orphaned children. Their overwhelmed relatives are often unable to feed one more mouth. So many of these children are left to roam the streets. Some starve, others resort to drugs, prostitution, or are forced into slave labor.

The people of Burundi are turning to Christ in great numbers for hope and love they so desperately need.

International Ministries' trusted partner the Evangelical Free Baptist Churches of Burundi (EBLB), started in 2004 as a movement committed to plant a Baptist church in all the 17 provinces that make up the country of Burundi. Starting with one church in Kayanza (north of Burundi) with 120 members, EBLB has now over 10,000 members in 80 churches scattered in 11 provinces of Burundi. This rapidly-growing denomination cannot keep up with its growing number of followers. It has only three pastors with theological training to serve 10,000 believers. The Baptist churches in Burundi need our help.

**The need is great... IM has already begun training Christian leaders and social service professionals**

As Christianity explodes in Burundi, the need for trained Christian leaders and social service professionals continues to grow at a fast pace. Since 2007, EBLB has requested assistance in economic development, evangelism and discipleship, and women's ministries. To begin to meet the need, IM has trained several Burundi people who are now working effectively in these areas.

**Your church can select a Burundi missionary to support.**

IM invites your church to select an EBLB missionary you wish to provide full or partial support for during the next three years. The missionaries will receive salaries, benefits, housing, work-related transportation and be supervised by EBLB. After the three-year period of subsidized support, the missionaries are expected to be self-supporting through EBLB and no additional funding will be needed from the U.S.

Your three-year contribution will not only serve to continue a desperately needed Christian social service, but it will also encourage these committed servants of God. You will provide the ongoing funding they need to solidify their ministry and position them to continue it on their own, using resources that they or the EBLB raises. Your investment will reap benefits far into the future. It will multiply the number of people who can be served, now and for generations to come. What a wise way to put your charitable donations to work!



**The Burundi missionaries eligible for funding:**

**Rev. Joel Masabo**  
Evangelism & Christian Education Director

In 2004, EBLB started with one new church in Kayanza province, now they have over 80 churches in 11 of 17 provinces of this country. EBLB has a great need for local church leadership to train pastors and deacons. Rev. Joel Masabo is expected to train at least 80 men and women locally in their regions while coordinating others at Elijah Bible School. *Support level needed: \$12,000 a year for three years; after that Rev. Masabo will be self-supporting through EBLB.*



**Rev. Evelyn Minani**  
Jacqueline House for Orphans (Orphanage) Director

Burundi as a country is still recovering from the civil war that ended in 2007 which has left so many orphans. The HIV/AIDS pandemic has exacerbated the situation. The combined consequences of the war and AIDS have produced too many orphans. Many extended families are overwhelmed. Children are starving in the streets. The Jacqueline House for Orphans was started with 20 girls in 2006. Today a total of 25 orphans live on campus. Rev. Evelyn Minani is a "mother" to those motherless/fatherless children. Orphans receive adequate care in terms of food; and accommodation, and they are enrolled in the local school. *Support level needed: \$12,000 a year for three years; after that Rev. Minani will be self-supporting through EBLB.*

