

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

On Target Ministry's work in International Education

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Dear Partners in International Education,

Excitement abounds with the opportunities God is presenting to us to further our ministry of educating national pastors in the Word of God. Let me update you on the current needs and possibilities.

First, countries where I have already taught continue to be open doors for teaching the Word. This would include the Ukraine, Mali, the Niger, Jamaica, and Egypt. Representatives from the missions and schools I worked with have asked me if I would be willing to return to these fields to teach more courses.

Second, new opportunities have arisen in just the past few weeks. One church group has asked for my help in developing their program of educating pastors in Haiti. A missionary group working through Wycliffe Bible Translators has expressed their desire for me to help them train pastors who speak languages where the Bible is just now becoming available in print. New opportunities have been offered to me to develop pastoral training programs and curriculum in Italy and China. Both of these countries are ripe for the planting of new churches by biblically trained national pastors. And there is more.

Third, two church fellowships here in the United States have interviewed me concerning the possibility of organizing and training their pastors to do the work of International Education. By putting more qualified men in position to train national pastors, the work of the Lord around the world could be multiplied literally a hundred-fold or even a thousand-fold. The challenge is great, but the potential is enormous! Allow me to give you just one example.

Since I taught thirty-nine pastors in Egypt in 2004, some have communicated to me the various opportunities they have had to teach other pastors the courses I taught them in *Bible Introduction* and *Evangelism*. So far, I know that over 3,400 other pastors have been taught. And this is the work of only two of my students! Countless others have undoubtedly been taught as well. By following the scriptural model of 2 Timothy 2:2, we are able to rapidly expand the teaching of the Word of God by teaching "faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

Finally, as I have been sharing the vision for International Education with local churches and church groups, the excitement and understanding of the effectiveness of this ministry is growing. My desire is to enter into this ministry with my full time and effort. But the financial need is great. I am praying that God will assemble a partnership of people who care about International Education and who are willing to make a serious investment in this great work—a work that will yield great results for Christ and eternity.

The support that I am raising is to fund the vision: to thoroughly equip men of God in foreign countries to do the work of the ministry biblically and effectively. Most, if not all, of these men cannot pay for this education. They love the Lord, and work hard; but they are poor. My desire is not only to teach them, but also to supply them with study books and Bibles in their own language, and to give them translated copies of the class notes from the courses they have been taught.

All donations to us are received through the Faith Community Foundation and should be designated to the *Teaching Faithful Men Ministry Fund*. The Foundation insures that all donations will be channeled into the work of International Education. Please see the enclosed mailer for more details. Continue to pray that God will keep using us to teach faithful men, and pray that this work will flourish. Thank you.

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