



# INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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The *On Target Ministry* E-Newsletter  
*Serving God through International Education*

Dr. Jim Bearss, President

Dear Friends,

Our third Sunday of deputation ministry at Grace Baptist in Plover, Wisconsin was a blessing. The people received us warmly and showed great interest in our work in **International Education**. One man commented, "This is the most productive missionary work I have ever seen." We also welcome new subscribers from Grace Baptist to [INTERNATIONAL UPDATE](#).

This coming Sunday, **August 20**, we will be in Hayward, WI at Northern Lights. Pray for us that God will use us to encourage the church. As always, pray that God will work in such a way that the church will desire to become part of our **support team**.

## Urgent News ...

### Schedule Change:

- Due to the growing unrest in the **Middle East** and the recent plot by terrorists to blow up airplanes bound for the USA, Baptists Equipping Nationals has decided to reschedule our **Egypt Trip** for January. The US Government discouraged travel to that part of the world at this time. Please continue to pray for our students. Recent anti-American (and anti-Christian) demonstrations in Egypt have made that region highly unstable and unsafe for traveling, and the **persecution** of national Christians is mounting.
- As it stands now, the trip that was planned for September 17 has been moved to January 28.

## Support ...

### New Regular Monthly Support: Praise God!

- **Two additional monthly supporters!** This week we received word that two more people have taken on our support. Each one has pledged \$25 per month.
- You might think, "That's not very much. How can you live on that? Your excitement seems unwarranted."
- **Here is an interesting fact:** If **everyone** who receives our mailing pledged **\$25 per month** support, our entire living wage **and** 100% of our ministry expenses would be covered, **and** we would be able to pay all the expenses for every teacher that we take with us to help with the teaching responsibility. This is why we say, "Together we can accomplish more!"
- **One creative supporter!** One of our friends emailed us this week and said that God has been leading her to give us a portion of the commissions she makes selling houses. That is so exciting. Pray with me that this realtor sells a whole city full of houses!

## Praise Item ...

- We now have **13.8%** of our support pledged by 8 people and 1 church. At this rate, to be fully supported, we will need 55 more people and 7 more churches to pledge support.  
**Will you pray about becoming part of our support team?**

**Prayer Requests: Please pray that ...**

- Additional supporters will pledge **monthly support**.
- God will continue to protect our **students** trapped in the war in Lebanon.
- God will bless **Bassam** as he leads people to Christ in New Cairo.
- God will restore **safe travel** to the Middle East so we can go teach in January.
- God will give us ministry opportunities in churches on three Sundays: **September 17, 24, & October 1**. We need to schedule these Sundays now that the Egypt Trip has been moved to January.
- Our **house** will sell. It has been on the market since Memorial Day.

After you read the **On Target Ministry E-Newsletter**, why not click on **“Reply”** and send a word of encouragement! It would mean so much to us. Thank you for your love and support.

Striving to please an Audience of One!

*Dr. Jim & Anna Betsy Bearss*



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**P. S. Last week I printed this amazing story.**

**Several new subscribers wanted it in print, so I am adding here as a post script.**

**The Church in the Cemetery ...**

Bassem, one of my best and brightest students, wanted to plant a church in New Cairo, Egypt. But there was a problem. In New Cairo no church buildings are allowed (although a mosque could be built on every corner). New Cairo is growing fast. Over 10,000 new apartments are being built in this city. The project is called the *Susan Mubarak Youth Complex*. Young couples who marry are provided a place to live. What a great mission field this is! But the officials would not give Bassam permission to build a meeting place for his church in the city limits. That is, until Bassam discovered a technicality in the zoning law: it is legal to erect a church building in a cemetery! The Evangelical Cemetery is right across the street from the new apartments. So now, permission has been granted for the church building, and the ground has been cleared. While the building is under construction, a growing number of people are coming to Christ and meeting in homes. Bassam's goal is to reach people for Christ, and he is doing that on a weekly basis.

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