



INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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

Dr. Jim Bearss, President

Dear Wayne and Sue,

The time for my teaching mission to **Egypt** is quickly approaching. The days seem to be flying by. Anna and I are so grateful for the love and prayers and financial gifts and the words of encouragement that you all keep sending our way. We feel like we are in a virtual **ocean** of God's love and providential care.

Now that **2006** is history, we can **re-cap** the progress we have seen in our ministry.

1. **Eighteen individuals** have partnered with us by joining our **financial support team**.
2. **One church** (our home church in Seeley, Wisconsin) is supporting us.
3. Our total support commitment is currently at **26%** of the total need.
4. The Calendar of ministry and overseas teaching is filling up nicely.
5. Our ministry in the churches is being well received.
6. **Hundreds** have joined our **prayer support team**, and we see the evidence of that every day.

Let me tell you **one exiting story** of how God provided. I took our faithful minivan into the shop for an oil change. During the inspection of the vehicle, the mechanic discovered that the rear tires had some serious cracks in the sidewalls, and he recommended that we replace them. Since the whole set was fairly well worn, I asked what it would cost to replace all four tires. He said \$400. This became an immediate matter of prayer, since we did not have \$400. That night, while talking with one of our regular supporters, the subject of the tires came up. Immediately the supporter said, "I can send you \$200 right now, if you can come up with the other \$200." Again, we prayed. The next day in the mail there was a plain envelope addressed to me with a return address somewhere in California. I did not recognize the name or the city of the sender. When I opened the envelope, there was no written correspondence; but in a plain white sheet of paper were wrapped **two \$100 bills!** Praise the Lord!

KEEP PRAYING IN 2007 for . . .

- 1) **the churches in which we ministry to add us to their missionary support budget.**
This would be a big boost to meeting our support needs.

2) **Pray also for new individual supporters in 2007.** If even **half** of the people who receive this email would each commit to sending **\$30 a month**, our support need would be met **100%**.

Finally, pray for my students in **Egypt** (February 5-19) and in **Haiti** (March 15-21). Both of these places are **ripe with opportunity** for the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our mission is to equip the national pastors to labor among their own people and proclaim God's word in Spirit and in truth. They lead people to Christ and plant new churches. What a great ministry!!!

A special request: If your church has not yet invited us to come present this exciting and unique work, would you please ask your pastor or missions committee to contact me for information. We would love to come share first hand what God is doing in so many places around the world.

Thank you for your love and support. We count it a privilege to know you are a part of our support team and faithful in praying for us.

Striving to please an Audience of One!

Dr. Jim & Anna Betsy Bearss

On Target Ministry 2007 Speaking Schedule!

Jan 14 – Faith Baptist Church in Adams, WI

Jan 21 – Faith Baptist Church in Adams, WI

Jan 28 – Faith Baptist Church in Hebron, IN

Feb 4 – Tri-County Baptist Church, The Villages, FL

Feb 5 – on a Plane to Egypt!

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