



INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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

Dr. Jim Bearss, President

Dear David and Robin,

Supporter #20 has come aboard this week! Praise God for His continuing provision for our needs. This newest addition to our **Support Team** boosts our support level to **26.7%** of the total need. **One church** is voting on supporting us at their annual business meeting tonight! **Another church** has us on their agenda for consideration at their annual meeting January 28th. **Keep praying** for our support needs, and that many other churches will add us to their missionary budget.

We have a special need for Egypt: Because we are not at full support, most (if not all) of the funds currently coming in to **On Target Ministry** are being designated to meet our living expenses and the cost of traveling to share our ministry in churches. Therefore, the money needed "on the field" is simply not available yet. The trip to Egypt will cost \$4,500. I will be teaching a class of 60+ pastors who are involved in church planting. These pastors have collectively planted over 100 churches in the past four years. What an **amazing result** from their faithful witness of the gospel. **But only a part of the cost for this trip has been met** by special giving. Pray for God to provide the rest of the need before we go February 5th.

We have an urgent need in Haiti: March 14-22, I will travel to Haiti to teach 100+ pastors who are eager to learn the Word of God, and who want to establish a regular training program in Bible Doctrine. I will teach a 7-day seminar in Basic Bible Doctrine, and I will meet with the leaders of the church Association to plan a program for future teaching trips to Haiti. **But there is a problem:** the pastors I will be teaching are **very poor**. (*I have traveled to countries where poverty is real, and I have concluded that most Americans have **no idea** what it means to be genuinely poor.*) The leader of the Association has asked me to bring enough **extra money with me to pay for the noon meal for the pastors**. He was quite sincere when he explained that it was a huge sacrifice for these men to pay \$3 for their own travel to Port au Prince to attend the seminars each day. In fact, there are some pastors who **cannot come** because they cannot afford it. The ones who do come will have **no money to buy lunch**, so I was asked to bring \$2 per pastor per day to provide for their lunches each day. This comes to over \$1,200 for food. If I could bring more, then the excess would be used to help more pastors come by paying their transportation expenses. **It breaks my heart to think that a Pastor who is hungry to learn the Word of God cannot come to the**

seminar because he cannot afford a \$3 bus ticket and a \$2 lunch. Will you help with this extra expense?

Even though we are not anywhere near full support, God continues to amaze us each day with his loving care. We serve a great God! **Thank you all for praying** for us faithfully. The prayers of the righteous do much good! And **thank you to the 20 members of our support team** for catching the vision of **International Education**. Your investment in the cause of Christ is reaping great reward today.

Keep praying 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 as they lead people to Christ and plant new churches. **What a great ministry!!!**

Be sure to run off a few **extra copies of this letter** and share them with people from your church who do not have email.

Striving to please an Audience of One!

Dr. Jim & Anna Betsy Bearss

ON TARGET MINISTRY 2007 Schedule!

Jan 21 – Faith Baptist Church in Adams, WI

Jan 28 – Faith Baptist Church of Porter Township in Valparaiso, IN

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

Feb 5-19 – Ministry in Alexandria, EGYPT!

Feb 25 – **OPEN SUNDAY** (Will you ask your pastor to invite us to your church for an exciting report on the **Egypt** Trip?)

Mar 4 – First Baptist Temple in Oshkosh, WI

Mar 10 – **OPEN SUNDAY** (Call me to schedule this date!)

Mar 14-22 – Ministry in Port au Prince, HAITI

Mar 24 – **OPEN SUNDAY** (Will you ask your pastor to invite us to your church for an exciting report on the **Haiti** Trip?)

Mar 31 – **OPEN SUNDAY** (Call me to schedule this date!)

Apr 1 – **OPEN SUNDAY** (Call me to schedule this date!)

Apr 8-15 – Ministry in Constanza, ROMANIA

Apr 22 – **OPEN SUNDAY** (Will you ask your pastor to invite us to your church for an exciting report on the **Romania** Trip?)

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