



INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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Serving God through International Education

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Dear Support Team and Fellow-laborers in the cause of Christ,

D-DAY

Sixty-three years ago today, brave soldiers from the Allied military forces launched the invasion of Europe at the beaches of **Normandy** in France. The purpose of D-Day was to liberate the people of Europe from the crushing occupation of Nazi Germany in World War II. The codename for this action was **Operation Overlord**. As I meditated on the courage and determination of our troops, my thoughts fast-forwarded to today. **We are soldiers for Christ**, involved spiritual warfare every day. Each trip we make overseas is an invasion of truth against our adversary, the devil; and just as the Allies ultimately prevailed, we, too, are guaranteed the victory through **our Lord** Jesus Christ! The **power of the Gospel** is the **truth** that sets men free (read 1 Corinthians 15:57, Romans 1:16, and John 8:32).

THE URGENCY OF THE BATTLE!

My **Email Inbox** is filling up fast with several new requests to teach overseas. So that you can see what I see every day, just look at these exciting excerpts from recent email requests:

From Pakistan: "...There are many options to help us to train and equip the national pastors & church leaders in Pakistan. First, you can come to Pakistan for Seminars and Training Camps. Second, you can publish training literature for the national leadership. Pakistan is the 2nd most Muslim country in the world. **Will you please let me know what is possible for you to do?**"

From Haiti: "We were very glad for the seminars you taught, and we look forward to have you come again for another seminar. You did a wonderful ministry in Haiti. About the college Bible, we continue to pray for that. **Will you be able to help us?**"

From India: "We have a school in the southern province of Andhra Pradesh. It is named the Bharat Bible College. We would like you to teach Systematic Theology to our pastors. We are in great need of men who will teach us the Bible. **When could you come to teach in India?**"

From Kenya: "I happened to read on your exciting website and was greatly touched and ministered to as I read through your mission. God bless you greatly for obeying his voice to minister to the body of Christ. You are really a vessel the Lord uses to touch lives in the world. The new foundation you have really laid in lives is great, strong, and powerful; God bless you for such big sacrifice. We are writing to thank you for such good job for Christ. We have never been ministered to the way your

website did to us. Our lives have been transformed, and new fires of evangelism are lit in our hearts. **Could you please pray about the possibility of associating with us in your ministry and coming to Kenya and do training and evangelism in our churches, villages, and remote areas?"**

And There Is More: Add this to the continuing opportunities to teach national pastors in Egypt, Romania, Ukraine, Jamaica, and a new school in Jordan, and we have a full schedule overseas!

The Urgency of the Situation: I would **love to accept** every one of these offers to serve; **but I cannot**, because we still need to raise our support! We are currently at 34%, and I am beginning to sense the **extreme urgency** of being at 100%. As you can see from the **Prayer Request List**, each trip overseas costs \$1,000s. This is a small amount when compared to the widespread impact we make when we teach faithful pastors. But without full support, we are limited in the number of trips we can make.

The Big Question: Twenty-eight of you are supporting us with regular giving, and we are so grateful for your faithful sacrifices in the spiritual warfare we are waging. "How can I help," you may ask? **Join our Support Team!** If just half of the people receiving this letter would commit to only \$15 a month, we would be at 100% support...and we would be accepting all the exciting opportunities that God is sending our way. We are so anxious to serve. **Will you help us?**

It All Adds Up: Once I said, "Between the things that are too great for us to accomplish, and the things that are too small for us to consider, **nothing gets done!**" **Every gift is a blessing.** Last Sunday, **a 13-year old girl** came up to me after my presentation of the work in **Haiti**. In her quiet voice she said, "I have \$10 in my purse, and I want to give it to help the pastors in Haiti." With a tear in her eye, she went on to say how sincerely she wants us to establish "that school for the pastors." What a blessing!

ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16b

1. **\$5,000 needed for the teaching trip to Jamaica**, August 4-26, 2007. (Jim will be teaching at the **Fairview Baptist College** and at a Youth Camp. **I would like to take Anna, Kristine, & James!**)
2. **\$4,500 needed for the teaching trip to Costanza, Romania**, September 6-24, 2007. (We will establish a new ministry with the **gypsy pastors** in the north!)
3. **\$100,000 needed for the establishment and the operational expenses**, tuition, and room & board for the first four years of operation of the **Haiti Bible Institute** in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. **Pray!**

Request your **Treasure Bag** so you can start collecting your "**loose change for lasting change!**" And **THANKS** for praying and giving. **Your participation in our unique ministry means so much to us.**

Striving to please an Audience of One,
Dr. Jim & Anna Betsy Bearss

New Bearss Family Photo Available!
Request a copy today as a prayer reminder. Also ask for a Treasure Bag!

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The Bearss Family 2007
(Kristine, James, Anna, Jim, Sharon)



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