



INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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Dear **SUPPORT TEAM** and Fellow-laborers in the cause of Jesus Christ,

HURRICANE DEAN

*I am excited about what God is doing in **Jamaica**. My ministry there this August was filled with joy and great anticipation of what God is doing in this key island nation, and throughout the entire Caribbean. Your support that enables me to travel there and **teach the Bible to national pastors** and church*



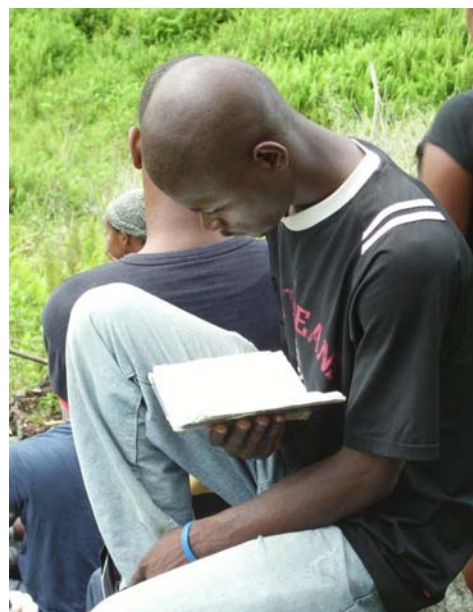
*leaders is significantly impacting that needy part of the world for Jesus Christ. Thank you for your participation in this work! **Your prayers for our safety during the hurricane were answered!** Praise the Lord for His sustaining grace. We were not hit with the full force of **Dean** since God chose to veer it **a few degrees south** at the last possible moment, making the eye skirt the southern edge of Jamaica, rather than travel “right down the middle” of the island, as predicted. This small change produced several advantages, including:*

- 1) Minimized the damage to **Fairview Baptist Bible College** located in central Jamaica (they originally were scheduled to take a direct hit from the eye);*
- 2) Reduced damage to **Montego Bay** on the northern side of Jamaica, where I was sent to “ride out” the storm.*

Southern Jamaica still had severe damage. In the north, we had sustained winds of about 100 mph, compared to winds in the 150 mph range in Kingston. Nevertheless, the storm sounded terrible (relentless wind and rain) but God sustained us. The Montego Bay Airport was back up and running in just two days, so I flew home August 23rd on schedule, no delays.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*Hurricane Dean impacted the island for a day, but the men and women of Fairview Baptist Bible College are making an impact that will last for **generations**. These students are truly*



making a **huge difference** for Christ in Jamaica. Their vision includes providing Bible College education and church-planting ministry for **every nation** in the Caribbean, places such as St. Lucia, Trinidad, Tobago, and Haiti. I had the privilege of teaching 13 students an introductory course in **Philosophy** and speaking at a **Leadership Training Conference** to 30 young adults, many of whom are committed to full time ministry.



WIDE OPEN DOORS

*Our teaching ministry in Jamaica will be an ongoing work. I have already received word from the school that the students and the administration would like me to return at my **earliest possible convenience**. Please pray with us that God would continue to lead us and keep this exciting door open wide. One student told me after class, “**You have got me all stirred up**. I want to do so much for Christ; I don’t know where to start!” Praise God for enthusiasm!*

SUPPORT TEAM UPDATE

One long-time friend emailed me while I was in Jamaica wondering “how we make it” on just 39% of our regular monthly support. The answer is really quite simple: **God provides!** Every month without fail, since December 2006, **God** has prompted someone different each month to make a sizable **Special Gift to On Target Ministry**. These gifts, along with the faithful giving of our Support Team, are used to meet specific needs, usually “in the nick of time.” God is blessing many people for supporting this unique work, and we are delighted to see how God is faithful to us and sustains us daily, both spiritually and physically. **It is an exciting way to live!** Like Jeremiah, we can say about our God, with great conviction, “**Great is Thy faithfulness!**” (Lamentations 3:23)



CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS

1. **Teaching in Costanza, Romania:** September 6-21, 2007. **(We need only \$1,250 more to cover the cost of this trip.)**
2. **Teaching in Oltenia, Romania:** October 11-22, 2007. **(We still need \$1,700 to fully pay for this trip.)**
3. **Haiti Bible Institute** (We need **\$100,000** to fund **4 years** of free education. **What a great opportunity! Pray earnestly!**)
4. **More Monthly Supporters to join our Support Team!** **(We need to raise 61% support.)**

As always, we are striving to please an Audience of One,

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God whose purposes cannot fail,
whose words do not fall to the ground,
and whose people shall be saved.