



# **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 Jesus Christ,

## **WHAT AN HONOR!**

*I continue to be overwhelmed at the thought that our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, has chosen to allow Anna and me to serve Him in this remarkable and unique way. It was not my original intention to begin an organization to teach the Bible to **national pastors** in countries all over the world, but it was obviously God's intention. We have seen God do amazing things in the lives and ministry of men and women overseas who are serving the Lord. I experience the same thrill the prophet Jeremiah must have had when he reported God's promise:*

*"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." **Jeremiah 33:3***

*God is certainly doing great and mighty things in Romania. And I am delighted to report them to you **who faithfully support this work with finances and prayer.***



## **COSTANZA, ROMANIA**

*My friend Dave Derlan and I returned to Costanza in eastern Romania to continue teaching a well motivated group of 26 men and women. I taught "Doctrine of Salvation" and rejoiced in how well the students received the truth and **grew in grace** and in their understanding of this key doctrine of Scripture. God is great in grace; and my students were challenged to rejoice in His all-sufficient grace (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).*



## **COMENESTI, ROMANIA**

*In northern Romania we began a new four-year module with 23 students. Several of them came from the gypsy community. It was such a joy to see how the love of Christ removed racial barriers and enabled **Romanian and Gypsy believers to study the Bible together, side-by-side.***



While I was teaching the “Doctrine of the Bible” to these eager students, I emphasized the sacrifice many of the early church fathers made to defend the Word of God. One pastor told me how the church in Comenesti, Romania also served sacrificially while the nation was under the control of Communism. The people scrimped and saved and **gave all they had** to complete their church building. After several years of sacrifice, the building was completed on a Saturday. Everyone rejoiced and looked forward to worshiping the next morning in their new facility. When Sunday morning arrived, the assembled congregation was horrified to see that

during the night, the Communists had come in with bulldozers and completely leveled their new church building. **What did the Christians do?** They started over! The building I taught in last week stands as a visible testament to the perseverance and endurance of the saints in that troubled part of the world.

## TEACHING THE WORD

In just two weeks, I will be heading **back to Romania**. This time I will be teaching “How to Interpret and Study the Bible” to a group of national pastors in Oltenia. Romania is so open to the ministry of the gospel now. We are truly enjoying this window of opportunity to teach the Bible. **We still need \$1,700 to fully cover the cost of this next trip.** Pray that God will lay it upon someone’s heart to help us with this special need. **God supplies; and God blesses givers!**



## SUPPORT TEAM UPDATE

One current supporter has now **doubled** his support. Praise God! Also we have a **new** full time supporter who is a high school student! Pray that God will continue to raise up our **Support Team** so we can be at **100% support** soon. I have had to put on “hold” literally dozens of offers to teach in Europe, Asia, and South America. My heart is fully committed to this work, and when I see how effectively a well-trained national pastor serves the Lord in his homeland, I am more convinced now than ever that **2 Timothy 2:2 is the right model for missions.**

## WORLDWIDE PRAYER REQUESTS

- Extra Funds for Special Projects and **Ministry Trips**
- **Churches to schedule us** for ministry presentations.
- **Jordan** – The new school that will reach the Middle East
- **Egypt** – Strength for pastors who live in daily persecution
- **Jamaica** – Students impacting the Caribbean for Christ
- **Haiti** – Funds to launch the Haiti Bible Institute
- **Romania** – Sending missionaries and reaching Europe

As always, we are striving to please an Audience of One,  
**Dr. Jim & Anna Betsy Bearss**

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