



# **INTERNATIONAL UPDATE**

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

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

## **LET ME REMIND YOU OF THE MISSION!**

*You are investing time and money in a very effective and biblical mission! Training national pastors in the doctrines of God's Word is a practical and obedient response to 2 Timothy 2:2 where God assigns us the awesome task of spreading His Word by **teaching faithful men** who will teach others also. By supporting **On Target Ministry**, you are participating in this unique work. Thank you for making it possible for me to travel overseas and conduct classes for eager pastors who have never had the opportunity to learn the Word of God in an academic setting.*

## **OLTENIA REGION, ROMANIA**

*The village of Băile Govora in southwest Romania was the site of my recent teaching adventure. My friend, Dave Dernlan, and I teamed up with Pastor Viorel Cruceru, a Romanian national, to teach 3 Bible classes to a new group of twenty-three pastors. I taught the course "**How to Study the Bible.**" This was the first time these men were shown how to approach the study and interpretation of the Bible in a systematic, biblical fashion. We taught them how to interpret the Bible literally, and how to avoid the dangerous allegorical approach used by so many, even in the USA. **This class will revolutionize their ministries!***



## **"I DON'T WANT TO CHANGE!"**

*After the first day, one of the men who came to learn returned to his home. Sadly, he reported to another pastor, "**I already know what I believe, and I don't want to change!**" How tragic, yet so typical! The horror of the allegorical approach to Bible interpretation is that you first decide what you believe, and then you go to the Bible and look for support. This procedure leads to all sorts of false doctrines and unholy practices. The truth is, this pastor, like so many today, has already become entrenched in his traditional ways and resists biblical truth that will cause him to change and grow.*

## ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Starting this Friday, the Bearss family will be “on the road” presenting **On Target Ministry** in several churches in Wisconsin and Florida. We’ll return home just before Thanksgiving. We will travel thousands of miles, so pray for our safety on the highway. **Also pray that God will touch many hearts with the urgent need to support the important work we are doing.** Everywhere I go to teach, there is a sense among the believers that Jesus is coming soon. Truly we believe that Christ can return at any moment, so we must work for Him diligently now while there is still time.



## OPEN DATES

If you would like to schedule us at your church for a **presentation** of our work or for **pulpit supply**, we have some open dates left in **2008**. Please give me a call. I would be especially interested in preaching at a **Missions Conference** or in a **Bible Conference**.

## NEW SUPPORT!

In October we added **2 new individual supporters** to our ever-growing **Support Team**. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness. Please do not underestimate the importance of your financial support. Most of our Support Team is made up of donors who are giving \$20 to \$30 per month. This participation is invaluable! We would be at 100% if we could add just 85 more supporters like this. Maybe you have not started giving us regular support yet because you think “my little bit will not make any difference.” **Stop thinking like that!** Every “little bit” makes a “big difference” overall. Why not make it a matter of prayer and make that step of faith today.



## WORLDWIDE PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Additional full time supporters** for *On Target!*
- **Safety in Travel** in October & November
- **A buyer** for our house in Wisconsin
- **Funding** for our **Ministry Trips in 2008**
- **Churches to add us to their 2008 Budgets!**
- **Jordan** – New school that will reach the Middle East
- **Egypt** – Strength for pastors under daily persecution
- **Jamaica** – Students impacting Caribbean for Christ
- **Haiti** – Funds to launch the Haiti Bible Institute
- **Romania** – Sending missionaries into all of Europe

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

**Dr. Jim & Anna Betsy Bearss**

1. **Pastor Joseph and his family.** Pastor of the newly formed Baptist Church in Scornicesti, hometown of the last Communist Dictator in Romania who vowed, “There will never be a Christian Church in the town of my birth!” Wrong!
2. **National Pastors** in the teaching module in Oltenia, Romania.
3. My Romanian interpreter, **Beni** Cruceru, son of Pastor Viorel.
4. Students studying the Bible on a break! They’re always **eager to learn!**
5. Serious student: **Aurel, a gypsy pastor**, who testified of the love he experienced from the Romanian Christians. God’s love transcends all ethnic barriers!

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*We stand in the service of the sovereign  
God whose purposes cannot fail,  
whose words do not fall to the ground,  
and whose people shall be saved.*