



# INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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## *On Target Ministry*

*Serving God through International  
Education*

**DR. JIM BEARSS, PRESIDENT**

*“Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. ...When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.” Mt. 2:2, 10*

*Dear Family, Friends, and Members of the **On Target Support Team,***

### **WHAT GIFT CAN I GIVE?**

*While the world is concerned about how many more “shopping days” there are until Christmas, we who are focused on the Lord Jesus Christ can be thinking about how many more “serving days” we have until Christ comes. In Psalm 116:12 the question is raised, “What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?” At this time of year, when we usually think about Christmas gift giving and New Year’s resolutions, let’s put more thought into what we can give to Christ and to His work in the world; and, let us have a **higher resolution** than to simply “lose weight” or “save more money.” Let each of us declare, like the psalmist, “I am thy servant!” then determine that we “will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.” Psalm 116:16, 17.*

### **I HAVE A GIFT FOR YOU!**

*Because of the generosity of one of our supporters, I am able to offer you a free CD of my Christmas message, “**Christmas Trees.**” This sermon is an exposition of Galatians 3:13; and it’s yours free simply by asking. Let me know if I may send you a copy as an expression of my thanks for your support.*

### **A VERY SPECIAL DAY**

*God has blessed our family with a new son-in-law! Our daughter **Sharon** was married to **Robert Bednarek** on December 15, 2007. The happy couple is on their honeymoon this week. Our family is delighted with how greatly God blessed the wedding day. Please remember to pray with us for Rob and Sharon as they begin their new life together.*



## NEW SUPPORT IN 2008

Welcome **Victory Baptist Church** to the support team! This faithful congregation in Thorp, Wisconsin has added us to their 2008 Missionary Budget for monthly support. Thank you! We are grateful for their support, and we thank God for His faithfulness in continuing to meet our “daily bread” needs. We have **4 supporting churches** and **41 individuals** in our **Support Team** accounting for **53%** of our total support need. Praise God for His bountiful supply!

## SPECIAL PROJECTS IN 2008

The coming year will be our **most active** and **adventurous** yet. We have confirmed six ministry trips overseas and have two more “in the works.” Some have asked what the **financial commitments** are for these trips, so here is a tally of we will need to fully cover our 2008 overseas commitments:



- January – **Jamaica** \$2,500
- February – **Egypt** \$4,500
- March – **Haiti** \$7,600
- June – **Uganda** \$5,000
- August – **Jamaica** \$3,500
- October – **Jordan** \$4,500

In addition to the overseas ministry trips, we also have an extensive travel schedule planned for the USA. We will be presenting our ministry in a number of churches. I will also be speaking at several **Missionary Conferences** in Florida and Iowa and at a Family Camp at Camp Fairwood in Wisconsin.



## WORLDWIDE PRAYER REQUESTS – Jeremiah 33:3

- **A \$100,000 gift to fund the Haiti Bible Institute!**
- **A buyer for our house in Wisconsin!**
- **\$4,000 to begin an Internet Broadcast ministry!**
- **Churches to add us to their 2008 Budgets!**
- **New full time supporters for On Target Ministry!**
- **Thanksgiving for the faithfulness of present supporters!**
- **Full funding for our 2008 overseas Ministry Trips!**
- **Jordan** – For the new school reaching the Middle East!
- **Egypt** – For strength for pastors under daily persecution!
- **Jamaica** – For students impacting the island for Christ!
- **Haiti** – For funds to launch the Haiti Bible Institute!
- **Romania** – For sending missionaries into all of Europe!

We trust you and your family will enjoy a blessed Christmas,

**Dr. Jim & Anna Betsy Bearss**

God is good, and He is always being good to us. Even in times when we think things seem bad, God is being good! (For further study, Psalm 34:8, 100:5, 135:3, 145:9, Jer 33:11, Lam 3:25, Nahum 1:7, Job

### PICTURE CREDITS

- 1) (front) **“Bethlehem Stable”**  
oil painting by Joyce Pike
- 2) (front) **“Sharon and Dad”**  
photo by Stay Hagberg
- 3) (above) **“Sharon and Rob”**  
photo by Stacy Hagberg

*More Wedding Photos coming in next month's Newsletter!*

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