



# INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

January 18, 2008

*On Target Ministry*

*Serving God through International Education*

**DR. JIM BEARSS, PRESIDENT**

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

## **JAMAICA!**

*Hurricane Dean cut short our ministry this past August, but now we are returning to Jamaica to continue teaching **Introduction to Christian Philosophy** to the Pastors and Students at the Fairview Baptist Bible College. I am leaving for Jamaica this Saturday, so please keep us all in your prayers: Anna and the children as they are at home, and me as I go and teach January 20 through February 1.*

## **WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL?**

*Jamaica is truly a land of opportunity for the gospel. Because the cults and “isms” are coming to the island with increasing vigor, the believers are facing greater obstacles to the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The students at the school and the pastors of the churches are eager to learn more of God’s Word so they will be better equipped to meet these mounting challenges.*

*The people of Jamaica need Christ. Jamaica is currently the “crime capital” of the Caribbean. Danger increases every day. Pray that God will give the men and women that I teach Holy Spirit boldness to take the gospel to the nation. The goal of **church planting** is the key to this vision. Pray that God will use **On Target Ministry** to encourage the growth of new churches throughout Jamaica.*



## **THE WEBSITE IS UPDATED**

*Today we updated our **On Target Ministry** Website. Click here <[www.OnTargetMinistry.org](http://www.OnTargetMinistry.org)> to see our 2008 schedule and many pictures of our past ministry trips. The website also has our current support status, ministry information, and links to other excellent websites.*

## **CRUISE ANYONE?**

*Anna and I have been invited to participate in a Chartered Cruise that will retrace the steps of Paul’s First Missionary Journey. I will be teaching from the book of Acts, and we will be visiting the key sites from Paul’s first ministry trip. The cruise is open to all, and we are expecting a great time of fellowship in the Word and excitement as we follow the footsteps of the Apostle Paul.*

To learn more about this exciting adventure and read the day-by-day itinerary, simply click on this link, and follow the instructions on the page <[www.biblicalthroneroom.com/pauls1stinerary.html](http://www.biblicalthroneroom.com/pauls1stinerary.html)>. The price includes the cruise, the land excursions, and the airfare to and from Greece. The dates are March 31 to April 11, 2008. We would love to have you join us!

## SPECIAL PROJECTS IN 2008

The coming year will be our **most active** and adventurous yet. We now have confirmed seven ministry trips overseas and have one 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/July – **Uganda** \$5,000
- August – **Jamaica** \$3,500
- September – **Egypt** \$4,500
- October – **Jordan** \$4,500

### BREAKING NEWS

Fellowship Baptist Church (Pastor Rick Piatt) in Lakeland Florida just sent us \$2,267 to help with the cost of the **Haiti Trip** March 9-15. The major expense in the budget for Haiti (\$7,600) is the cost of providing meals for the pastors who come to the seminar each day. Thank you Fellowship Baptist for your generous support of this work!

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 **Missionary Conferences** in Florida and Iowa and at a **Family Camp** at Camp Fairwood in Wisconsin.



## MORE WEDDING PICTURES

As promised in last month's newsletter, we have lots more pictures to show you of **Rob & Sharon's wedding**.

This is the happy couple reciting their vows. To see 100+ more photos, click on the link below and enjoy!

<[www.ouronlinehouse.com/gallery2/main.php?g2\\_itemId=28412&g2\\_page=1](http://www.ouronlinehouse.com/gallery2/main.php?g2_itemId=28412&g2_page=1)>

### PICTURE CREDITS

- "Map of Jamaica" [www.diplomaticnet.com/es/act/act10.html](http://www.diplomaticnet.com/es/act/act10.html)  
 "Jamaican Pastors in Class" photo by Duane Madden 8/17/07  
 "Sharon & Rob Reciting Vows" photo by Bill Quayle 12/15/07

## WORLDWIDE PRAYER REQUESTS – Jeremiah 33:3

- A \$100,000 gift to fund the Haiti Bible Institute!
- New full time supporters for On Target Ministry!
- 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!

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

**Dr. Jim & Anna Betsy Bearss**

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

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