



INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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On Target Ministry

Serving God through International Education

DR. JIM BEARSS, PRESIDENT

Dear *Support Team Members*,

EGYPT WAS GREAT! *I returned from Egypt a few days ago, and I am rejoicing at what God is doing in that country. I taught New Testament Introduction to 28 national pastors and wives [picture below]. Their*

interest and enthusiasm for the story of "How We Got Our Bible" overwhelmed me. The appreciation they have for the Word of God always touches my heart. Each one considers the opportunity to attend classes in Alexandria and learn the Bible as a direct answer to prayer.

On the last day of class, the students give testimonies of what the teaching has meant to them. One student said, "I can hardly wait to begin teaching what I have learned to others." Another student commented, "I wish Dr. Bearss could come live in Egypt and be my pastor! Then I would always have someone who could teach me the truth." This is so humbling, and at the same time, it shows the passion these men and women have for the Word of God.



HAITI IS NEXT!

*We will be ministering to hundreds of national pastors in Haiti March 9-15, 2008. Pray for us as we help these men understand the great truths of God's grace in the Doctrine of Salvation. **Anna** will be traveling with me on this trip. She will be a great support and a welcome helper. The ministry opportunities in Haiti are endless. Pray that these men will embrace the truths of God's Word and eagerly teach others also. Also, pray that God will provide the funds we need to start The Haiti Bible Institute. **Haiti needs a full-time Bible training institute for pastors.** The need is great for the establishment of an on-going program of pastor training, but God is greater! A gift of \$100,000 would guarantee the operation of a school for the next eight years! After eight years, we plan to have enough men well-trained in the Word who can carry on the program indefinitely! Pray for this significant need.*

WE WILL HAVE HELP IN HAITI

*Joining us on this trip to Haiti will be **Dr. Wayne and Sue Vanderwier**. We are excited about this opportunity to work with our long-time friends. Wayne founded Overseas Instruction and Counsel, a ministry dedicated to teaching the principles of Biblical Counseling. He will be teaching a module in Basic Biblical Counseling to the national pastors. In addition to learning the truths of the Bible, these pastors also need to know how to apply the Bible as they use it to provide help to their churches.*



OUR BIG STEP OF FAITH – Part Two

Since we announced (in the last newsletter) that we intend to do the work of teaching overseas full time (instead of raising support), God has honored this commitment by bringing two new members to our **Support Team!** We are excited to see God at work meeting our needs, just as He promised He would. We are now at 58% support! Praise God for progress!

Your faithful giving makes it possible for us to serve God in this **unique work**. The trip to Haiti is our most expensive trip of the year. We not only have to cover all our usual expenses (airfare, lodging, food, etc) but also, we need

to provide food for the pastors [picture above] every day we are there. **Fellowship Baptist Church** in Lakeland, Florida has helped us with over half the cost of this trip so far, and we are so grateful for their substantial giving. Thank you! The **International Ministries** department of the GARBC has also pledged a generous gift. Thank you! Every contribution is needed and important. If you would like to help with this ministry, **please consider sending us a special gift for the Haiti Pastors.**

PRAY FOR AN IMPORTANT NEW PROJECT

\$4,000 is needed now to fund a **major expansion** of our presence on the Internet. We have the opportunity to add several new features to our current website, including:

- **Live Teaching Broadcasts**
- **Newsletter Archive, Online Giving**
- **Interactive Online Bible Lessons**
- **Daily Devotionals, Instant Updates, and more!**

Pray that God will meet this important need with a one time **special gift** to cover the cost of adding these features. The most significant benefit would be the ability to stay in **live contact** with my overseas students while I am stateside!

MORE WORLD-WIDE PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Egypt** – For strength for pastors under daily persecution!
- Pray that God will **send a buyer** for our Wisconsin home.
- **Jamaica** – For students and pastors serving Jesus Christ!
- New **full time supporters** for On Target Ministry in 2008. **Goal:** to be at **100% by year end!**
- Full funding for our 2008 overseas Ministry Trips so **Anna and James can travel together with me!**

Thank you for your faithful prayers and loving support,

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)



Our daughter **Sharon** (in her senior year at the Art Institute of Illinois) has created a newly designed logo for **On Target Ministry**. Thanks!

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