

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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On Target Ministry

Serving God through International Education

DR. JIM BEARSS, PRESIDENT



Dear Support Team Members,

NOW HEAR THIS ... A CHALLENGE!

Next month our house will have been on the market for two years. Most of you know this has been an extremely difficult time to sell a house, but we have been persistent in our prayers knowing that our God is not hindered by a slow housing market. **Keep reading to see how busy our summer has become!** It would be so helpful if we could relocate now near a major airport making our overseas travel much easier and much less expensive. To that end, we are asking all of you to **make the sale of our house a matter of daily, fervent prayer** each day in May. Will you join us in this endeavor? A quick reply letting us know you will be praying for this would be so encouraging to us! (James 5:16)



EGYPT REPORT

Great things are happening in Egypt. Our ministry there in February was productive, and the students gave glowing testimonies about what God is doing in their ministries. These energetic and enthusiastic students have planted over **150 churches ... in Egypt!** (Can you shout "Amen!" here?) They are regularly ministering to over 2,000 pastors, teaching them the same courses we taught them. This outreach is impacting 300 villages and 46 major cities with the gospel. Two of our students have started their own **Bible Institute** to train Egyptian pastors in southern Egypt. Now that's multiplication of ministry!

WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA

On April 20, we presented our ministry at **Faith Baptist Church** in Winter Haven, Florida. Pastor **Nathan Osborne** and the church received us well and expressed much interest in the work we are doing overseas. Today, we welcome many new readers of *International Update* from **Winter Haven**.

WEBSITE UPDATE

We are still "limping along" with our traditional website. We have a great opportunity to do a **major upgrade** to our Website for about **\$4,000**. This project will greatly improve our presence on the Internet, and we will be able to add new features, 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 through a special gift. We have updated our present site with a **revised schedule** and a **new family photo!** In the days ahead, we will be adding all new ministry photos from Haiti, Egypt, Jamaica, and our summer ministry. **Log on; check it out!**





SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HAITIAN PASTORS

In response to our plea for scholarship donations for the Haitian Pastors, we received two \$250 scholarships. Thank you! Now we need just 38 more scholarships to conduct the first teaching module (four courses) for the pastors who will be in the first class (Cohort One) of the Haiti Bible Institute. We are in negotiations for a school site, and God is paving the way to begin the school as soon as we receive the necessary funding. Will you pray about sponsoring one or more students in this way? A \$250 scholarship is a solid investment in the spiritual life and future of Haiti.

GEOGRAPHY QUIZ

Question: What do Montego Bay, Jamaica; Entebbe, Uganda; Manila, Philippines; and Port-au-Prince, Haiti have in common (see arrows on map)?

Answer: *On Target Ministry* will be working in all four places this summer! [If you answered, "They are all hot in summer time," give yourself ½ point!] Those with a sharp eye have also noticed that Manila is a new addition to the schedule. My friend, Wayne Vanderwier, called a few days ago and expressed the urgent need for me to



come teach with him at the **Word of Life Bible Institute** in Laguna and at a **Pastor's Conference** in Mindanao; so I said, "Yes!" This was a willing but costly "Yes!" The airfare alone is nearly \$2,000.

We need help! We are urging you to give us some very timely assistance so we can carry out this much needed and valuable ministry. Please consider giving a special gift **now** as an eternal investment in the lives and ministry of men who are effectively reaching their nations for Jesus Christ. Your help is needed now more than ever! (See Prayer Requests) Will you help us fulfill our "world-wide" mission?

MORE WORLD-WIDE PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Pray for new full time supporters for **On Target Ministry**.
- Praise: We are at 58% support. 2008 Goal = 100% by year end!
- Pray for Upcoming trips, and for the funds still needed:
 - **Jamaica** June 1→14 The need is now at \$2,500.
 - **Uganda** June 28→ July 12 The need is now at \$5,000.
 - **Philippines** July 17→ Aug 4 The need is now at \$2,000.
 - **Haiti** August 14→18 The need is now at \$2,000.
 - **Egypt** November 1→19 The need is now at \$4,500.

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 every day! (For more study, Psalm 34:8, 100:5, 135:3, 145:9, Jeremiah 33:11, Lam. 3:25, Nahum 1:7, Job)

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