



# INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

May 28, 2008

*On Target Ministry*

*Serving God through International Education*

**DR. JIM BEARSS, PRESIDENT**

*Dear Support Team Members,*

## **ANSWERED PRAYER**

*God tells us that the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man does much good. Many have faithfully prayed for the needs of On Target Ministry, and God has done great things this month (Jeremiah 33:3). The progress we have seen in our ministry has encouraged us greatly and reminded us that our great God, who hears and answers prayers, indeed does all things well (Mark 7:37).*

## **WEBSITE UPDATE**

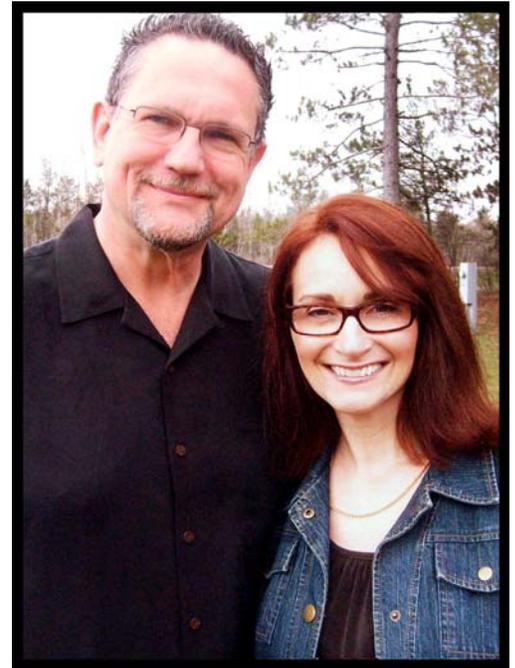
*This summer look for the On Target Website upgrade. Two donors have given significant gifts designated toward the website project. When our developer completes his work, we will enjoy a much better web presence on the Internet. **New features** will include pre-recorded teaching broadcasts, newsletter archive, online giving, online Bible lessons, daily devotionals, instant ministry updates, and more. Praise God for providing!*

## **MORE ANSWERED PRAYER**

*The expense of “doing” the ministry is great. At 58% support it is both challenging and “faith-provoking” to cover the cost of daily living and still pay for going overseas. Many of you regularly (and lovingly) ask us, “What does it cost to go overseas?” or “What do you need?” **Thank you for your concern!** This is why we report what each trip costs in the newsletter. When we added up the summer airfare, the total came to \$11,500. **But God is providing!** Two churches and two individuals recently committed to giving a total of \$6,000—well over half the need. Praise God again! Please pray about the remaining need. We are amazed and humbled at how God prompts giving so **He receives all the glory.** God loves a cheerful giver, and we are delighted to see how many of you give to this work with joy and gladness. Thank you!*

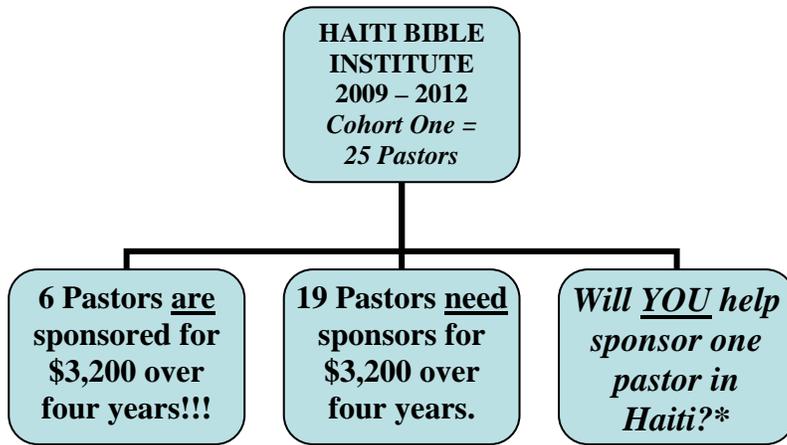
## **A NOTE FROM ANNA BETSY**

*“I usually leave the writing to Jim, but I thought it was about time for me to personally say thanks to all of you who have expressed your support for me and interest in my travel with Jim. Thank you for your excitement and the encouragement on my behalf when I get to go overseas with my husband. The experience changed my life! I consider it a privilege to help in the work God has called us to do. I look forward to the classes and to meeting the students. I found there is nothing like “being there” to instill within me the effectiveness and significance of this unique work. Training faithful men is a glorious calling, and I am thrilled to be a part of it by supporting my husband.”*



**HAITI BIBLE INSTITUTE** → Please read carefully—this is really **GOOD news!**

God is making a way for us to begin the Haiti Bible Institute in spring 2009. Here's how: Three weeks ago, one visionary donor contacted us wondering how he could help us get the Haiti Bible Institute started. One big concern: once we **start** the school will we have the financial capacity to guarantee the **completion** of the entire four-year program for the pastors? This concern led to the idea of the **Sponsors Alliance**: people who would "**Sponsor a Pastor**" for his entire four years of Bible education.



The full cost of training one pastor for four years is \$3,200. **Scholarships\*** would pay for one module at a time with no guarantee for the future. Therefore, we decided to ask people to commit to supporting one pastor for his **entire education**. This approach guarantees that what we start we can finish. We need 25 people to say, "**I will commit to giving \$3,200 over the next four years to guarantee the education of one pastor.**" With just 25 such commitments, we can begin teaching **Cohort One - 25 Pastors!**

Now for the **GREAT news!** Even before I introduced this new plan in this newsletter, the donor who had contacted us committed to supporting **FOUR** pastors for their entire education! What a blessing! As I shared this great news, two more people each committed to supporting **ONE** pastor! So already, **SIX Haitian Pastors** now have their entire Bible education guaranteed.



**What do we need to start in Spring 2009?**

We need 19 more people to say, "**I will join the Sponsors Alliance\* and commit \$3,200 over the next four years to fully support the entire Bible education of one Haitian pastor.**" This commitment comes to just \$800 a year, starting in 2008. This reduces to a little more than \$2 a day. I am praying that God will give you the grace and vision to sponsor one of the remaining 19 pastors in Cohort One. Once armed with truth, these faithful men will change the spiritual climate of Haiti—a great investment in the cause of Christ.

**ALL ABOARD** Here is the summer itinerary:

- **Jamaica** June 1→14 The need is now **\$1,000.**
- **Uganda** June 26→ July 13 The need is now **\$3,000.**
- **Philippines** July 17→ Aug 4 **This trip is paid in full!**
- **Haiti** August 14→18 The need is now **\$1,500.**

Thank you for your faithful prayers and loving support,

**Dr. Jim & Anna Betsy Bearss**

*\*Scholarships of \$250 (or any other amount) can still be sent to help the Pastors in Haiti. We are saving these contributions in a fund. When this fund accumulates to \$3,200 we will transfer the total to the Sponsors Alliance and support one Pastor for 4 years of Bible Education. Presently, the Scholarship Fund is at \$545.*

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