



INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

June 20, 2008

On Target Ministry

Serving God through International Education

DR. JIM BEARSS, PRESIDENT

JAMAICA: WHAT A BLESSING!

*What a privilege it is to teach these remarkable students. The course in **Apologetics** equipped them to be better defenders of the Christian faith. Many of these students are putting their new knowledge to work in a very practical way: **a missionary trip!** For the first time, Jamaicans will be traveling to Granada to minister the Word of God. Several of the participants are the very students we taught [picture→]. Teaching faithful men to teach others is such an effective missions model that it inspires believers to take the good news to new fields of ministry.*



Commissioning Service for the Granada Ministry Team



Jim and Audley

*We will be returning to Jamaica in January 2009 to begin teaching **Introduction to the Bible**, a key course on how we got our Bible. Please continue to pray for these dear men and women as they faithfully hold fast the Word of truth.*

*On Sunday, I had the privilege of preaching at Black River Baptist Church, **Pastor Audley Black**. Brother Black was a student in the Apologetics course in 2002 and again in 2008. His deep love for the Word of God makes him an outstanding student. Pray for his ministry as he preaches the gospel in Jamaica.*

ANSWERED PRAYER

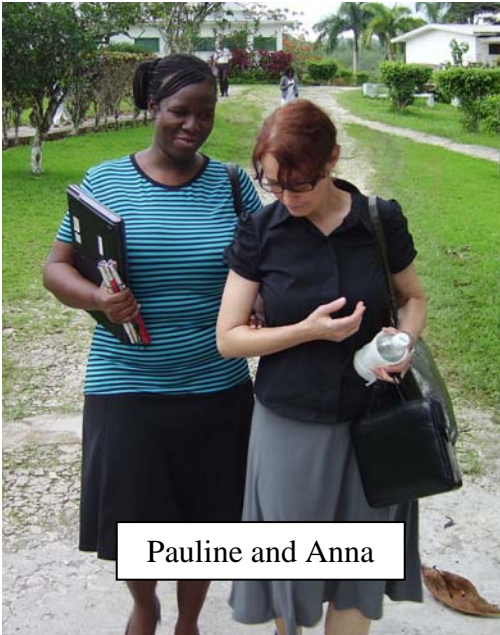
*Praise the Lord: Two of our regular supporters have decided to increase their regular monthly giving to On Target Ministry. This means that our support level has now risen to 60%. Praise God for enabling us to reach this milestone in "support-raising." We continue to be awed by how God prompts others to give so that **He receives all the glory**. God loves cheerful givers; we are delighted to see so many give with joy and gladness. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity!*



Apologetics Class – June 2008

UGANDA IS NEXT!

Thursday, I will be on a 33-hour flight to Entebbe, Uganda. There I will have the opportunity to work with **Dr. Allen Monroe** of Equipping Pastors Internationally as we teach Ugandan Pastors 2 courses: Leadership (1 Timothy) & Marriage and the Family. Pray for the men we will be teaching that God will prepare their hearts to receive His precious Word. Pray that God will provide the \$3,000 we need to fully pay for this trip.



ANOTHER NOTE FROM ANNA BETSY

“Thank you to all of you who emailed me with encouraging comments on my note in last month’s newsletter. I was surprised how many appreciated my remarks. My experience in Jamaica was fantastic. It was such a privilege to work with these dedicated students. **Pauline**, the student who is blind, was a special blessing to me. Her sincere desire to be used of God was so refreshing. She plans to go into Christian Counseling. Her lack of physical sight in no way impaired her ability to see spiritual truth. She certainly loves the Lord and wants to serve Him faithfully. Supporting Jim’s teaching ministry **in person** has changed my life and opened my eyes to the genuine importance of this work. Your faithful prayers and support makes it possible for me to go overseas and work with my husband. Thank you!”

HAITI BIBLE INSTITUTE UPDATE

Now is the time to make a commitment! Several have contacted us that they are praying about sponsoring a pastor. This is good! Our target date for beginning the teaching is **May 4, 2009**. But our goal is to have all the pastors sponsored by the end of 2008. **Please contact us and tell us that you will support one pastor!** This is a glorious opportunity to make an impact for Christ in this needy country.

The full cost of **training one pastor** for four years is \$3,200. We need 25 people to make this promise: **“I commit to giving \$800 a year for the next 4 years to guarantee the education of one Haitian pastor.”** With 25 commitments the **Sponsors Alliance** will be complete, and we can begin teaching Cohort One! We have six firm commitments so far; we need nineteen more. Also, **Scholarships** for **any amount** can be designated for the **Scholarship Fund**. When this fund reaches \$3,200 we transfer the total to the Sponsor’s Alliance to support one Haitian pastor. The Scholarship Fund is now at \$795.

ALL ABOARD!! Here is the remaining summer itinerary:

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

Thank you for your faithful prayers and loving support,
Dr. Jim & Anna Betsy Bearss



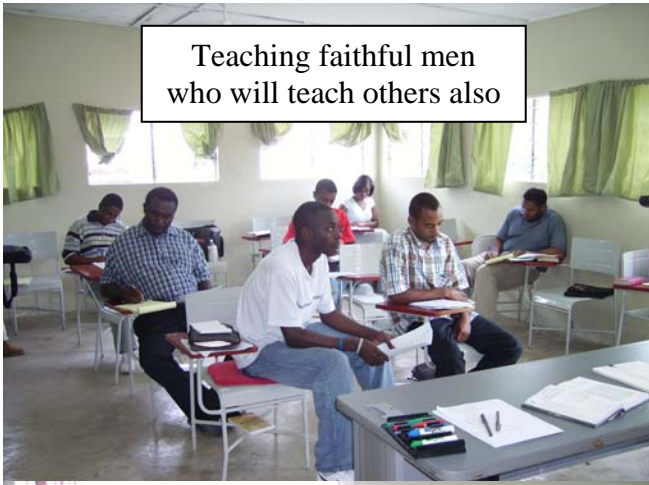
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God, whose purposes cannot fail,
whose words do not fall to the ground,
and whose people shall be saved.



Teaching faithful men who will teach others also



Good students ask good questions!



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The Final Exam!



Certificates of Completion



"Thanks for coming to Jamaica and teaching us the Bible!"



Montego Bay at Twilight