



INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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Serving God through International Education

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LET'S LOOK BACK!

2008 has been a remarkable year for On Target Ministry! God has blessed our work in abundant ways, and He has opened many fruitful doors of ministry opportunity. In 2008, we traveled over 125,000 miles by air, train, and van. That's five times around the earth! We taught 883 Bible students and National Pastors in Jamaica, Haiti, Egypt, Uganda, and the Philippines.



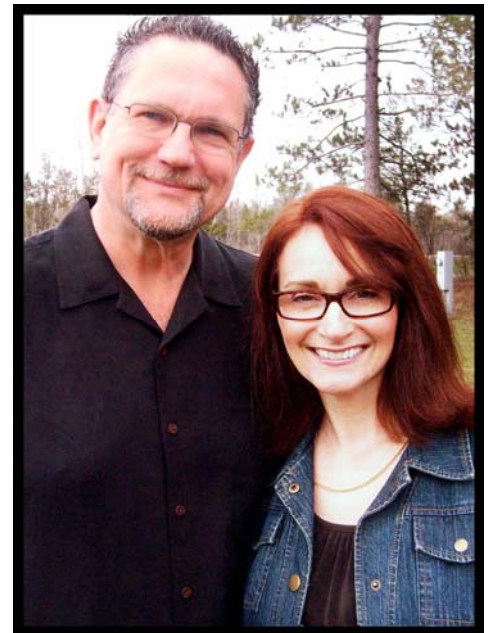
The real joy is that many of these men have already re-taught the Bible Lessons to others. This is 2 Timothy 2:2 in action. In Egypt alone, the students we have taught have spread the Word in amazing ways: They have founded two new Bible schools, started several Television teaching ministries, planted 152 new Churches, and lead thousands of Egyptians

to Christ. Truly **“teaching faithful men to teach others also”** is the premiere missions model for the first and twenty-first centuries!

LET'S LOOK AHEAD!

2009 will be here in just a few days. Already, I am busy reading, writing, and preparing lessons for our upcoming ministry. In 2009 we will be teaching several new courses and using associate teachers in our new Bible Institute in Haiti. Just look at the opportunities God has given us in the new year:

- January '09 Montego Bay, **JAMAICA**
- February '09 Port-au-Prince, **HAITI**
- March '09 Graduate School, **JORDAN**
- May '09 Haiti Bible Institute, **HAITI**
- June '09 Montego Bay, **JAMAICA**
- July '09 WOL Bible Inst., **PHILIPPINES**
- September '09 Haiti Bible Institute, **HAITI**
- October '09 Graduate School, **JORDAN**



LET'S LOOK AROUND!

The world seems to be changing faster every year. Now we are facing a new year with unique challenges in every area of life. What remains constant, however, is our great and glorious God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He is the same: yesterday, today, and forever! As I evaluate our present situation, regardless of what joys or sorrows may exist, I know that God is at work in our lives and that **He is accomplishing His plan.**



*Our house did not sell. That does not mean it won't sell, it means that God has another buyer in mind. We will be spending much of the winter in our Wisconsin home. Please continue to pray with us that God will send a buyer for our house. This **picture** illustrates how much snow we have so far this winter!*

*Our personal support level is still at 65%. This is a fair improvement for the year. We did add a few new people to our **Support Team**, and we praise God for the continued interest in our ministry. However, most of our increased support came from current givers*

*who have pledged an increase in their regular support. **Thank you all for your faithfulness** in this vital area of our ministry. We are truly partners in accomplishing the great task of training national pastors.*

LET'S LOOK UP!

*One of my greatest joys in 2008 was the opportunity to teach the book of **Isaiah** to pastors in Egypt. Isaiah prophesied in a day when Israel was deep in sin. The spiritual darkness was great; idol worship had replaced the true worship of the true God. Against that backdrop of darkness and despair, Isaiah proclaimed a coming Savior, "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given." Jesus Christ is the light that God sent to a bleak world.*

Today we also live in a world blinded by sin. Evil seems to abound, and often we fear it is winning. But look up! Just as the prophecy of the first advent was fulfilled in God's perfect timing, the hope of the second coming of Jesus Christ is equally certain. God has given us the light of truth in the Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe. Rejoice in the light, and witness it to others.

LET'S LOOK INSIDE!

*Many receiving this newsletter could become financially involved in this unique ministry in 2009. Our present Support Team has demonstrated faithfulness in giving this year. **Will you join the team** and help us with financial support? We have several **special projects** and needs that you can meet with a financial gift:*

1. **Jamaica** – Teaching at Fairview Baptist Bible College – **Need:** \$1,500 for ministry costs
2. **Haiti** – Establishing the Haiti Bible Institute – **Need:** Sponsors for the 14 remaining Pastors. The commitment per pastor is \$800 a year for the next four years. Will you sponsor a pastor?
3. **Jordan** – Teaching at the newly established Jordan National Theological College – **Need:** \$4,500 for ministry costs, materials, translation.
4. **Philippines** – Teaching at the Pastors & Christian Workers Conference and at Word of Life Bible Institute – **Need:** \$2,000 for airfare.



And please continue to pray for us as we continue to fulfill our mission by training national pastors overseas to be better ministers in the countries where they live.

Dr. Jim & Anna Betsy Bearss

*P. S. Please use the next 2 pages to pledge your support for a Haitian pastoral student and/or to pledge your support for us as we carry out the mission of teaching faithful men to teach others also. **Thank you!***

SPONSOR A PASTOR IN HAITI

Print this page and mail it with your support to:

On Target Ministry, 2130 Grand Avenue #3, Des Moines, IA 50312

Thank you for your investment in this worthwhile project!



Announcing the Haiti Bible Institute

Opening May 4, 2009

On Target Ministry is committed to providing a fundamental Bible course of study for the faithful pastors in Haiti. These men minister under conditions of extreme poverty, and yet they serve the Lord with enthusiasm and determination. By teaching them the Word of God we will strengthen them in the faith and boost their confidence in God and His Word, thus making their ministries even more effective for the glory of God.

You are invited to participate in this marvelous opportunity that will certainly impact the entire nation of Haiti for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Who can help? Individuals, Churches, Sunday School Classes, Bible Study Groups, Organizations, or Missions Groups. *Any person or group can sponsor a pastor!*

What is the cost? We provide a 4-year accredited Bible Institute education for Haitian pastors at a total cost of \$3,200 per man.

What is the commitment? To ensure that we are able to finish what we start, we are seeking sponsors to commit to giving \$800 a year for four years.

When are funds needed? Ideally, the first installment should be given by the end of 2008. This will allow us to make the necessary arrangement in advance of the starting date of the school.

Why are you doing this? The pastors in Haiti have no opportunity to attend a traditional Bible College. By teaching them using the proven method of modular education, we can guarantee they will be equipped to carry out their ministry with knowledge and confidence.

What if I can't support a Pastor all by myself? **Good news!** We also have a **Haiti Scholarship Fund** you can contribute to. When the fund grows to \$3,200 we use the money to support 1 pastor, then start saving for the next pastor!

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*We stand in the service of the sovereign
God, whose purposes cannot fail,
whose words do not fall to the ground,
and whose people shall be saved.*

Your Name or Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ **Phone:** (____) _____

_____ **YES!** I will Sponsor _____ Pastor(s) for **\$3,200 each** over the next four years.

_____ My **first check** for \$_____ is **enclosed!** [OR] ...will be sent by _____, 2008.

_____ Enclosed is my **contribution** of \$_____ to the **Haiti Scholarship Fund**.

Mail this form and your check to On Target Ministry, 2130 Grand Avenue #3, Des Moines, IA 50312

SUPPORT FORM

On Target Ministry

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Des Moines, IA 50312



Yes! I will support **Jim and Anna Bearss** and the work of **On Target Ministry** as they train National Pastors overseas.

My Regular Monthly Support will be: (please check amount)

- \$25 per month
- \$30 per month
- \$50 per month
- \$100 per month
- \$_____ per month

One Time Gift: (please check amount)

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