



INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

January – February 2009

Serving God through International Education

DR. JIM BEARSS, PRESIDENT

FIRST NEWSLETTER OF 2009

Yes, it has been an amazingly busy “first six weeks of 2009” for Anna and me. We left our Wisconsin home in December 2008 and returned in early February. During our travels, we drove to Florida, attended a board meeting in North Carolina, visited friends and family in Ohio, visited supporting churches, and flew to Jamaica for a teaching trip. When we arrived home, we found a mountain of make-up work that I have finally cut down to a mere molehill. Part of the responsibilities on the home front included writing dozens of “Thank You” notes to our faithful support team, preaching in area churches, contacting churches about sponsoring pastors in the Haiti Bible Institute, and writing a new Bible course that I will be teaching to faithful pastors this March in the nation of Jordan.

Haiti Bible Institute Update: Two new sponsors have come on board in February, so now *we need only 12 more sponsors*. Praise God for the increase in sponsorship! At the end of this newsletter is a **Sponsor Form** that you can use to sponsor a pastor. If you cannot do it alone, you can contribute to the **Scholarship Fund** that we will use to sponsor a pastor when the fund reaches the needed amount. You can also use the form to present this wonderful opportunity to your church, your Sunday School class, your Bible Study group, a business owner, or a friend.



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JAMAICA!

There is great hope for the work of the Lord in Jamaica in 2009. On Target Ministry is working closely with the Fairview Baptist Bible College and the students and pastors who are being trained through that fine institution. One major improvement that we are pursuing is accreditation. My students want to serve the Lord in full time ministry, and many want to pursue higher education. Some plan to enroll in Master's Degree Programs, and two are now in Doctoral Studies! Accreditation will make it easier for the current students to have access to institutions of higher learning. Pray that we can achieve this goal soon.

WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE WE GOING? TEACHING THE WORD IN THESE PLACES:



- February '09 Port-au-Prince, **HAITI**
- March '09 Graduate School, **JORDAN**
- April '09 Montego Bay, **JAMAICA** (*tentative*)
- May '09 Haiti Bible Institute, **HAITI**
- June '09 Montego Bay, **JAMAICA**
- July '09 WOL Bible Inst., **PHILIPPINES**
- Aug/Sept '09 Haiti Bible Institute, **HAITI**
- Sept/Oct '09 Graduate School, **JORDAN**
- October '09 Missions Conference, **Sebring, FLORIDA**

Ask your church to invite us to make a presentation of our unique ministry. Please contact us (715-558-2227) to schedule. We'd be delighted to come!

ON THE WORLD-WIDE WEB

Our new Website is up-and-running and we have added many new features for you. Please check in often and enjoy the pictures of recent trips, an in-depth, monthly Bible Study, Newsletters, and preaching MP3 files. We also have added online giving for your convenience. You can help us with an instant donation that will enable us to continue the work of training pastors around the world.

Just click here: www.OnTargetMinistry.Org

A NOTE FROM ANNA BETSY

Thank you all for your prayers from Jim and me as we traveled to Jamaica. What a blessing it was to work with my husband: to hear him teach the Word, to encourage the students, to be the helper God wants me to be. The experience was spiritually uplifting as I saw again first-hand the effectiveness of teaching pastors to be better ministers in the place where they live.

I also ask you to uphold me in prayer as I go in for surgery March 4th. We are trusting God to meet the needs: both physical and financial. We have a great God, and all things are possible with Him. Knowing that you are praying with us strengthens me and encourages me. Thank you!



CURRENT NEEDS

If you have not yet committed to joining our **Support Team**, we need your help in 2009. Some of our faithful supporters have had to reduce their giving, and some have dropped out altogether due to financial constraints. But we serve a great God who has promised to meet all our needs. Even though we are now at 62% of our necessary support, God is still meeting 100% of our needs, graciously and faithfully. Our desire is that you enjoy the blessing of being used of God to accomplish His work around the world. **“Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account!”** **Philippians 4:17** Will you join the team and help us with financial support? At the end of this newsletter is also a form you can use to commit your support for our ministry.

Pray for these Pastors and Students in Jamaica



Junior, Pauline, Lanique, Berris, Dwain
Neil, Andrew, Tanesha, Anna, Tashika, Lyndon, Lloyd

1. **Jamaica in June** – Teaching at Fairview Baptist Bible College – **Need:** \$1,500 for ministry costs
2. **Haiti in May** – Establishing the Haiti Bible Institute – **Need:** Sponsors for the 12 remaining Pastors. The sponsorship for one pastor is \$800 a year for four years. *Will you sponsor a pastor?*
3. **Jordan in March** – Teaching at the newly established Jordan National Theological College – **Need:** \$4,500 for ministry costs, materials, translation.
4. **Philippines in July** – 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

2130 Grand Avenue #3

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
- \$75 per month
- \$100 per month
- \$_____ per month

One Time Gift: (please check amount)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 | special project: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 | |

Please make your check payable to **“Faith Community Foundation.”** FCF is the financial manager for **On Target Ministry**, and ensures the financial integrity of our accounting practices and ministry. We are delighted to confirm that *“All gifts are tax deductible as charitable donations for income tax purposes.”*

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____