



INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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Serving God through International Education

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SPECIAL EDITION: THE HAITI BIBLE INSTITUTE

WHAT A BLESSING IT WAS TO MEET THE APPLICANTS to the Haiti Bible Institute! While I was in Haiti March 9-13, I was able to interview the applicants for the newly established **Haiti Bible Institute** in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. We will open for classes in May 2009. After much prayer and deliberation, we accepted **twenty pastors** and students into the school. These men are the “cream of the crop” and will make great students! Each one has a deep passion to learn the Word of God and then to teach what they have learned to others also. This is the pattern for missions that we learn in **2 Timothy 2:2**, the guiding verse for **On Target Ministry**:

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

The men agreed that the best way to teach others was to plant new churches. Most of the men listed “Church Planting” as their main goal and passion. There are hundreds of communities in Haiti that have no Bible preaching church. By training these men to preach the Word, and by helping them become skilled in the doctrines of the Word, we will unleash a powerful army of preachers who will proclaim Truth to the 1,000s of spiritually darkened hearts in Haiti.



We are praying that God will use these men in a mighty way to advance the cause of Christ in Haiti—to make a lasting difference in this needy land. **Only the Gospel** can truly set men free. The impact of the Gospel will bear fruit, and people will be saved and organized into new local churches. Already there is excitement among the students at what God will do through them as they proclaim the “Good News.”

THE NEED: HOW YOU CAN PARTICIAPTE

TWO NEW SPONSORS CAME ON BOARD IN FEBRUARY bringing the total to 13 sponsors. Based on my interviews last week, we have accepted 20 students into the school. I have already told these men that “as it stands right now” only 13 of you will be able to start school in May, **UNLESS WE GET MORE SPONSORS!** Every pastor wants to come! So each student committed to praying

every day that 7 more sponsors will step forward between now and May and commit to sponsoring a pastor. This is where we need your help now! For just \$67 a month for 4 years, you can help change Haiti for Christ!

Will you help us train these faithful men in the Word of God? Will you put your resources to work in an investment that will not fail nor decline in value! (Have you seen the Stock Market lately?) If you have a heart for the biblical work of training faithful men to be better ministers in the country where they live, then this is your opportunity to **invest in the eternal reward** of this mission.



What kind of commitment does a sponsor have to make? The total cost of education for one pastor is just \$3,200 which can be paid over the next four year. Some are paying \$800 annually; some are paying monthly using automatic withdrawal; one sponsor wrote a check for \$3,200 and paid all at once! The choice is yours. We are looking for the commitment of just seven more sponsors so we can register **all twenty men** who have been accepted into the Haiti Bible Institute. **Will you help?**

Who can be a sponsor? Any individual, church, group, business, or family who wants to make a difference for Christ in the land of Haiti can sponsor a pastor. Of all the places I have traveled and taught Haiti is by far the neediest place I have seen. Your participation in sponsoring a pastor will help bring spiritual light to a land immersed in the darkness of Voodoo and paternalism. **Your contributions will make a huge difference!**

THE PASTORS: WHO ARE THESE FAITHFUL MEN?

THESE ARE THE HAITIAN PASTORS that God has sent to **The Haiti Bible Institute** for training.

Already Sponsored: 13 Pastors



Lestin Savin Moise Mardochee Woody Solomon Berthony Desrose George Joseph Muscadin Illrick Edmant Mylien



Jean Djovenson Pierre Pyram Edner Demeze Jacques Dameus Mercidieu Evrard Pierre Predestin

Not yet sponsored: 7 Pastors (Pastor Johny Romain not pictured)



Millias Lucner Jean Kercy Simeon Frantz Dorival Janes Longchamp Friken Nicolas Eddy

If you will help us, let us know soon! Email me at docbearss@centurytel.net or call our Financial Accounts Manager, Del Mohler, at (515) 664-0600 to set up automated payments. **We need your help now**, so we are trusting God to impress this burden upon the people He wants to help us. Will you pray with us to this end?

By Grace Alone we serve the Master,

Dr. Jim & Anna Betsy Bearss

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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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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

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