



INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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Serving God through International Education

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SUCCESS! THE HAITI BIBLE INSTITUTE BEGINS!

WHEN GOD FIRST PLANTED THE IDEA IN MY HEART to begin a Bible Institute in Haiti I wondered, “How will God accomplish this?” The answer is now clear—by the generous and faithful giving of God’s people. Last week two new donations came in, each for the full support of a pastor! Praise God for His bountiful supply! God has met the need; now fifteen pastors¹ will be able to begin classes in May! This is a red-letter day for Haiti!

This is also a dream come true for these men. **One pastor told me,** “*I have been in the ministry many years, but never dreamed I would have the opportunity to take formal Bible courses.*” **Another man said,** “*I want to plant churches in the remote villages. But this takes much work and manpower. I will use these courses to teach other men who will go with me and plant new churches.*” **Still another pastor said,** “*Thank you for making a way for me to train the young men in my church who will be a great help to me in my ministry.*”

Much prayer and deliberation has gone into the planning and preparation of this program, and we expect these men will do great things for God’s glory! 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 from **2 Timothy 2:2**, which we have adopted as 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 primary 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 Haitians whose hearts are spiritually darkened hearts. But they shall know the truth! And the truth shall set them free. Please remember us in prayer as we teach the first four courses this May.



¹ Twenty pastors have been accepted into the school. For a commitment of \$3,200 to be given over the next four years, you can sponsor one of the remaining five pastors awaiting sponsorship to come to the school. Gifts can be made monthly, annually, or in full!

ASSAULTING STRONGHOLDS: GOD'S WORK IN JORDAN



THE MINISTRY IN JORDAN WAS EXCITING AND PROMISING. We are participating in a program of theological education that will impact the entire Middle East! Our partnership with Baptists Equipping Nationals brings us students from Jordan, Lebanon, and even Israel! They are bright and eager men and women, and they are ready to learn the Bible. They are committed to the ministry of the Word and to the preaching of the Gospel. They also will teach others what they have learned.

Additional pictures can be viewed on our website in the newly released "Jordan Photos" section. It was a profound experience for me to walk in places where Jesus walked. I always suspected it would be a moving experience, but I was overwhelmed by the way I could touch history.

I will be returning to Jordan in September. Pray that these men and women stand true to the Word and proclaim God's truth in power with all authority.



PERSONAL NOTES:

ANSWERING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1) **How is your support coming along?** We've experienced a significant drop in committed monthly giving. The harsh economic times have caused some to lose their job, lose their savings, or reduce their income. We understand the challenges of giving under these economic circumstances. One supporter said he was praying for a new job so he could resume giving to our support! We are praying for all of you to be able to give what God has laid upon your hearts to give. From January 1st to today, our support level has dropped from 62% to 47%. But the good news is that God is still meeting our needs 100%. Praise Him for his faithful provision.
- 2) **Can donations to On Target Ministry be made by credit card?** Yes! Call Del Mohler at our home office in Des Moines, Iowa (515) 664-0600 and set up a one time gift, or regular monthly giving. It is simple to do, and a convenient way to give to the work of the Lord.
- 3) **Do more pastors in Haiti need support?** Yes. We needed 15 to start, and God provided sponsors for them! But we can add five more pastors as soon as we have sponsors for them. (See pictures of the men on page 5.)
- 4) **How is Anna doing after her surgery?** Great! She is up and active and feeling better than ever. The Great Physician provided us with a great surgeon who did a terrific job. Particular thanks to all of you who sent special gifts to help us with the cost of the surgery. Your sensitivity to our needs is overwhelming. Thanks for praying!
- 5) **Have you sold your house yet?** Not yet. We are waiting on God to bring us a buyer. Our agent told us there is an interested party, but there has been no showing or offer yet. Keep praying that this materializes!

Finally, thank you all once again for your faithful prayers and loving support! By God's grace and leading in your lives, YOU make it possible for us to serve God in this unique and challenging way. God bless you!

By Grace Alone we serve the Master,

Dr. Jim & Anna Betsy Bearss

Check out our website! Go to . . .

www.OnTargetMinistry.org

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 6, 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 _____

_____ 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 _____

Haiti Bible Institute

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Supported Pastors = 15
Pastors needing a sponsor = 5

Pray for these men May 4-15, 2009!



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



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



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

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