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*Teaching Faithful
Men to Teach
Others, also.*

2 Timothy 2:2

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

MAY 2009

Haiti Bible Institute Success!

“This is the best Bible College in Haiti!” remarked on of our 16 pastors who attended Module One of the newly established Haiti Bible Institute. “I am so happy that God enabled Dr. Bearss to start this school so we can learn God’s Word,” rejoiced another pastor. “These were the best days I have ever spent studying the Holy Bible!” One man spoke for the group, “Please, please tell all the faithful Christians in America who made this school possible ‘Thank You’ from all of us.” *This is your “thank you!”*

We met in the Walls International Guest House in Port-au-Prince. This beautiful facility met our needs perfectly. The men had comfortable accommodations, good food, and a great place to study the Bible. Our sessions began at 8:00 AM with “In the Word,” a time of group reflection on selected Bible passages; we continued with classes daily until 9:00 PM. Each day the men received nine full hours of Bible instruction!



The men stayed up into the wee hours studying, doing homework (yes, this is a *real* school!) Many were up at the crack of dawn to continue. “No work ethic issues here,” commented **Pastor Steve Svendsen**, who accompanied me and holds the distinction of being the first adjunct faculty member for **On Target Ministry!** Thanks, Steve, for your servant’s spirit, and excellent teaching. Steve quickly adjusted to speaking through our French translators.



During our two week visit, we taught 4 Bible courses. I led off with “*How to Study the Bible.*” Many told me that they had never before been taught exactly “how” to systematically approach the study of God’s Word. In week 2, I taught “*Doctrine of the Bible.*” Pastor Steve taught Part 1 of a 4 part course in *Biblical Counseling*, and he taught the *Epistle of James.*

Each course concluded with a comprehensive Final Exam. Some men told me this was the very first time they had taken a written exam. They were unfamiliar



with “Multiple Choice” questions and the section on “Matching” – things we take for granted. But soon they had mastered these concepts.

How did the men do? No one got “straight A’s” but two pastors had 3 A’s and a B! And **everyone** did very well. All are excited about Module Two this September. ***Would you like to help us?*** Here are 3 things you can do with immediate results:

1. Support the **Haiti Scholarship Fund**. This fund is already fully supporting one pastor, but we still need about \$2,000 more support to fully fund pastor #16.
2. Contribute to the school **Library Fund**. These men need good Bible study books in French! Many books are available, but they are expensive. As we are able, we will be purchasing 16 copies of certain books to give to each these pastors. One book they could use is a Bible Commentary. Sixteen copies would cost about \$500.
3. Pray for the **Pastors** as they take what they have learned and use it in their preaching ministries. Pray that they will also be able to pass along their learning to other pastors.



Praying For Us

Thanks to all of you who have maintained your **personal support** for Anna and me. We deeply appreciate your love for the Lord and for us, and we are grateful for your sacrifices in giving that enable us to carry on our teaching ministry. With the present economic conditions weighing down so many, some of our supporters have been unable to give, and our support level has decreased. But God



is faithful! **He meets our needs day by day.** Even though we do not have the “comfort” of full support, we do have the “confidence” that our God shall supply all our needs! (Philippians 4:19)

Also, please continue to pray that our Wisconsin home will sell. We are so eager to move before winter, and we are pleading with God to enable us to do that.

What's Next?

Philippines to teach at the Word of Life Bible Institute and preach at the Annual Pastor’s and Christian Workers Conference sponsored by Overseas Instruction in Counseling.

Jamaica! I will be teaching once again at Fairview Baptist Bible College. We leave May 31 for a two-week Module. Then July 2, we will be flying to the

Thank you all for your love and support. We are partners in this great adventure. God has given us a unique ministry, and we are thrilled that you are a part of it.

Grace and Peace from our Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ! **Dr. Jim & Anna Bearss**