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**TEACHING
FAITHFUL
MEN TO
TEACH
OTHERS**

2 TIMOTHY 2:2

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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Ministry in Jamaica

January was nice and warm in the sunny climate of the island nation of Jamaica. Anna and I had the privilege of ministering there to both pastors and students. Several of the men who are now pastors began taking courses from me while they were still students. One told me that he is now teaching the courses I taught him in his church! Once again, we see the overwhelming effectiveness of the Missions Model in **2 Timothy 2:2** where God commands us to teach faithful men who will teach others.



Ministry in Haiti

While we were in Jamaica, tragedy struck in Haiti, located on the island of Hispaniola, just 318 nautical miles east of where we were staying! We did not feel any of the tremors or aftershocks that wrought so much damage to Port-au-Prince.

After many E-mails with Pastor Predestin Pierre Herard, our contact person in Haiti, we have learned the following information about our students and our school:

- All 20 pastors survived the earthquake; some sustained minor injuries. Their families are unhurt. Three lost their homes, and several others have repairable damage to their homes.
- One of our translators was in Cuba at the time, and he is still trying to get home.
- Our bodyguard was in Boston, MA and he is still trying to get home.
- The facility (Walls International Guest House) where we hold classes was destroyed. Betsy Wall, the owner, was there when the earthquake hit. She and the manager's family escaped without injury, but two staff and three guests were killed when the building caved in just seconds after the quake started. Betsy wrote an eyewitness account that I posted on Facebook in the On Target Ministry Group. Please join us on Facebook for current updates and more pictures.

In April, I plan to travel to Haiti to assess the situation and accomplish the following tasks:

- Locate a facility that will be suitable for the school so we can hold classes in May as scheduled.

b. Take the cash donations given to our **“Haiti Relief” Fund** and use them to help the pastors in our school. All donations received will be delivered in person and used where needed most.

c. Develop a long term plan for the **Haiti Bible Institute**. Here is what I have been dreaming of—If God would provide us with a donation of \$200,000, we could buy property and build a suitable facility that would provide housing for a full time administrator, 3 support staff members, and the students. Then we could hold classes in Haiti every month of the year and teach 4 Cohorts simultaneously—that’s 100 pastors! God has already given me enough men eager to go help me teach, and there are literally hundreds of Haitian pastors who are asking to be admitted to the school. This is BIG THINKING! But we have a Big God who can do great things. Pray about this with me, please!



Ministry in Egypt

Anna and I will be flying to Egypt later this month to teach at the school in **Alexandria**. Pray for our safety and for our family who will be home “holding down the fort.” Also pray that God will empower the students in their ministries as we continue to equip them with the precious Word of God.

Ministry Notes

Here are some random news notes. Please join us in praise and prayer!

1. The **“Haitian Pastoral Library”** (six theology books in French) has two donors so far. We need 18 more donations of \$200 each to give each pastor in HBI a great set of study books.
2. My brother, John, is a **Retirement Specialist** who can help you establish a financial strategy that will benefit you, your family, and On Target Ministry. At death, there are only three beneficiaries: your **family**, a **charity**, and the **government**...and you get to choose two! John would be delighted to give you a free, no obligation consultation to show you how to maximize your giving potential. Please call him **(800) 588-5364** or visit him on the Web at **Lifetime Decisions Management**. Just click here: <http://www.donet.com/~jbearss/ldm.htm>.
3. Our house in Wisconsin is still “for sale!” Keep praying with us that God will sell it in His perfect timing.
4. Our support level is still low. We lost our first supporting church in January. They eliminated our support to use the money locally. So pray that God will raise up the needed **new support**. If you love what we are doing, it is easy to become a supporter. Just send your contribution to “On Target Ministry” and remember to pray for us!



Dr. Jim & Anna Bearss *“Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.” (Lam. 3:22-23)*