



Serving God through International Education

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INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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Ministry in the Philippines!

Ministry in the Philippines is always a refreshing and exciting experience. These students love the Lord, love His Word, and love telling others the good news of the gospel! It is a pleasure and a privilege to teach them the wonderful truths of Scripture. I am now scheduled to teach again in August 2010. Tentatively there is another opportunity to teach in November. Anna and I may have to apply for permanent visas!

This time, I taught Hermeneutics, the science of interpreting the Bible. What a joy it was to see the students learn and embrace the principles of the biblical approach to understanding Scripture.



I asked the students to summarize what they learned in the course; here are some of their responses:

1. Let God speak for himself; don't put words in God's mouth.
2. When the plain sense makes common sense, seek no other sense.
3. God's Word is true, and the Holy Spirit equipped and enables us to understand it: all of it!

And my all-time favorite:

4. When studying the Bible, do not find things that aren't there!

Haiti Is Next!

Pray for the Pastors in Haiti! I will be traveling to Haiti April 27th and taking with me the relief funds that have been donated. Please be in prayer for the needs of the students and the school:

1. Praise: we have found an undamaged facility in a suburb of Port-au-Prince.
2. Pray that this new building will be affordable and prove adequate to host the school.
3. Many of the students are still living in tents. Pray that the funds donated for relief will make a significant difference in their living conditions and family circumstances.

- Some of the students are fearful to meet and sleep in a cement building! Pray that their trust in our sovereign God will be strengthened and that their faith will become an example for their people to follow. Part of their spiritual growth will be to learn to trust God even in the face of disaster.



- Pray for all the students, and especially Pastor Predestin Pierre Herard (center in picture). He has worked many long hours searching for our facility, contacting and encouraging our students, translating the course notes (4 courses are taught each module), and making all the arrangements necessary to conduct the Module, scheduled for May 5-12.
- Pray for the health and safety of all the students and teachers. The sanitation conditions in Haiti are worse than usual due to the earthquake. Pastor Steve Svendsen of Rice Lake Baptist Church (Rice Lake, Wisconsin) will be teaching with me this Module.

Current Prayer Requests

Please join us in praise and prayer for all this:

- Coming ministry: **April 18: Faith Baptist Church** in Adams, Wisconsin, and **April 25: Grace Bible Church** in Meeker, Colorado. Two ministry presentations! Pray that God will challenge the believers in these churches to commit to supporting our ministry.
- We are scheduling more churches for ministry presentations. Please ask your pastor to invite us to come and tell the exciting story of this unique ministry of training national pastors.
- Spring is here! We are painting our house "Sienna Sand!" Anna picked out the perfect colors to give the house a fresh look. It is still "for sale!" We know God will sell it in His perfect timing.
- Pray that God will continue to meet our needs as we travel overseas and teach faithful men to teach others also. **If you love what we are doing, it is easy to become a regular supporter.** Just send your contribution to "On Target Ministry" and remember to pray for us!



- The "**Haitian Pastoral Library**" (six theology books in French) has 2 donors so far. We need 18 more donations of \$200 to give each pastor in HBI a great set of study books.
- The "cool" look is "in" at **Word of Life Bible Institute!** Bambie Mamaril (WOL Philippines Staff) is going to Thailand. She is receiving training and raising support now. Pray that God meets the needs of her new ministry there.

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."
(Lamentations 3:22-23)