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INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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Haiti Bible Institute – Module 3!

The 3rd Module of Bible Teaching was a monumental success. Pastor Steve Svendsen and I taught four courses: *Romans*, *Biblical Counseling II*, *Doctrine of Christ*, and *Doctrine of Salvation*. The men are learning these truths very well. Seven of our students earned straight A's!

We have so much for which to praise God. He led us to a new facility that was unharmed during the earthquake. The staff and manager did a great job hosting the school.

All our pastoral students and their families are safe. Many lost their homes and church buildings, but their stories of God's provision and protection through this tragedy are inspiring. Their increased faith in God and spiritual growth is so evident from listening to their accounts. One pastor reported that the loss of his church building has allowed his congregation to double in size in the past four months since the earthquake! Now that they meet outdoors, they have plenty of room! Another pastor said that he has been holding evangelistic meetings every night since the earthquake. So far he has seen 90 people profess faith in Christ as their Lord and Savior.



Every pastor had an amazing story of how God spared them during the earthquake. One pastor told how he was able to get everyone out of his house when the shaking began, except his infant son was still sleeping in his crib. Before he could rescue the boy, the cement roof collapsed. When they found the boy, he was still asleep in his bed. Two pieces of furniture had stopped the falling roof from crushing him.

Thank You!

Because of the generous giving of so many people, I was able to take thousands of dollars of relief aid to the pastors in Haiti. Their intense gratitude was overwhelming. Their heartfelt "merci beaucoup" communicated their genuine appreciation for the gifts. The money will be used to accomplish several things: restoration of lost property, rebuilding church buildings, various medical needs, relief for church members, and food for the orphanages the pastors operate. I was also able to take 85 Beanie Babies and give them to the children in the orphanages. The look of delight on their faces melted my heart!



The generous gifts you gave all went directly to people in need. Every man who received aid from us said that it was the first financial relief that he had received since the earthquake. Even though billions of dollars are being poured into Haiti, the corruption in the political arena has prevented most of it from reaching the people who really need it. Many of the vast “tent cities” that sprung up after the earthquake have become permanent fixtures in the area.



Many Helpers!

Two Hayward area businesses helped collect for “Haiti Relief” – **Town and Country Beauty Salon** (Pat Raven, owner, left) and **Ficocello’s Dry Cleaners** (Matt Ficocello, owner, and Jean Towne, center). Thank you to all who gave for helping us to help the people of Haiti.

Spreading the Word!

April 18th we made a ministry presentation at Faith Baptist Church in Adams, Wisconsin. Pastor Ryan Lowery and the wonderful congregation made us feel very welcome. While we were there we met Nikki Nelson (right). Four years ago when Nikki was just 12 years old, she donated \$10 “to help the pastor’s in Haiti.” Hers was the very first donation to the Haiti Bible Institute support fund. We were delighted to report to her that the school is now a reality and pastors are being trained in God’s Word.



April 25th we presented On Target Ministry at Grace Bible Church in Meeker, Colorado. This was the first church I pastored 1984-1986. Now Dr. J. D. Watson is serving in his 25th year there. He will be teaching with me again in Haiti this coming September.

Good news! As of today, we now have **eight** \$200 donations that will provide eight “Haitian Pastor French Libraries.” The library consists of six great study books translated into French. These books will help these faithful men teach others also.

We serve by grace alone,

Dr. Jim & Anna Bearss

Testimony from a faithful On Target Ministry Supporter! It's with tears of thankfulness that I write to let you know what the Lord has done for us today. We haven't been able to mail you our support for the month yet because the funds weren't there. We've been praying they would come in so we could pay our bills and send you our support. Just today a check came in that enables us to give what we've committed. It means so much to us to see God continue to provide for us as we wait on Him. So, you wanna hear how we got this check? A severe hail storm damaged our property. The Lord sent us a roofer who helped us fix the roof affordably. The check we received from insurance today enables us to care for our needs and get our check off to you, too.