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FAITHFUL
MEN TO
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INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

SPECIAL EDITION

PROJECT HAITI!!!

At the Annual Meeting of the On Target Ministry Board of Directors earlier this month, I expressed my vision and desire to expand the ministry of the Haiti Bible Institute. The school is performing above and beyond our expectations; and God seems to be directing us to move in the direction of expansion. The project received unanimous approval by the board.

The History

After conducting two years of Bible Conferences in Haiti, it became clear to me that the best model for training pastors and advancing the ministry of the Gospel in Haiti would be to form a school where a small group of select pastors could be thoroughly trained in the Word of God. Since the vast majority of pastors in Haiti have absolutely NO FORMAL BIBLE TRAINING whatsoever, the plan for the school with a specialized curriculum designed for men already in ministry was eagerly received by the Haitians.

The first class of students (which we call Cohort One) was assembled, and their training began in May 2009. I am delighted at the progress these men are making in their understanding of God, His Word, and the ministries God has given them. Their testimonies after the January 2010 Earthquake demonstrate their clear understanding of the sovereignty of God and His purposes in whatever happens.



The Testimonies

One pastor reported that his church building had been demolished in the quake. Nevertheless, he was rejoicing in the fact that his congregation had doubled in size (from 250 to 500) since they were no longer restricted by a small building! Another pastor said that after the quake he began holding revival meetings every night of the week. By May 2010, four months after the quake, over 90 people had made professions of faith in Christ and were baptized. Every pastor rejoiced at how God had providentially spared their lives and the lives of their families. They understood that God spared them to continue serving Him through the ministry of the Word. To a man, they agreed that God would be most pleased if they focused on doing the work of the ministry rather than rebuilding lost buildings. The purpose of the Haiti Bible Institute is to train these men to do that work!

The Opportunity

News of the school has spread throughout Haiti. Pastor Predestin Pierre Herard, our contact person in Haiti, told me that the Haiti Bible Institute has an excellent reputation, and that he has already received requests from over 100 pastors who want to be trained in the Word of God. My desire is to begin training these men, and more, as soon as possible.

The Plan

The current facility that God has led us to (as a result of the earthquake) is the perfect place to host the school. It is uniquely designed to handle 20 men with ease. Therefore, we want to form new Cohorts of 20 men each and begin teaching them as soon as the funds are available to do so. The goal is to have five Cohorts in operation by 2012. **This means we will be training 100 men!** Each Cohort receives two modules of instruction a year. A module is a two-week, concentrated session of study where four Bible courses are taught.



At the end of the eight Module program, each pastor will have received 32 courses of instruction, and he will be well equipped to do the work of the ministry to which God has called him. Imagine the impact that this will make in Haiti for the cause of Christ: Every four years – 100 newly trained pastors eager to begin planting churches and preaching the Word with power and authority!

The Cost

Currently, the average cost of educating one pastor in the United States is over \$100,000. Wow! And that price keeps going up year after year. But in Haiti, the costs are incredibly lower. We can deliver an accredited four-year pastoral training program for only \$3,200 per student! This means that we can guarantee the full training of a Cohort of 20 men for only \$64,000!

Imagine the VALUE! This is an amazing investment in the work of the ministry. We can train **20 men** for less than two-thirds of what it costs to train **one man** in the United States! Furthermore, the men we are training are already in ministry, so they are putting into use everything they are learning immediately.



The Plea

Will you help us impact Haiti for the cause of Christ? Haiti is a needy country. The average income of a Haitian pastor is about \$600 US per year. But when I asked the men in Cohort One **“What is the greatest need in Haiti today?”** they answered in unison **“TRUTH!”** Not money, not medicine, not new buildings, not clothing, but TRUTH! These men get it! They know that every need in life is met by the Author of Truth! And they know that their people are best served if they know the truth of God’s Word so they can live by it every day. Will you help us train more men with this same passion and purpose? Think of the real difference it will make once people’s lives are committed to living out the truth of the Scriptures!

Proven Effectiveness!

In May 2010, I took several thousand dollars donated for “Haiti Relief” and distributed those funds to the pastors. This money was the **first financial aid** of any kind that these men had received. No pastor even knew of anyone from their congregations who had received any of the billions of dollars being poured into Haiti after the earthquake. On Target Ministry is making a genuine difference in the lives of so many who have been neglected by others. What we are doing in Haiti is distinctly different and uniquely effective in a place that is flooded with much assistance that has not produced any meaningful change. With your help, On Target Ministry will continue to deliver meaningful and successful results for **TRUTH** and the **GOSPEL** of Christ. **Thank you!**

Soli Deo Gloria – Dr. Jim Bearss

We have now started the **Haiti Bible Institute Expansion Fund!** *The school is a proven success.* Will you give so that the faithful men preaching the Word in Haiti can be energized and empowered through the study of the Word of God? I pray that God impresses this need upon your heart and leads you to give generously to this unique and worthwhile project. Just designate your gift for **PROJECT HAITI**.

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PROJECT HAITI!

Here is **my gift** to aid in the expansion of the Pastor Training Program of the **Haiti Bible Institute**:

- ___ \$64,000 for a **Full Cohort** of twenty pastors
- ___ \$8,000 for one **Module** of Instruction for twenty pastors
- ___ \$3,200 for the **Tuition** for one pastor for four years
- ___ \$1,000 **Super Star** School Supporter Gift
- ___ \$_____ **Gold Star** School Supporter Gift

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I want to help! But presently I am not able to give what God has laid upon my heart to give; so today I will **PLEDGE** to give \$_____ over the next four years.

WHEN WILL COHORT 2 BEGIN? As soon as we have collected gifts or pledges totaling \$64,000 we will begin the training of 20 new pastors in Cohort 2! Each following Cohort (3, 4, and 5) will begin when the funds are made available to guarantee the completion of the course of study.

In addition to the cost of tuition, we also want to equip our pastor/students with good study materials. These pastors have no additional resources to help them in their quest to learn and understand the Word of God. Here are two projects that will help the 100 men in Cohorts 1 – 5.

STUDY BIBLE PROJECT!

The MacArthur Study Bible translated into French! The delivery cost for one of these Bibles is \$75. Our goal is to give one to each pastor.

I will give _____ Study Bible(s) at \$75 per Bible: Enclosed is \$_____

PASTOR'S LIBRARY PROJECT!

The Library consists of six great theology books translated into French! The delivery cost for one of these Libraries is \$200. Our goal is to give one set to each pastor.

I will give _____ Set(s) of Books at \$200 per Library: Enclosed is \$_____