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INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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How God is Raising New Support

How gracious is the provision of God! In the January edition of *International Update*, I reported we needed an additional \$700 a month to be at 100% of our support need. Since then, a total of 13 of our supporters took the **“Ten Dollar Challenge”** and increased their monthly giving by \$10. It’s making a difference! We also received a new support commitment from someone who has followed our ministry for several years. Finally, Fellowship Baptist Church (Lakeland, FL) increased their monthly support commitment at their Annual Business Meeting. Anna and I happened to be there that night to give a ministry report, so the surprise of the additional support was extra special.

Thank you all for your sacrificial giving to the work of training national pastors overseas. As a result of the increased commitments in January, we are currently at 91% support, making our needed monthly support just \$420. **Praise God from whom all blessings flow!** We continue to believe that God will bring us to 100% support in 2011, so keep praying that the remaining amount will be committed this year.



What’s Happening in Egypt

Egypt is making headlines every day, and the nation is experiencing inner turmoil at a level unseen in decades. Could these events be the ones prophesied in Isaiah 19? Read this chapter and see what you think. What we know for sure is this: powerful forces are vying for control of this strategic nation. No other Middle East nation has been a better ally to the United States or a better stabilizing influence on the region. But, depending on who will ultimately seize control, all that could change overnight. Even as I write this paragraph, Iran is attempting to send two warships through the Suez Canal to dock at a Syrian Port for one year. Check your maps! This is a clear threat to Israel.

We also know that we should continue our fervent prayers for the believers in Egypt. The scores of pastors and Christian leaders that we are training there are in

imminent danger. Nevertheless, they continue to courageously proclaim Christ. It is their faithful witness that may ultimately bring to pass the words of Isaiah, who wrote 2,700 years ago...

*And the LORD shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and perform it. And the LORD shall smite Egypt: **he shall smite and heal it: and they shall return even to the LORD**, and he shall be entreated of them, and shall heal them. (Isaiah 19:21-22)*

Whatever happens in Egypt, ultimately we are sure that our sovereign God is in complete control, moving history to its final conclusion according to His will. Let us be vigilant in prayer for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are serving the Lord in this challenging place.

Haiti Report

This Saturday (February 19), I will be making a quick trip to Haiti to inspect a potential new location for the **Haiti Bible Institute** and make preparations for Module 5. The dates for this Module will be March 31-April 7. Keep praying for the pastors we are training to be safe while they serve God in this conflicted country. As in Egypt, powerful forces are vying for political power, and often believers are the victims. Next month, I will report on what I discover on this trip. Until then continue to ask God

to meet the needs of the Haiti Bible Institute. Our commitment to training these pastors in the truths of God's Word is a significant and vital step in meeting the real needs in Haiti.

Jamaica Report

In January we ministered to the largest class of students we ever had in Jamaica – 24! Pastors from the surrounding churches joined the students at Fairview Baptist Bible College for a 2-week course in *Apologetics: Becoming Strong in the Defense of the Christian Faith*. I am so encouraged by these new students who have a passion to serve the Lord. Pray for them as they continue to impact Jamaica for the cause of Christ.

Continue in Prayer

1. Pray an additional \$420 per month support for Doc and Anna Bearss in 2011.
2. Pray that God will enable more individuals and churches to increase their giving.
3. Pray for a suitable facility for the Haiti Bible Institute, for our teaching ministry in Module Five, March 31-April 7, 2011, and for the safety of the students.
4. Pray for God to bring the perfect buyer for our Wisconsin home.
5. Pray for our brethren in Egypt and God will use them mightily for His glory.
6. Praise God for the new support we received in the past few weeks.

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