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INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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Back to Haiti

This Saturday, March 26, we return to Haiti to teach Module five in the **Haiti Bible Institute!** Module five marks the beginning of the second half of the training program we began with these faithful pastors in May 2009. Pastor Steve Svendsen and Doc Bears will teach the courses in *Biblical Counseling*, *The Synoptic Gospels*, *The Doctrine Man*, and *Introduction to the Bible*.

After my brief visit to Haiti last month, we were able to secure a place to hold the classes for Module five. However, at present, this is not a long term arrangement. So please keep praying that God will supply the need for a permanent location for the Haiti Bible Institute.



My Conversation with Pastor Predestin (pictured above)

My visit also revealed that very little progress is being made in repairing the damage done by the earthquake of January 2010. Buildings are still in rubble, tent cities still exist and are growing, many streets and roads are impassable. Shortages exist in many areas: clean water, healthy food, shelter, medical treatment, building supplies, and reliable electricity, to name a few.

When I asked our **Haiti School Administrator, Pastor Predestin**, why this is so, his answer really got my attention! As we sat and talked about the situation in Haiti today, he revealed example after example of the corruption and mismanagement of billions of dollars of funds sent to Haiti. And the corruption is not just political! He named many well known relief organizations, many of them who work under the banner of "Christian," that are just as corrupt as the government.

Here are some examples of how money donated to help Haitians was never used for that purpose:

One "Christian" group raised \$3.2 Million then used that money to purchase 50 luxury SUVs for their staff in Haiti. Each vehicle cost \$78,000. I saw several of these vehicles when we were touring the damaged areas. I could not believe the extravagance! Putting a luxury SUV on the streets of Port-au-Prince makes about as much sense as putting a \$10,000 sniper's scope on a BB gun.

Another “Christian” group used relief money to upgrade their staff to luxury housing. The staff personnel now live in mansions that command \$60,000 per year in rent. This is outrageous!

One organization that specializes in saving children ironically had no funds available to help with the orphanages run by Pastor Predestin. After several attempts to get financial aid for the hundreds of children he cares for in his orphanages, he gave up.



Nevertheless, while ordinary Haitians suffer disease and homelessness, greedy politicians, UN Staff, and heads of several relief organizations are enjoying, new vehicles, modern condominiums, expensive mansions, yachts, luxury vacations, burgeoning bank accounts, hoards of gasoline, and extravagant lifestyles in the resorts and spas. Pastor Predestin took me to three exclusive resorts to see for myself. The parking lots were jammed with new cars, new trucks, and new SUVs, many of which proudly displayed the logos of the UN and several other so-called relief organizations.

I asked, “How can someone be certain that his contribution is being used as intended?” Pastor Predestin answered, “**Make sure you give to organizations that actually know the Haitian people. The big organizations do not help the people.**” He went on to explain that most of the organizations in Haiti who claim to help the children do not help the children, but they are very good at taking pictures to make it look like they are helping the children.

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, I asked Pastor Predestin if he knows of anyone who is doing good work in Haiti. His first answer was “On Target Ministry!” I told him he did not have to say that, but he insisted that it was true. “You are here to help us. The relief money you gave us from your supporters was the first money any of our pastors had ever seen since the earthquake. But more important, you are here to teach us truth from God’s Word. The greatest need in Haiti today is TRUTH!”

I pressed him to name other good helpers in Haiti and he named two more: The first one was encouraging: “Doctors without Borders” is an excellent organization that provides medical assistance for many Haitians free of charge. The second one surprised me: “Sarah Palin!” She came to Haiti and met with the people and helped them with her own resources. (Where was the US media coverage?)

THE GOOD NEWS IS THIS: In spite of all the corruption and fiscal misdeeds, our God is still in control. He is sovereign over all his creation! The pastors that we are training in Haiti know and believe this. So when disappointment comes due to man’s selfishness and sinfulness, our pastors know that it is God who supplies all their need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

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 God to bring the perfect buyer for our Wisconsin home.
4. Pray for our brethren in Egypt and God will use them mightily for His glory.
5. Praise God for the good school facility we have for Module Five.
6. Praise God for the new support we received in the past few weeks.



By Grace Alone, Doc & Anna Bearss