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INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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We Have a Facility!

Earlier this month, I traveled to Haiti and secured a lease on a Guest House that we will use for at least the next two years as the home of the Haiti Bible Institute. Praise God for this marvelous provision. This newfound stability allows us to begin adding more **Cohorts** of Pastors.

What Is a Cohort?

Good question! I was asked that simple question after a ministry presentation. The word "**cohort**" means "**a band of people, or a group of soldiers.**" We

call the group of 20 pastors that study together for 4 years a cohort. Cohort 1 has completed five modules, and they have three more to complete. This group will graduate in October 2012. Cohort 2 is being formed now with plans to begin their training in April 2012.

Truly, these faithful pastors are worthy of the word *cohort*: They are **good soldiers** for the cause of Christ. Their steadfastness in ministry is an example for all and a testament to their love for God and their commitment to the ministry of the Word. It is our privilege to train them and to equip them to do the work God has called them to do.

What Happens Next?

Now that we have a permanent location, we can begin the work of improving the property and adding more classes. We will be adding a generator to solve the problem of poor electric service. Port-au-Prince operates on the basis of "rolling blackouts" which means that you *may* get a *few hours* of electricity each day, or not! In addition to the generator, we will be purchasing more tables and chairs, beds, and tables. We will significantly improve the lighting and plumbing. And a fresh coat of paint is also in the plans.



When we teach Module 6 in October 2011, we will be interviewing new students for Cohort Two. We plan to put 20 pastors into this group and take them through the same four-year program that we used with Cohort One. Each student that we interview will also be able to sit in on a few classes to see for himself the excellence of education that he will be receiving.



How Can You Help?

There are **5 ways** that you can help expand the outreach of the **Haiti Bible Institute**:

1. **Pray** – all the above projects must be bathed in prayer for God's grace and provision.
2. **Support** – five pastors in Cohort 2 are fully supported; fifteen have no support.
3. **Volunteer** – to come to Haiti and help us work on the property improvements.
4. **Give** – not all of the improvement have been paid for. We still need \$3,000.
5. **Invite** – ask your pastor to invite us to make a ministry presentation; ask your friends to begin supporting us!

Supporting a Haitian Pastor

How can you get started supporting the education of a Haitian Pastor? Make a commitment to give just \$3,200 over the next four years. Just **LOOK** what your \$3,200 will do for a pastor!

1. Pay his tuition in full for his four-year education (all 32 courses!)
2. Pay his room and board in full for all four years.
3. Pay for the printing of all 32 Study Guides he needs to complete the courses.
4. Pay for his own copy of a new MacArthur Study Bible in French.
5. Pay for a personal library of excellent books that will assist him in his ministry.

This is an amazing value! As a result of your support, your \$3,200 will unleash a well-trained, highly-motivated pastor who will teach others what we have taught him, preach the gospel with power, passion, and accuracy, and plant new churches.

I cannot think of a better way to impact Haiti with the gospel and to make a lasting change in the lives of the many needy people of Haiti. Our pastors are convinced that the greatest need in Haiti today is TRUTH! Send your first installment to us (address on front page), and tell us **"I want to support a pastor!"** It is a great investment in the cause of Christ.

Prayer Requests

1. **Praise God:** We have secured a 2 year commitment for a permanent location for the HBI.
2. **Need:** 15 supporters (\$3,200 each over 4 years) for the Haitian pastors in Cohort 2.
3. **Praise God:** 5 pastors in Cohort 2 are fully supported! (15 more need support)
4. **Praise God:** Loss of support! We have dropped to 83% but we are still praising God for his goodness to us and His promise to provide for our needs. Philippians 4:19.
5. **New Need:** Due to unexpected financial challenges, a faithful supporting family had to discontinue their monthly support. Now need \$800/month pledged support to be at 100%.

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PICS: #1 – Sunday worship at the Haiti Bible Institute; #2 – Doc Bearss teaching; #3 – Class Picture Cohort 1