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INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

DECEMBER 2013

BIBLE RESTORED!

High atop the Andes Mountains in central **Colombia** a wonderful transforation took place last week. I was invited to teach my signature course—*Introduction to the New Testament: the Story of How We Got Our Bible*. The confusion that has accompanied the advent of so many “new” translations of the Bible is spreading all over the world. Like so many Christians today, the Colombian brethren were overwhelmed with the growing number of new translations into Spanish. “Which Bible can we trust?” was the common question.



So after 30 hours of lecture, and lots of Q&A, the men understood the issues at stake in the translation debate. They learned the overpowering truth that God has preserved His Word! Once the history of Bible translations was clearly explained, the conclusion was obvious: God has carefully preserved the New Testament from the first century until now so we can be 100% certain that we have an infallible copy of God's revelation today.



In a speech to the class at the end of the lectures, the leader of the school, urged to the students to take to heart all that they had been taught. Then he turned to me and said, “Thank you, Dr. Bearss. You have given us back our Bible!” I was humbled and encouraged by that splended remark!

Lord willing, I will continue teaching in the school in Colombia and make it a regular part of my annual teaching itinerary.

TRAINING PASTORS REACHING HAITI

Good things are happening in Haiti through the **Haiti Bible Institute**. Our graduates are experiencing newfound blessings as they teach the Word of God. Other missionaries have commented to me about the high level of Bible knowledge our students possess. And one man remarked, “Your students are getting the job done in Haiti.” What a blessing to see the fruit of our labor blossoming in the lives of these faithful men.

We will be in a new location for both modules in 2014. God has provided us with a marvelous upgrade in facility! Now we will be able to focus our efforts on training pastors instead of attending to the unending parade of repair and maintenance needs required at our old location. The cost is a



little more, but the benefits will be well worth it. Already God has provided half of what we need for 2014 rent. Pray that the remaining \$10,000 will be given. Investing in the Haiti Bible Institute is one sure way of impacting Haiti for the cause of Christ. We really are “**getting the job done!**”

SAFE AND SECURE

In October, Anna and I traveled to **Jordan** to teach the pastors and church leaders there. We were close to the civil war in Syria, and very close to the refugee camp where over one million people (many Christians) have fled to avoid the killing. We could hear the fighting at times, and at night see the red glow of the military action on the horizon. But we felt perfectly safe in the care of our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The two weeks in Jordan flew by as we enjoyed a blessed season of teaching from the Word of God. The students, as always, were eager and highly motivated to learn the truth of God’s Word. Pray for these men. They do not live in a peaceful world like we do. 2 Timothy 3:12 is a daily reality for them: “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” Please keep these faithful brethren in your prayers.

A LOOK AHEAD

The work of On Target Ministry is set and ready to go forward in 2014. This year promises to be a productive time of teaching and training national pastors and church leaders all over the world. We have modules planned for **Haiti, Jamaica, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Philippines**, and our newest field, **Colombia**. What a challenge to train faithful men on four continents!

We praise God for His faithfulness to us. He has granted us good health and energy to maintain this busy schedule. He gives us grace every day to do His will and learn His Word. He meets all our needs—often at the last minute—and He reminds us daily how much we must depend on His care. He has given us a faithful and loyal support team—you are a part of that! Thank you for enabling us to do this unique work by giving of your resources and praying for our work. You are truly co-laborers in the cause of Christ around the world. **Soli Deo Gloria!**



PRAYER REQUESTS

1. **Personal Support Need:** 2013 is nearly done, and our personal support need is down to only \$200 per month. Our prayer was that the whole need would be met in 2013 and that we would be at 100% by year end. There is still time! Pray that the remaining \$200 per month will be pledged.
2. **Praise the Lord:** One generous donor took on the support of the remaining 5 pastors in Cohort 1 Advanced. Now all our pastors in both Cohorts are supported. Thank you for your prayers!
3. **Pray for the Haiti Bible Institute:** The facility rental for 2014 will be \$20,000. Already, \$10,000 is pledged! So we need \$10,000 more for the February and October modules. The immediate need is \$5,000 for the Module February 19-26, 2014. Pray this need will be met!
4. **Pray for Ministry Support:** On Target Ministry needs ministry support. Giving is needed to maintain the full schedule of teaching we have set for 2014. Pray for this ongoing need.

By Grace Alone, Doc & Anna Bearss

Pictures: Front top: The Colombian students at Grace Academy. Bottom: Happy student receiving certificate for Module 2, Haiti Bible Institute. Back top: Anna’s presence is always an encouragement to the pastors’ wives, and me! Bottom: The teaching never ends! Doc and a student in Jordan.