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Dear Friends of OTM,

Summer is here and the work of On Target Ministry moves ahead with wonderful new opportunity to serve the Lord in Haiti and in Latin America. Here are the highlights:

HAITI

In May, the Haiti Ministry of Education awarded the Haiti Bible Institute and Theological Seminary permanent accreditation status. This is a tremendous blessing to all our students who will now have the recognition they deserve to be effective in their ministries. We need \$1,000 to pay the Accreditation Fee to the Haitian government.

Cohort 3 began in February, and the new students have already re-taught the four courses we taught them to others: in their churches, in home Bible studies, and in community Bible studies. This is the wonderful “multiplication of ministry” that is promised in 2 Timothy 2:2 when we simply obey God and commit truth to faithful men who will teach others also.

Please begin praying with us for the fall module in Haiti. We will be teaching October 4-11, and we will need \$20,000 to pay for the cost of that module. God has always provided in the past, so we need to pray together that the funds will be given once again. If you can help us with this very important ministry, please write “Fall Module” in the memo line of your check or online donation.

COLOMBIA

Since my last letter, Anna and I have traveled to Colombia twice! What a great ministry God has given us there. In December 2016, we graduated 29 pastors from the Seminary. As of this month, all 29 of them have begun their own ministry in new churches in Venezuela, Bolivia, and Colombia. This is a truly biblical “church planting” method. Your support for the “Forty Faithful Friends Initiative” is instrumental in funding our work there. We still need 14 people to commit to giving \$1,000 a year to our work in Latin America. Will you participate in this ministry?

HOUSTON

We have started a new school for Spanish-speaking pastors in Houston, Texas! There are over 2,000,000 Spanish-speaking people in the Houston area, and the school is training men and women to ministry to this needy population. The goal is to begin 7 new Spanish-speaking churches in the area. The church where we hold the classes is highly committed to this goal. Pray that God will be glorified as Bible-trained ministers teach truth in the Spanish community of Houston.

PRAYER NEEDS

Summer is traditionally a time of low giving, and On Target Ministry is trusting God to meet our ministry needs this summer. Here are some the **specific needs** that we have:

Ministry Needs:

On Target Ministry needs \$1,000 to pay for the Accreditation of the Haiti Bible Institute. This is the standard accreditation fee set by the Haitian government. Mark your gift "Accreditation."

On Target Ministry needs \$5,000 to pay for the translation project of an excellent textbook on Church History. By translating this book into Spanish, my students will have an outstanding resource to supplement my course on Church History that I regularly teach in Colombia and Bolivia. Mark your gift "Translation Project."

The South American travel budget of On Target Ministry is supported by people who have committed to giving \$1,000 per year through the "Forty Faithful Friends Initiative." This project will cover the travel costs to and from South America for one year. We still need 14 people to commit to giving \$1,000 per year. Mark your gift "40 Faithful Friends."

The fall module at the Haiti Bible Institute is October 4-11. We need \$20,000 to cover the cost of this module. This is an on-going need that provides a full Bible education for 40 Haitian pastors. When you consider the great work these men are doing for the cause of Christ in Haiti, the value of your investment in this project is priceless. Mark your gift "Fall Module."

Personal Needs:

My dentist has informed me that I have three more teeth in desperate need of crowns. This will be an expensive (and painful) experience. The estimated cost for this dental work is \$4,500. Since we are "Self Pay" at the dentist, your financial help with this need will go a long way in helping us meet our monthly expenses. The dental work will be done in July.

Our personal support level has been sagging for the past several years. We are at the point now where we are about \$1,200 a month below the recommended support level set by our board of directors. God is still meeting our needs, but having new donors step in where there is a need would be a great comfort and a genuine source of encouragement.

Thank you!

Many of you who receive this letter give regularly to On Target Ministry or to our personal support, and we are **deeply grateful** for that faithful commitment to the support of the work of the Lord in Haiti and around the world. You are a blessing to us, and we are honored that you have chosen to partner with us to accomplish this unique work of training national pastors overseas. Thank you!

Grace and peace,

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#1 Doc at Pastor's Conference in Bogota. #2 Doc and translator Pablo in Medellin. #3 Doc and student from Bolivia. #4 Class break Colombia ... still teaching Bible! #5 New School in Houston

