

# ON TARGET

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## Ministry

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Dear Friends of OTM,

**WHAT AN AMAZING SEASON OF MINISTRY GOD HAS BLESSED US WITH THIS FALL! LET ME TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT...**

### **COLOMBIAN STUDENTS LEARNING TRUTH**

We taught “Introduction to the New Testament” in Colombia in September. This course upholds the truth that God has preserved His Word, and we can have 100% confidence in the text of the Bible. The students need this confidence to effectively preach the word in all authority. The work that these students do for the Lord is resulting in many coming to Christ in salvation.

### **HAITI FALL 2017 MODULE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS**

Truth is being taught to hundreds through the pulpit ministries of our fine students. Several students reported to us how God is using them in their ministries. Here are some of the success stories...

**Pyram Richard Pierre**, a 2016 graduate, became the pastor of new church and began preaching on Sundays and teaching the Bible every night in his church. In just two months, the people of the church adopted a new doctrinal statement that supports historical evangelical Christianity. What a great change exposure to the truth of God’s Word brings! Pyram said, “The people are coming to the church from a dry desert, and I am able to give them a drink of cool water.” He reported that he is simply teaching all the courses he learned at the Haiti Bible Institute. Pyram will be enrolling in our Masters Degree Program in 2019.

**Rubinson Dorce**, a Masters student, was challenged with the Biblical doctrine of salvation, and his life was revolutionized. He has always been taught salvation includes human works. When he saw from Scripture that salvation is totally of grace, the light of understanding flooded his soul. He said, “Thank you Dr. Bearss for teaching us the truth. You are a pen in the hand of God, and you are rewriting the theological thinking in Haiti.”

**Seraphim Dessant**, a Masters student, expressed his great joy for the teaching he is receiving. He is a well-respected figure in his community, and he teaches over 100 pastors all the courses we are teaching him at the school. He commented, “I am very happy and grateful for the things you teach us. Your school keeps me on track and helps me teach only the truth of the Bible. God bless you!”

The work in Haiti is bearing much fruit, and your participation in this ministry is making a great impact on many lives and changing many lives. The cause of Christ in Haiti is flourishing.

## **NEW BOOK TRANSLATED INTO SPANISH**

Doc Watson's excellent book on the History of the Reformation "Upon This Rock" was translated into Spanish and published in time for me to use it in my "History of the Reformation" course in Colombia in November. Thank you to all who helped fund this worthwhile investment in the theological education of many people in Latin America.

## **HOUSTON**

We celebrated the **500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation** at the SRL Seminary in Houston. Over 40 students were present for my course in the History of the Reformation. These great students are committed to reaching the Spanish-speaking community in the Houston area by planting seven new churches in the next four years.

## **GRADUATION OF 30 CHURCH PLANTING PASTORS**

November 27 marked the graduation of the class of 2018 from SRL Seminary in Colombia. Thirty students earned their degrees and enter the mission fields in Colombia, Venezuela, Bolivia, and Argentina. These humble servants are committed to the work of Church Planting in these needy nations that are overwhelmingly Roman Catholic. The good news is that God is blessing their work, and many people are being saved and organized into Bible-preaching churches.

## **SPECIAL PRAYER NEEDS**

God continues to meet our needs as He promised. Here is a list of Praise and Prayer items...

### **OTM Praise and Prayer:**

- The total need of \$20,000 to pay for the Fall Haiti Module was received! Thank you all who invested in this great school. Your giving is making a significant difference in the spiritual lives of many pastors and their congregations.
- OTM needs \$15,000 to meet our budget by the end of the year. Your giving at this time will ensure that our work will continue uninterrupted in 2018.
- OTM received the necessary funds to pay for the translation project of "Upon This Rock" by Doc Watson. The book is now available in English and Spanish on Amazon.com.
- Several people have pledged to give \$1,000 per year to fund our work in Latin America. Thank you all! We still need 13 more commitments to fully fund that part of our budget. Please help us! Mark your gift "Latin America."
- Haiti Bible Institute will need \$20,000 to fund the 2018 Spring Module in Haiti. This is an on-going need that is bearing much fruit for the Glory of God! Mark your gift "Haiti."

### **Doc and Anna Praise and Prayer:**

- Two new churches have committed monthly giving for our personal support. Praise God!
- We still need \$1,100 per month to reach full support for our personal needs. We would be honored to add you to our Support Team. Please mark your gift "Personal Support." We rejoice how God faithfully meets our needs.
- God has graciously provided Anna and me with a house to call home. We moved into our new home November 17. Lord willing, this will be our earthly dwelling for many years.

## PHILIPPINES

We return to the Philippines in January to teach “Hermeneutics” to a dedicated group of church leaders who will use this knowledge to help those in spiritual need and spread the gospel to all.

**TODAY** we are remembering December 7<sup>th</sup>, the “day that shall live in infamy.” We recognize the sacrifice of our brave soldiers and sailors who suffered the attack at Pearl Harbor in 1941. This is also a vivid reminder to us who are soldiers for Christ to be willing to give our all for the cause of our dear Lord Jesus. Pray for us as we continue to serve Him with joy and gladness training national pastors overseas to do the work of the ministry.

Grace and peace,

*Doc and Anna Bearss*

#1 Colombia Graduation Class of 2017  
#2, 3, 4 Some Haiti Students receiving certificates of completion for Fall 2017  
#5 Anna and Diana, her Colombian friend and Spanish tutor

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