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Dear Friends,

HOW SHOULD THE CHURCH DO MISSIONS?

For 1,800 years, churches trained men in the truth of the Word of God and sent them out to preach the gospel and establish new churches. This was the pattern throughout the **Book of Acts**, and this pattern was maintained by local churches until well after the **Reformation**. Calvin's Geneva Academy sent men to western Europe and transformed France, Spain, Holland, and Scotland. Luther's school impacted most of northern Europe and Scandinavia. Zwingli trained men who took the Gospel to eastern Europe. The Puritans trained hundreds of pastors who impacted England and later the American Colonies. History is a consistent story of well-trained faithful men serving the cause of Christ all over the world.

Where did this missions model come from? THE BIBLE! 2 Timothy 2:2 teaches us to commit truth to faithful men who will teach others also. The results are well documented as the Historic Christian Faith was successfully spread throughout the world.

Now, in the 21st Century, On Target Ministry has picked up the challenge of this Biblical Mandate and has committed itself to training national pastors to take the Gospel to their nations and plant new churches in many places. Today, some consider this missions model novel or new, but it is really very, very old! But the question is always raised, **"Does this method still work today?"**

HAITI SPRING MODULE 2018

To answer that question, let me share just one story from a recent graduate of the Haiti Bible Institute. **Meet Pastor Altidor Frank.** This young man faithfully studied at HBI for four years and graduated in 2016. This spring he came back to our module and shared how God has used him in the past 16 months. Here is what he has accomplished so far:



After his graduation, Pastor Frank challenged his church to adopt 2 Timothy 2:2 as their missions model and send a missionary to preach the gospel and plant new churches in Haiti. Haitian churches do not typically send missionaries. They are taught that their poverty entitles them to receive missionary help, but their responsibility to send a fully-supported missionary is unheard of.

After several months of faithful teaching, Pastor Frank was able to train several men in his church in Bible truth. One of these men became qualified to be its pastor, so Pastor Frank appointed him to that office. Then Pastor Frank was appointed by his church to be its first missionary to Haiti!

FOLLOWING THE BIBLICAL MISSIONS MODEL

Pastor Frank decided to go to the interior of Haiti and preach the Gospel in the remote provinces. These are places where the influence of Voodoo is very strong, and Witch Doctors rule the villages. After several months of preaching, he had several converts that he organized into a local church and continued to teach them. Eventually he was able to appoint one of the men to pastor the church, and Pastor Frank moved on to another province.

The result in the new province was the same! People were saved, a local church was born, the people were taught, and a man was appointed pastor. Pastor Frank then went to a third province where the process was once again repeated. Now there are three new local churches in places where the gospel had never before been preached.

Then Pastor Frank went to a major city in southern Haiti. He found a struggling church that had no pastor, so he asked the two elderly deacons if he could teach them. They agreed, and after several weeks, they told him that they had never heard such wonderful truth from the Bible. The church asked Pastor Frank to be their pastor, and he began to preach the Word every Sunday.

Soon the church experienced a revival! Those living in sin repented and began living for the Lord. Three couples who were living together unmarried asked him to marry them. The church began reaching out into the community with the Gospel, and the church began to grow. Pastor Frank told me that the church has over doubled in members during his short pastorate.

Now he is busy strengthening that church and visiting his three churches in the provinces to be sure they are still grounded in truth. He said he hopes to start another church in another province soon.

SO ... DOES THE BIBLICAL MISSIONS MODEL WORK?

YES!!! Pastor Frank accomplished more for the cause of Christ in 16 months than a “traditional” missionary could accomplish in four lifetimes! God truly blesses His Word. When we obey the simple commands of Scripture, there is no limit to what God can do through His faithful servants.

Your support of On Target Ministry is resulting in life-changing ministry in Haiti and Latin America. We have many students who have thrilling stories of how God is using them. Pray for these men and for the people they are teaching the precious truths of God’s Word.

SPECIAL PRAYER NEEDS

OTM Praise and Prayer:

- We received \$13,000 for the Spring Module in Haiti. We still need \$7,000 to cover the cost.
- The Masters Students will graduate in October 2018. The graduation will cost \$5,000.
- The Accreditation Fee for HBI was received! Praise the Lord for His provision.

Doc and Anna Praise and Prayer:

- 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.”

Thank you all for your prayers and faithful giving. Grace and peace, **Doc and Anna Bearss**

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