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Keeping Alumni Connected

AGTS Alums Serve Worldwide and on the Homefront

After nearly 35 years, the impact AGTS alums are making is amazing. President Byron Klaus said there is rarely a place he goes in the world where he doesn't run into alums. Since 1972, over 8,000 people have taken at least one course on campus or through continuing education including scores of ministers, missionaries, educators, chaplains, and others. Today, about 2,800 graduates minister worldwide in 125 countries and 50 states in the U.S. While the dream of offering a doctorate was not realized until 1997, today AGTS has a thriving Doctor of Ministry program with graduates serving in strategic leadership positions. The new Doctor of Missiology program is scheduled to begin in June. It's been fun to reconnect to alums returning for doctoral studies.

In this issue, we want to connect you to 22 alums who serve at AGTS in addition to their other ministry responsibilities. They represent graduating classes from the 1970's through 2007. We managed to catch about half of them in the picture below. Do you recognize some faces and names? We hope you enjoy reading about a few who think outside the box when it comes to ministry.



AGTS Alums on the Homefront

From back row:

Roger Cotton ('78), professor of Old Testament
Dave Willemsen ('89), director of business
Paul Martinez ('93/'04), director of development
Susan Starkey ('02), administrative assistant to the President
Angela Reid ('00), assistant professor of Counseling Psychology
Melody Palm ('96), associate professor of Counseling Psychology:
DeLonn Rance ('83), visiting professor of Intercultural Studies
Jennifer Hall ('00), promotions coordinator:
Deborah Fegler ('03), administrative assistant institutional & alumni relations
Rick Oliver ('02), assistant director of library services
Earl Creps ('02), director of doctoral studies

Not pictured:

Deborah Gill ('79) professor of New Testament Exposition

Steve Handy ('00) security
Jay Kindred ('00) network specialist
Joe Marics ('80) director of library services
Annette Newberry ('96, '03, '07) adjunct faculty
Warren Newberry ('85) visiting professor of Missions
Doug Oss ('80) director, Center for Expository Preaching
Dan Shaffer ('99) coordinator of human resources
Cheryl Taylor ('91/'03) advisor for doctor of ministry
Jay Taylor ('95/'01) director of Spiritual Formation
Randy Walls ('97/'04) director of Continuing Education

Getting Down to Business about Healthy Living

As the director of business for the seminary, **Dave Willemssen** ('89) knows about the importance of a balanced budget, but ask him about living a balanced lifestyle, and you'll receive a wealth of information. One of Dave's passions is physical fitness and wellness. Recently, Dave's ministry took a unique twist as he and his wife Kathy developed Life Changers, a wellness program focusing on diet, nutrition and exercise. AGTS launched the pilot program last November and at its conclusion 15 weeks later the results were an incredible weight loss of 130.7 pounds and 114¼ inches.

[Click here](#) to read a recent article in the Springfield News-leader highlighting Dave's last marathon.



Mentoring At Risk Children

Jeff Dorn ('99) recently transitioned from AGTS to SHAPES to become the full-time mentor support coordinator for a program whose focus is to socially, psychologically and relationally mentor the children of incarcerated parents. According to the SHAPES website, there are 1.5 to 2 million children in the U.S. with at least one parent incarcerated. Passionate about this ministry, Jeff knows firsthand the difficulties of balancing a busy schedule with hands on ministry. He's currently pursuing a D.Min. at AGTS. Listen to his Chapel message online at www.agts.edu

Teaching at Victory Mission



Jim Hernando ('78) AGTS professor of New Testament and author has been a part of the AGTS faculty since 1990.

Active in the Springfield community, Dr. Hernando also teaches a Bible study on "Lessons for the Life of David" at the Victory Mission Vocational School. The school allows men a safe environment in which to live, study, work, and socialize together as they learn skills necessary to make a living in the hospitality industry. To read selected publications by Dr. Hernando, [click here](#).

New Doctoral Program



[Click here](#) for more information.

AGTS launches new D. Miss. Program

Who will cast the vision for a new generation of Pentecostal missionaries? Who will study the times and plot the strategies, teach the students and write the books that will shape the hearts and minds of tomorrow's missionaries? The AGTS Doctor of Missiology Program has risen to serve these leaders.

Missionaries on Campus



DeLonn Rance ('83) is the program coordinator for the new D.Miss. program and the chair of the Global Missions Department. He has a Ph.D. from Fuller Theological Seminary and more than 20 years of missionary experience in El Salvador with emphasis on the training and sending of missionaries from the majority world.

Warren ('85) and Annette Newberry ('96/'03/'07) have a long association with AGTS. Warren was enrolled in the first group of missionaries taking classes in 1973. They served for 39 years as missionaries to Malawi, Jamaica, Bosnia, Belize and other countries. The Newberry's continue to teach at AGTS and overseas. Warren also serves as the admissions coordinator for the new D.Miss. program.



Connect with President Klaus

President Byron Klaus will be speaking at the following events:

- April 24-26 Wyoming District Council, Casper, WY
Special Speaker
- April 29 Evangel Temple, Springfield, MO
(9:00 & 10:30 am)
Missions Convention Speaker
- May 7 Ohio District Council, AGTS Roundtable
Columbus, OH



Ministry Resources

Resources at www.agts.edu

The Publications & Resources link provides podcasts/RSS feeds, audio sermons/lecturers, DVD/CD-R sets, Encounter Journal, Rapport magazine, and more resources. You can also sign up for e-news letters:

[The Prez Release](#)

A monthly email commentary by AGTS president, Byron Klaus. Each issue contains thoughts on society, the Bible, and the role of the church in today's world. In addition, Dr. Klaus recommends helpful resources. The **Prez Release** can also be downloaded as a small PDF file.

[The Leading Edge](#)

A monthly newsletter from the AGTS Doctor of Ministry Office (email or small PDF formats). The director Earl Creps Offers ('02) quotes, articles, training opportunities, tools, news as well as recommended books, websites, and other resources.

[ceNews](#)

ceNews is published monthly by the Continuing Education Office at AGTS (email or small PDF formats). It includes a message from director Randy Walls ('97/'04), news about Continuing Ed. participants, recommended websites, books and other tools as well as upcoming classes through the various branch campus's and network partners.

Grant Opportunities

Lilly Endowment Inc. has announced its eighth annual clergy grant program, the [National](#)

[Clergy Renewal Program](#). The program allows pastors to spend three to four months away from their congregations for a period of refreshment. The Endowment expects to offer 120 grants, and each applicant may request up to \$45,000. Application deadline is **May 15, 2007**. Ordained clergy from 49 states and the District of Columbia may apply; a separate program for Indiana clergy had an application deadline of January 30, 2007.

The **Louisville Institute** offers a similar grant competition, the [Sabbatical Grants for Pastoral Leaders](#). The Institute offers up to 40 grants for eight-week (\$10,000) and 12-week (\$15,000) sabbaticals, during which grantees must be released from all pastoral duties. The program is open to clergy, church staff members, denominational and diocesan staff, and others employed in recognized positions of pastoral leadership, ordained and lay. Seminary administrators and faculty members are not eligible. Application deadline is **September 15, 2007**.

Job and Ministry Opportunities new

We are pleased to announce the addition of a Job and Ministry posting on the AGTS Alumni website (www.agts.edu/alumni). You must be logged in to the Alumni Directory in order to access the Job Postings page. Contact the Alumni Office (alumni@agts.edu) for your access key.

If you would like to post an open ministry position, please contact Deborah (dfegler@agts.edu) in the Alumni Office for job posting guidelines.

Ministry Minute

John Gregg ('94) recently attended his first meeting as a member of the AGTS Board of Directors. He is pastor of Christian Center in Kalispell, Montana, a church of 2,300 in a region of 100,000. [Read more . . .](#)

AGTS Passion Week Chapels

You can listen to the audio of the [Passion Week chapels](#) on-line.

- Dr. Edgar Lee "Resurrection DNA"
Senior Professor of Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Theology
- Bishop David Knox "Divine Purpose"
Pastor, Deliverance Temple Ministries, Springfield, MO
- Dr. John Marshall "The Crucifixion"
Pastor, Second Baptist Church, Springfield, MO

Books by AGTS Alumni



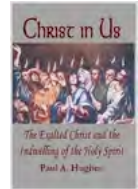
Net Worth Principle: Build Wealth Without Budgeting.

by Paul Ebisch ('98)

This book turns finances upside down. It takes your bottom line and makes it your top priority. You don't have to budget. You only need to make financial decisions through the lens of net worth.

Visit Paul's website at www.networthprinciple.com for ordering information.

Christ in Us: The Exalted Christ and the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit
by Paul Hughes ('86)



How does the Holy Spirit indwell the believer, and why should one seek that experience? In this collection of articles based on over twenty years' personal experience as well as academic study, the author relates Spirit Baptism and spiritual gifts to their source, the exalted Jesus Christ.

[Click here](#) for ordering information.

Dictionary of Hermeneutics

By Dr. Jim Hernando (78')



Easily navigate your way through the maze of hermeneutical study with this one-of-a-kind resource. This book offers concise definitions and examples of terms, expressions, and persons related to the field of hermeneutics, its presuppositions, and its theories.

[Click here](#) for ordering information.

Off-Road Disciplines: Spiritual Adventures of Missional Leaders

By Dr. Earl Creps ('02)

Earl contends that some of our most important encounters with God occur unexpectedly—complete with the bumps and bruises that happen when you go “off-road.” Becoming an off-road leader requires the cultivation of certain spiritual disciplines that allow the Holy Spirit to form our interior lives, moving us out of the center so that Jesus can occupy His rightful place.

[Click here](#) for ordering information.



Upcoming Events

AGTS Graduation Activities. You are invited to attend.

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| May 4 | Doctor of Ministry Symposium (12:30-2:15 pm)
AGTS Chapel |
| May 5 | AGTS Graduation (1:30 pm)
Central Assembly of God
1301 Boonville Avenue |

District Councils. Visit the AGTS booth at these upcoming District Councils.

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| April 17-19 | New Mexico District Council , Grace Outreach Center Rio Rancho
Visit with Paul Martinez and Al & Darlene Palm.
Southern Missouri District Council , James River Assembly of God
Visit with Dorothea Lotter and Deborah Fegler. |
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Stop by before the Wednesday evening service for your alumni gift!

General Council Events

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| August 8 | General Council in Indianapolis, Ind.
AGTS Alumni Reception at the Marriott Indianapolis Downtown |
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Register for the [pre-General Council leadership seminar](#) August 7-8 which will offer more than 45 sessions from 15 different ministry tracks. AGTS offers graduate credit option for the following courses:

- **Do You Know Your New Neighbor?: The Growth of Islam in America** with Dr. Mark Hausfeld
- **Biblical Exposition: Foundations for Pentecostal Preaching** with Dr. Doug Oss
- **Women in Leadership Seminar** (various speakers)

For details on the credit option, contact the CE Office at AGTS-ext@agts.edu

Ways to Support AGTS

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Giving Opportunities

The Seminary depends upon the generosity of alumni and friends like you. Annual unrestricted gifts provide much needed scholarship assistance for deserving students. Restricted gifts, including scholarships such as the *Pentecostal Leaders Fund* provide a lasting resource for future seminary students preparing for ministry. To find out more about how to give to AGTS or to make a gift online, please visit www.agts.edu/partners/index.html.

AGTS Receives \$ for Scholarships When You Search Online

Earn one cent toward scholarships for AGTS each time you search the internet using GoodSearch.com

Leave a Legacy

Please prayerfully consider leaving a bequest to AGTS in your will. Contact Dorothea Lotter at alumni@agts.edu for the suggested legal language to insure your future legacy gift reaches AGTS.

Refer Students

Know someone who may be interested in attending AGTS? Contact the Enrollment Office at 1-800-467-2487. Complete information can be found on-line at www.agts.edu.

Where are you now?

We want to know what you have been doing since your time at AGTS. Fill us in! E-mail or send us your latest news, photos, address changes, and new degrees earned. We may publish news in our Alumni Newsletter or include it in the next issue of the *Rapport*. We want to hear from you!

If you would like to submit a photo, please send to:

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