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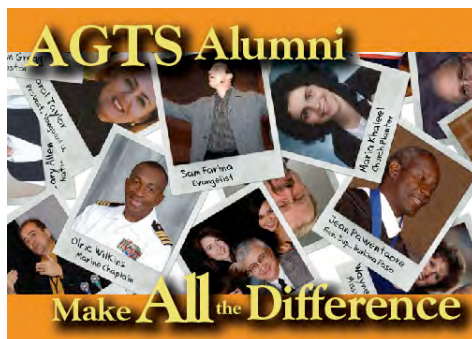
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Keeping Alumni Connected



**Join us for the
AGTS Alumni
Reception
General Council,
Indianapolis**

**Wednesday,
August 8, 2007
9 p.m.
Marriott Downtown**

What's New?

Mark Hausfeld Appointed Hogan Professor



Dr. Mark Hausfeld ('83) is the 2007 J. Philip Hogan Professor of World Missions at AGTS. This annually appointed Hogan professorship brings distinguished missions practitioners from around the world to AGTS classrooms for one semester and to also publish a monograph as part of the AGTS book series on Missiology.

An AGTS adjunct faculty member 2002, Dr. Hausfeld is the AG area director for the 10 nations of Central Eurasia. In addition to administration and strategic leadership, his missionary work has included teaching, opening drug rehabilitation centers, relief and development work. He completed his doctoral studies in urban ministry at Northern Baptist Seminary.

Strategic Partnership Between Schools

AGTS, Central Bible College (CBC) and Evangel University (EU) have formed a strategic network for ministry development. Qualifying CBC and EU students will be admitted to AGTS one semester before they complete their undergraduate degrees. Fifteen credits earned during the students' first semester at AGTS will be transferred to complete their B.A. Students will incur one semester less expenses while reaching full-time ministry sooner. For more information go to www.6years2mdiv.com.



Intercultural Ministries Classroom Dedicated

AGTS dedicated its new Intercultural Ministries Classroom on June 15th. Under the guidance of Drs. Paul and Dene Wood, and with the generous support of the Hylleberg family, this state-of-the art classroom was ready for the first Doctor of Missiology class on June 18th.



Drs. Paul & Dene Wood with Dr. Barbara Cavaness ('75) and Alice Hylleberg

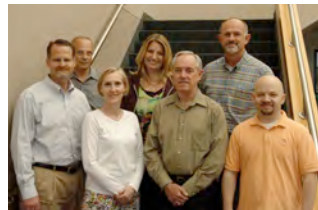


Students in the new Intercultural Ministries Classroom



Inaugural D.Miss. Cohort

Alumni Pursue D. Miss.



AGTS welcomed the inaugural Doctor of Missiology class in June including seven AGTS alumni. The D.Miss. degree is designed for missionaries involved in intercultural ministry and/or relief and development. [Click here](#) for more information on the D.Miss. Program.

Quotable

"I thank God for the ability to plan. But be sure of this—when the Creator of the Universe wants to touch a life, he takes our plans and uses them to fit His own."

--Chaplain (COL) **Scott McChrystal** ('84)

Connect with President Klaus

Dr. Byron Klaus will be speaking at the following events:

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| July 16-18 | Chaplains Conference, Orlando, FL |
| July 26 | Latin American Bible Institute Consultation on Theological Education among Hispanics, San Antonio, TX |
| July 31- August 3 | Andean Missionary Retreat, Waxahachie, TX |
| August 6-11 | General Council, Indianapolis, IN |



Faculty Travel



Dr. Johan Mostert will be in Africa during July and August. He is leading a team of students to visit various AIDS projects and local churches responding to the AIDS crisis in South Africa. In August he will present a week-long seminar to the Nigerian AG Pastors on responding to the AIDS pandemic in their nation. On his way back to Springfield he will take part in the AGWM Compassion Ministries Conference in Dallas/Ft. Worth the last week in August

Read Dr. Mostert's article "Compassion: God's Heart, Our Mission" in the Summer issue of the *Rapport*.

Alumni Scholarship Drive

Would you like to make a difference in the lives of AGTS students? Would you like to help those students expand the kingdom of God around the world?

The 5th Annual AGTS Phonathon is coming soon! On September 10-11, student volunteers will be calling alumni to raise funds for scholarships.



Damaris Briones is one such student who has benefited from alumni giving. She recently commented, "*As I prepare for my internship working with missionaries in Santiago, Chile, I am reminded with great appreciation of the scholarship I received. The Alumni Annual Fund has given me the opportunity to fulfill the God-given dreams and desires of my heart to work as a missionary.*"

Your contribution to the Pentecostal Leaders Scholarship Fund enables current students to graduate with a lower debt load and enter full-time ministry much quicker. The 2006 Alumni Scholarship Phonathon raised over \$25,000 for student scholarships. Your gift this year can make a difference!

Books and Publications

AGTS Publishes New Book



AGTS is publishing the second book in the Encounter: Pentecostal Ministry Series, *We've Come This Far: Reflections on the Pentecostal Tradition and Racial Reconciliation*. It is a critical reflection on the contributions of Martin Luther King Jr. and William J. Seymour to the church and society. The book seeks to understand the religious and social aspect of the church's moral leadership in society through the lens of their lives. (Available at www.agts.edu in August 2007.)

Book Available in Six Languages

God's Women—Then and Now (a biblical basis for women in ministry and leadership), co-authored by **Deborah Gill** ('78/'79) and **Barbara Cavaness** ('75), is now out in its second edition (by Authentic Media of OM Publishers) both in English and Tamil in India. They also wrote an accompanying *Study Guide* with discovery-learning questions suitable for individual reflection or group interaction which is available in six languages. Drs. Gill, Cavaness, and **(Beth) Grant** ('79) recently spoke at conferences in Bangalore, Kolkatta, and Chennai (formerly Madras) at the invitation of the All India Women's Committee.



The AG Ministry to the Blind has also made the book available for the blind on audio cassettes. Gill and Cavaness are now writing an Independent Study Text/course on the book for Global University at the baccalaureate level.

Contact DGill@AGTS.edu for copies of the book, *God's Women—Then and Now*, or *Study Guide*.

Book Recommendations



Dr. James H. Railey, AGTS Professor of Theology, recommends a look at the following books:

Ray S. Anderson, *An Emergent Theology for Emerging Churches*, with a foreword by Brian McLaren (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2006).

Ray Anderson, senior professor of theology and ministry at Fuller Theological Seminary, has a long history of publication in which he unites practice and theology in a very helpful manner. This book is no exception. Using the ministry, worship and theology that emanated from Antioch (Acts 11) as his paradigm, Anderson illustrates the theology of, and for, the emerging church movement. Antioch with its missional focus, contrasted with Jerusalem with its more traditional bent, serves well to give direction for theological construction in the emerging era. This is a must read for those desiring to understand, and/or participate in, the contemporary church.

Francis S. Collins, *The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief* (New York, NY: Free Press, 2006).

Questions about human origins and debates between creationists, evolutionists, intelligent design supporters, et al., have raged for years and this book will not bring them to an end. However, Francis Collins, head of the Human Genome Project, argues that that Project that had mapped the human genetic structure, shows the indelible hand of God in human origins. He presents a compelling case for faith arising from rigorous scientific investigation. While one might be uncomfortable with Collins' theistic evolution position, the book does bring insight and instruction to the one seeking for a "reasonable faith." *Christianity Today* has recently acknowledged this as the best book of 2007 in the "Apologetics/Evangelism" category.

Ministry Minute

Faith Versus Reason

AGTS M.Div. student Joel Triska recently shared his thoughts on the struggle of living in the tension between faith and reason. Joel explains his journey of finding the balance between practitioner and academician as he examines the paradox of living from the heart and mind. You will be challenged and encouraged by Joel's comments. [Click here](#) to listen to his chapel message.



Joel serves as the distance learning specialist in the Continuing Education Office.

Read other articles Joel has written in [Relevant Magazine Online](#) and [The Next Wave E-Zine](#).

Alumni News

Remember to pray for our soldiers and chaplains



According to the Assemblies of God Chaplaincy Department, there are 94 AGTS graduates currently serving as Military Chaplains on Active Duty, Reserves, National Guard, and Veterans Affairs. They are stationed in places of conflict around the world. Please remember to pray for our chaplains and their families.

From the Frontlines

Chaplain, Capt. **Eusebia D. Rios** ('02) writes *"The Lord is doing some great things here in Iraq. I want to thank you for your prayers and all your support. As we face the day to day events that bring the reality of war to our doorstep we celebrate the mercy and grace of God. There has been prayer at midnight in the Air Traffic Controllers tower. There has been a praise and shout of salvation at a guard post. There has been divine appointment after divine appointment. What a time to celebrate Christ, to preach His Word, and to birth new souls into the Kingdom. Once again thank you for being so very supportive and prayerful. I know God has heard for we have been spared."*



The [National Prayer Center](#) (NPC) recently streamlined its Web site in an effort to make the site more user-friendly and highlight new prayer resources. **John Maempa** ('75) serves as director of the NPC and **James Meredith** ('95) assistant director and resource development coordinator.

John B. Johnson ('79/'80) pastors Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Altus, OK and serves as adjunct instructor of Philosophy and Religion at Western Oklahoma State College.

Senior Chaplain **John Houser** ('83/'84) and his wife Barbara minister at Kirkland Reception and Evaluation Center in Columbia, South Carolina. In 2006, the Houser's saw over 2,873 conversions and rededications through their ministry.

Lori O'Dea ('91/'02) (small groups pastor at The Oaks Fellowship in Red Oaks, Texas) will present "Building a Biblical Worldview," during the national

Girls Ministries Department leadership training event at General Council. Lori co-wrote the material with George P. Wood (pastor of Living Faith Center in Santa Barbara, California).

Michael ('01) and **Pamela** ('01) **Berkowitz**, nationally appointed with Chi Alpha at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, visited AGTS with members of their Chi Alpha Group.



Dr. Mark V. Wootton ('03) has been named the vice president of college advancement at Central Bible College, Springfield, Missouri.



Moon Chai ('03) and husband Dennis Thong welcomed Thong Gwong Yih (whose name means light and righteousness) on Tuesday, July 3rd. He weighed 8.2 lbs.

Abate Bitew ('05) began his doctoral studies at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, OK.

Jerrod Ramirez ('05) was recently selected as a Navy Chaplain for the Reserves.

James ('06) and Rachel **Courter** are preparing to serve in Haiti in the area of healthcare evangelism, church and leadership development and compassion ministries.



Brent ('07) and **Amanda** ('07) **Fairchild** welcomed Elliana Grace on the 4th of July, at 7:03 p.m. She was 22" long and weighed 9 pounds and 8 ounces.

Mark Schaeufele ('07) was elected as Lead Pastor of New Life Assembly of God, Mt. Gilead, OH. His wife **Tina** ('03) is also an AGTS alum.


Send Us Your News

We want to hear from you! Send your latest news and photos for possible publication in the *Alumni E-Newsletter* and/or *Rapport*. Include your address, e-mail, and telephone number. E-mail it to alumni@agts.edu or send it to the AGTS Alumni Office 1435 N. Glenstone Ave., Springfield, MO 65802.

Upcoming Events

August 7-11 General Council, Indianapolis

Join us for these enriching pre-General Council seminars in Indianapolis:

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- **Do You Know Your Neighbor? The Growth of Islam in America**
 - **Biblical Exposition: Foundations for Pentecostal Preaching**
 - **Women in Leadership Track: Leading with Courage in a Changing World**

Visit www.ag.org for more information.

August 27 AGTS Fall Classes begin

August 30 Convocation Service, 10:30 a.m. at AGTS
You are invited to attend this special service.

Refer Students: Know someone who may be interested in attending AGTS? Contact the Enrollment Office at info@agts.edu or call 1-800-467-2487.