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Keeping Alumni Connected



Thousands of pastors, missionaries, and laity will gather in August in Indianapolis for the 34th General Council of the AG. This year's theme is "**IMPACT!**" At AGTS, scarcely a day goes by that we don't hear incredible stories of how God is using alumni to make a worldwide impact! In the summer *Rapport*, Editor Jennifer Hall ('04) highlights several heart-wrenching stories where alumni are making a difference.

Tell us what God is doing in your area of the world. Email your stories, news, ministry updates, recent publications or degrees, and photos to alumni@agts.edu.

Hope you can join us for the Alumni Reception at General Council. *We want to keep you connected!*

Alumni News

Donald Smeeton ('77) is the director of libraries at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, VA. In addition to supervising Hartzler Library, the main campus library, he oversees the Menno Simons Historical Library and Archives that contains more than 36,000 Mennonite related titles dating from 1501 to the present.

Carol Taylor ('78) is the new provost at Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, CA.

Sandra (Clopine) Drake ('79) retired from active chaplaincy. She recently married Rev. David Drake and they minister in their local church and at Maranatha Village in Springfield.

Gary Lundblad ('79) was honored by True West Magazine as the 2007 True West Reader's Choice Best Living Western Poet.

Rodney White ('88) launched the "Investing in Futures" ministry (www.investinginutures.org) which coaches national church leaders on becoming more effective missions sending agencies. He also leads missions teams to assist national pastors and missionaries.

Barbara Strickland ('89, '07) has served for years in Latin America and just completed the D.Min. Her work with the problem of sexual abuse in Honduras has opened up tremendous opportunities for needed ministry in a setting where this tragedy is often overlooked.

Tonya Waechter, ('97) a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, leads a ministry with her dad called Listening Ears, Healing Hearts, Inc. This ministry goes into churches and trains facilitators in leading both healing and cell groups. She also teaches at Capital Bible College in Sacramento, CA. (www.lehh.org).

Lewis Sherman ('01) pastored an International Church in Sweden. He currently lives in Jerusalem and works with a ministry at Christ Church where hundreds of Israelis visit every month to study history.

Larry Cooper ('04) was awarded "The James P. Damos Award" in March 2007 by the Missouri Victim Assistance Network for chaplaincy ministry and volunteer work with local crisis teams. This award honors professionals in the fields of law enforcement, social services, and the judicial systems.

Tony Adu-Sarkodie ('05) recently planted a church in the South Bronx, El Shaddai Assembly of God. Tony also pastored in Israel for many years.

Jarrid Younkin ('05) has accepted the position of academic dean at Christian Life College in Stockton, CA.

Brent Fairchild ('07) intended to be a children's pastor. But God opened a door for him to work in a pediatric ward of a Springfield hospital and he began using his ministry skills to help the most vulnerable of children. He is going to Cincinnati to a prestigious children's hospital to serve a residency in pediatric hospital chaplaincy.

Ron Summers ('07) has served in Africa and India as a veteran missionary. He recently completed his D.Min. degree and is now headed to Belgium to lead International Christian Center which ministers to the global community in Brussels.

Quotable

"Make no mistake, the missionary venture of the Church, no matter how well planned, how finely administrated, or how fully supported, would fall like any other vast human enterprise, were it not where human instrumentality leaves off, a blessed ally takes over. It is the Holy Spirit that calls, it is the Holy Spirit that inspires, it is the Holy Spirit that reveals, and it is the Holy Spirit that administers."

-- J. Philip Hogan

What's New? Intercultural Ministries Classroom



Drs. Paul & Dene Wood

On Friday, June 15, at 2 p.m., the AGTS community will celebrate the completion of the new technologically savvy Intercultural Ministries Classroom. You probably remember those old black chairs with removable arm desks and long tables dating back to the 1970's. Seeing the urgent need to update classrooms, Dr. Paul Wood spearheaded efforts with President Klaus to transform classroom 229. A generous donation from the Hyllberg Memorial Fund, chaired by AGTS alumnae **Dr. Barbara Cavaness**

about this new development:

How was this project initiated?

"As missionary educators, Dene and I are committed to helping equip missionaries and national leaders to fulfill the *Missio Dei*. The classroom designated for intercultural studies was seriously challenged functionally and esthetically. Conference tables were needed to replace student desks and appropriate technology to enhance learning. The launching of the new Doctor of Missiology program added urgency to this project."

What are some of the unique features of this room?



"It includes state-of-the-art technology and equipment: a computer and laser printer, 3500-lumen video projector, motorized projection screen, white board, document camera, a write-on projection panel, wireless and wired network and internet connection, and an amplification system with stereo quality sound. Power for notebook computers ups. Power and data lines are conditioned to prevent distortion. The seamless coordination of the technology is automated through a single control panel."

What do you believe will be the greatest benefit of this classroom?

"This classroom provides a learning environment appropriate for adult learners and equipped to enhance effective learning. Students and professors will meet around an array of conference tables as a "community of learners" to hear what the Spirit is saying, envision and strategize for building the Lord's church, and process data essential for 21st Century leaders. Awareness, growth, understanding, and kingdom strategies flow out of this dynamic.

This room can also be used to extend learning experiences to students via internet access. In the near future, those studying at AGTS will interact with missionaries and church leaders around the world from this classroom in real time."

Concluding Comments and Challenge

"The development of this classroom was a team accomplishment. Before submitting a written proposal to President Klaus, we secured a funding commitment and enlisted a team of skilled people at AGTS to bring about this transformation. The Hyllberg family contributed the funds needed to make the dream of a well equipped Intercultural Classroom a reality!

Six other classrooms urgently need to be updated. We pray that interested churches, friends, and alumni will commit to helping us make other dreams of transforming those classrooms a reality."

For further information, please contact Paul Wood, Paul Martinez or Dorothea Lotter at alumni@agts.edu or call 417-268-1022.

Note: Drs. Paul and Dene Wood are foreign missionaries, assigned to AGTS as part of their missionary ministry, and supported exclusively through AGWM.

Connect with President Klaus

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

June 30- July 3	Minnesota District Family Camp Lake Geneva Camp, Alexandria, MN
July 31- August 3	Andean Missionary Retreat, Waxahachie, TX
August 6-11	General Council, Indianapolis, IN



Doctoral Programs at AGTS



Focusing on your ministry context and personal growth, the doctoral programs at AGTS are more than degrees – they are journeys of personal transformation that will change your life and ministry forever.

Contact the Doctoral Office at 1-800-467-2487, ext. 1082 for more information.

Doctor of Ministry

A 30-credit, non-resident program with four customization options: Missional Leadership, Biblical Preaching, Military Chaplaincy or Self-Designed Study.

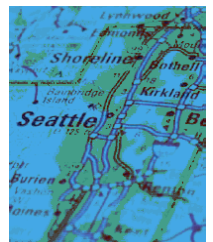
Doctor of Missiology

A 48-credit, non-resident program with two customization options: Intercultural Studies or Christian Relief and Development.

New Northwest D.Min. Branch

Beginning in 2008, AGTS will offer the Doctor of Ministry degree on the campus of Northwest University (NWU) in Kirkland, Wash.

Dr. Kent Ingle ('02), NWU's School of Ministry director, will serve as branch coordinator. The AGTS/NWU partnership will allow easier access for West Coast and Pacific Rim participants and offer greater flexibility to current participants all over the country.



Books and Publications

Dr. Randy Walls ('97, '04), AGTS director of continuing education and adjunct professor, recommends a look at the following books:

***Lead Like Jesus* by Ken Blanchard & Phil Hodges** rehearses Jesus' well-known leadership principles, but it does so in a fresh way, so it's worth the read. And...with Blanchard and Hodges wealth of leadership experience and knowledge, they do a great job of connecting it with real life leadership.

***Preaching with All You've Got* by David Day** offers great insights on "incarnational" communication in your ministry. He suggests that preaching

is best practiced when the preacher “embodies the word” by *becoming* the message, incorporating personal transparency, imaginative storytelling, enlightening metaphor, and vivid imagery in the sermon. Here’s a book that emphasizes the “life changing” power of proclaiming the Word of God.

Dr. Melody Palm ('96), AGTS director of counseling programs and associate professor of counseling psychology, recommends:

Tim Kimmel, *Grace Based Parenting: Set your family free* (W. Publishing Group, Nashville, TN, 2004). Max Lucado says, “Do yourself and your family a favor. Read this book.” *Grace Based Parenting* is an insightful and practical book that deals with the question, “*Why well-meaning parenting falls short?*” Each chapter contains thought provoking discussion questions and insightful biblical truths. Do *you* need more grace in your life? Do you want your child to experience more grace?” If so, this is a must read.

NEWLY PUBLISHED!

Paul Zinter ('98) has written a new book on Divine Healing entitled ***A Time to Heal: The Biblical Ministry of Divine Healing***. [Click here](#) for more information on ordering.

Dr. Mario Guerreiro, AGTS director of enrollment management wrote an article for the summer 2007 **Enrichment Journal** entitled ***Beyond The Color Line: Models Of Racial Integration***. The article looks at the pros and cons of various models of racial integration that are being employed in Pentecostal churches across the United States as well as their applicability in various ministry contexts.

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Searching the internet is a task we do often without much thought. Now internet users can earn one cent for the AGTS Pentecostal Leaders Fund each time they use the new GoodSearch.com search engine.

One penny doesn't sound like much, but just 100 friends of AGTS using GoodSearch.com four times a day will generate \$1,500 in one year.

- Go to www.goodsearch.com
- In the “Who do you GoodSearch for?” field, type AGTS and hit “Verify” and proceed with your search
- You can even add GoodSearch to your browser’s toolbar.

Graduation photos

The candid photos taken at this year's graduation events are available for viewing at <http://www.extraordinaryimage.com/pricing/>. You can order prints from the photographer through the contact information on that website.

Auction Outcome



A special thanks to everyone who participated in AGTS' first online auction to benefit the Del Tarr Scholarship Fund for worldwide evangelism. According to the Development Office, almost \$2,000 was added to the Fund.

Upcoming Events



Join us for the AGTS Alumni Reception at General Council in Indianapolis

- Wednesday, August 8, 2007
after the evening service
9 p.m.
- Marriott Indianapolis
Downtown

52nd General Council August 7-11



Register for the Pre-General Council Leadership Seminars at www.ag.org. AGTS will also offer a graduate credit option for any of the pre-General Council seminars. Call 1-800-467-AGTS, ext. 1044 for details.

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

Do You Know Your Neighbor? The Growth of Islam in America
with Dr. Mark Hausfeld

Biblical Exposition: Foundations for Pentecostal Preaching
with Dr. Doug Oss

Women in Leadership Track: Leading with Courage in a Changing World with Susanne Cox, Dr. Eve Fenton, Kate Gordon, June Lui, Dr. Lori O'Dea, Dr. Carolyn Tennant, Dr. April Westbrook

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