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Keeping Alumni Connected



Rod ('99) and **Sherry Boyd**, AGWM missionaries to Panama working with Latin America ChildCare, celebrate Christmas with the 4th-grade class at Jehovah Jireh Good Shepherd School in Pedregal, Panama.

**Thank you for your prayerful support as we
send men and women around the world to
fulfill God's redemptive mission.
May He richly bless you in the coming year.
Merry Christmas!**

President Byron D. Klaus



Dr. Gary McGee is with His Lord



President Byron Klaus shared today, "I have just come from the McGee home. Our friend and colleague Dr. Gary McGee has gone to be with His Lord. He had returned to his home, under hospice care, less than 24 hours ago. He rested peacefully through the night as did Alice and their daughters. Services will be held this weekend. When these details are confirmed we will let you know via the [website](#). There will be two services, one led by Pastor Charlie Arsenault of Evangel Temple and one for our AGTS community. We are grateful for a

life that has reflected Christ's Kingdom so brightly. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Our friend is with His Lord."

What's New?

Scholarships Urgently Needed for January

A declining U.S. economy has resulted in less money to fund AGTS student scholarships. **For the first time, 72 students are still on the waiting list for January!** Can you help by sending a year-end gift? All gifts, regardless of size, designated for the *AGTS Pentecostal Leaders Fund* will be used 100% for scholarships. **Just think—if 1,000 alumni gave \$50, together alumni could raise \$50,000 in new scholarship funds!**

For gifts postmarked or given online by December 31st, we will send a 2008 tax receipt and include your name in the **Rapport** magazine and the AGTS Annual Report. You can make an [online gift](#) now.

Seminary Receives Grant

The Seminary is working hard to increase student scholarships through foundations. AGTS just received a \$25,000 grant from the V. Eugene and Rosalie DeFreitas Charitable Foundation in Saugus, MA. This grant increased their scholarship endowment to \$50,000 to provide financial aid to students preparing or appointed as missionaries to foreign countries.

AGTS Day of Renewal



Pastor Bryan Jarrett from North Place Church, Sachse, TX, is the featured speaker for the *Annual AGTS Day of Renewal* on Thursday, January 29, 2009. This is a day when students, faculty, and staff fast from routine responsibilities to come together to worship and wait on the Lord. AGTS alumni and families are invited to join with us for any of these special services at 9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Books and Publications

AG Women in Ministry e-newsletter

[Let's Fly!](#) by **Dr. Lori O'Dea** ('91/'02).

[Sometimes, It's Who You Know...](#) by **Rosemarie Kowalski** ('03).

Dan Howell ('81), **J. Shoji McGhee** ('07) and **O. Daniel Stanley** ('91) contributed to the *Christian Education Teacher's Reference Manual* produced by the Discipleship Ministries Agency of the AG. This manual is meant to equip teachers with the essential tools of leadership for classroom and small group settings.

More information is available by emailing cetraining@ag.org.

Lois Hodges Oral History Interview

Lois Hodges, the widow of leading Assemblies of God missiologist Melvin L. Hodges (1909-1988), recently celebrated her 100th birthday. **Darrin Rodgers**, ('98) director of the Flower Pentecostal Heritage Center, met with Sister Hodges to record the following oral history [interview](#).

Alumni News

Alexi George ('92) teaches at Faith Theological Seminary and pastors Lifetime Church in India. He recently completed his dissertation for his D.Th. degree in Old Testament through the University of South Africa.



Doug Bursch ('98) launched a new radio program. He hosts "The Fairly Spiritual Show" every Saturday 10-11 a.m., on KGNW 820 AM in Seattle, WA. The show can also be heard on the internet at www.kgnw.com or podcasted through itunes or at www.fairlyspiritual.org.

Darin Lenz ('00) published an article in the *Journal of Religious History*, vol. 32, no. 3 (Sept. 2008): 281-302, entitled "'Visions on the Battlefields': Alexander A. Boddy, Early British Pentecostalism, and the First World War, 1914-1918." Darin is completing his Ph.D. dissertation on George Müller of Bristol that analyzes Müller's impact on world evangelicalism. Darin and his family live in Kirkland, Washington, where he teaches at Northwest University.

Kevin Pearl ('04) is an elementary school teacher and a private tutor in Central Florida. He is also planting a church along with several other professionals. Kevin states, "*It is an interesting project as it is going to be non-denominational church that emphasizes practicing the gifts of the Holy Spirit while maintaining the disciplines of the original Puritans.*"



Tina Green ('06) is children's pastor at West County Assembly of God, in Chesterfield, MO.

Dr. Enson Lwesya ('06) is the associate professor of Intercultural Leadership Studies at All Nations Theological Seminary in Malawi. He is also the editor of their new online journal, *Ethne*, published quarterly. Visit online at <http://www.antsonline.org/Journal.html>.



Congratulations to **Charles Kurth** ('78) winner of the November AGTS Alumni Birthday drawing. Charles received a limited edition alumni mug! Register when you receive the new birthday card (see reverse side).



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*. Email your news and photos to alumni@agts.edu.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 22-26 AGTS closed for Christmas and New Year's Day
Jan. 1

Jan. 20 Dr. DeLonn Rance ('83) will present his final **Hogan Lecture** from 1:30-2:45 p.m. AGTS Chapel



Jan. 29 **AGTS Day of Renewal** with Pastor Bryan Jarrett
Thursday - 9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

March 10-12 **Spring Lectureship Series with Dr. Richard Foth**
Watch for further details on chapel services.

Save the Date!

Aug. 5 **AGTS Alumni Reception**
General Council in Orlando, FL, Wednesday night.



*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!*

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