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Keeping Alumni Connected

AGTS Alums Minister in Haiti



Like most of the nation, we've followed the news reports about the tragedy unfolding in Haiti. Today, there are at least **seven AGTS alumni involved in recovery efforts**, offering hope to suffering Haitians—six military chaplains and one missionary family. Here are a few of their stories and links to complete articles.



LT Jerry D. Durham, CHC, USN ('04)

"The people are suffering from all kinds of injuries," Durham writes. "Many children are coming to us without parents because they were killed in the earthquake . . . Many amputations and severe open wounds covered with gangrene . . ."

Read the complete [article](#) originally reported on the AG website.

LT Brian K. Shearer, CHC, USN ('03)

*The U.S. Navy also comes through with **Chaplain Brian Shearer**. He speaks with the kids and holds a private service, praying over the site and committing their souls to heaven. It is so incredibly sad and you can see the pain in the Chaplain's face the heaviness in his heart. I ask him how he does it and he says it helps people move on and recover and the triumphs keep the sailors going.*



Read the complete [blog](#) originally reported on Fox News.



LT. Marlin L. Williams, CHC, USN ('06)

Chaplain Williams wrote down a few of his experiences while serving at a clinic aiding the injured in the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake.

Read the complete [article](#) originally reported on the AG website.

Also serving in Haiti . . .



Air Force
Chaplain,
Capt,
**Eusebia
D. Rios**
('02)



Army
Chaplain
(MAJ)
**Bradford A.
Baumann**
('97)



Navy CDR
**Lofton C.
Thornton**,
CHC, USN
('95)



Missionaries **James** and Rachael **Courter** ('06) founded **ARISE** Haiti ministries in 2008. By 30 minutes, James narrowly missed being crushed in the five-story Caribbean Market that saw massive loss of life. They live on the Southern coast of Haiti in the community of Gelèe Beach just

outside of Les Cayes, the 3rd largest city in Haiti. James is a licensed physical therapist and minister. Rachael is a physician assistant and the director of the *Arise Haiti Medical Ministries*. Visit their [website](#).

If you would like to [donate](#) to AG Haiti Relief Efforts, click on the link provided.

What's New?

New Issue of Rapport

The latest Rapport magazine will be mailed to homes in February. It describes the passions that define AGTS. Look for these great articles:

The Heart of AGTS

President Byron Klaus describes the "heart" of AGTS as we believe the Spirit has shaped it over its 37-year history. Check out the historical retrospective of AGTS.

Big shoes to fill? No Problem!

A focus on alumni who are doing great things and students or recent graduates who may pick up where they left off.

Our DNA

Exploring the core values embraced by the AGTS Community.

Chaplaincy Spotlight

Chaplain **Keith Wright** ('84) talks about his role of coordinating support after the Fort Hood shooting.

Spring Lectureship Series Available



Dr. Christopher J. H. Wright, guest speaker for our recent Lectureship Series, is the international director of the Langham Partnership International. He is the chair of the Lausanne Committee's Theology Working Group and chair of the Theological Resource Panel of TEAR Fund, a leading Christian relief and development charity.

Listen to the Lectures

Speaker	Occasion & Date Presented	Download (Download Help)
Dr. Christopher Wright	Headquarters Chapel Service	http://ag.org/top/
Spring Lectureship	<i>Who are We and What are We Here for? The Identity and Calling of God's People</i>	Download mp3
Spring Lectureship	<i>Isaiah 52: 7-10</i>	Download mp3
Spring Lectureship	<i>Who does God Love? The Love of God, the Cross of Christ and the Church's Mission</i>	Download mp3
Spring Lectureship	<i>Numbers 14 & Deuteronomy 1</i>	Download mp3
Spring Lectureship	<i>The Mission of God</i>	Download mp3
Spring Lectureship	<i>Whole Gospel, Whole Church, Whole World</i>	Download mp3

AGTS Partners with Shapes Mentoring Program



The seminary staff and faculty provided and delivered Christmas baskets with a holiday meal for ten families associated with the Shapes Mentoring Program, which is directed by **Jeff Dorn** ('99). The program focuses on working with children of incarcerated parents.

For more information on the [Shapes Program](#), visit online.

Fun in the Snow?



Springfield experienced freezing temperatures and snow in the early part of January. A few intrepid souls took advantage of the winter weather to hone their snowball throwing skills.

Connect with President Klaus

Dr. Byron Klaus will be at the following events:

- Feb. 7 Preaching, Central Assembly of God
Springfield, MO
- Feb. 10-12 Financial Viability Conference sponsored by
the Association of Theological Schools
Pittsburgh, PA
- Feb. 17-18 AGTS Board of Directors meeting
Springfield, MO



Visit www.byronklaus.com for additional resources and pod-casts.

Books and Publications

Newly Revised Alumni Bookshelf



The newly revised [Alumni Bookshelf](#) is now available online. Check out books written by AGTS graduate alums. If you'd like to add your published book to the list, email us at alumni@agts.edu.

Constant Forward Motion-The Running of the Lymphoma Ultra Series by Craig Burns



Craig, an AGTS continuing education student and cancer survivor, has written a book about his amazing journey into the world of ultra-marathons. Faced with a lymphoma cancer diagnosis, Craig began a faith journey with God that led him to compete in some of the most grueling physical events of his life, a series of marathons through which he raised over \$30,000 for world missions.

Alumni News

Ralph Adcock ('88/'02) will be teaching a graduate class in Conflict Management in Georgetown, Guyana, for Global University.



Bill Kirsch, ('88/04) director of Africa's Hope, traveled to several Africa countries to help facilitate ongoing training needs. In São Tomé, the AG leadership invited him to assist with the training of pastors.

Bill is also the field moderator for Gabon and spent five days assisting the leadership. He spent three weeks in Togo teaching two courses at the Pan Africa Theological Seminary (PATHS).



Promotion to LTC 9-09

Kwon Pyo ('88) is stationed in Daegu, Korea as the Garrison Chaplain. He reports, *"I'm happy to be back in my native country...I enjoy my ministry in Korea, building bridges between our soldiers and local Korean Churches, orphanages, community leaders, and charity organizations."*

*Being bilingual greatly enhances my scope of ministry. As senior pastor of the Protestant congregation, I can lead God's people with skillful hands. The numerical growth of the congregation has caused the happy problem of overcrowding. I am currently working on a chapel expansion project. **God's Spirit is moving in a mighty way in Daegu, Korea."***



Greg Read ('94) is in his sixth year of teaching at Laurel High School where he is the faculty sponsor of the 1st Priority Club. He is the pastor of Christian Education at Christ's Church in Laurel, MS which is a multi-ethnic, inner-city church with ministry to all ages.

Joseph Pridgen ('99) plans to retire from the Army in April 2010 and begin hiking the Appalachian Trail with his daughter and son in March (all 2,179 miles!). He plans to use the experience to publish a book.

Dave Godzwa ('00), AGWM missionary to Mexico, finished the Bass Pro Marathon in 3:37:52 - his best time ever.



Jackie ('04) and Bob **Braswell**, AGWM missionaries to South Africa are living in Cape Town and working with the faculty, staff, and students at Cape Theological Seminary. Plans for 2010 include teaching, including an unusual MA session on top of the BA session. He plans to start a neighborhood Bible study to reach out to their neighbors.



Stephan ('06) and **Alaine** ('05) **Buchanan** are stationed at Ft. Lewis in Washington. Stephan will be deploying to Iraq in March. He has been busy counseling, being a pastor to seven companies (about 500 soldiers and their families) and serving on the pastoral staff of Chapel Next. Alaine spent the last few months focusing on Ph.D. studies and leading a Bible study on Isaiah for Protestant Women of the Chapel.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 3-4 **AGTS Legacy Chapels**
Featuring Dr. Stanley M. Horton
 Feb. 3 - 2-3:15 p.m.
 Feb. 4 - 11:00-12:15



Feb. 5 **Girls Night Out Chinese Style**
 Women's Fellowship Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
 AGTS Great Hall
 RSVP attendance to ndavies@agts.edu



Feb. 20 AGTS will host a **PREPARE/ENRICH** certification Workshop, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Feb. 22-26 **Spring Study Week**
 March 4-6 **Society for Pentecostal Studies Meeting**
 North Central University (Minneapolis, MN)

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