

AGTS Unveils Degree Completion Program

In January of 2004, AGTS successfully launched the first cohort of the Master of Arts in Theological Studies Degree Completion Program. This new delivery system offers a convenient way for students to earn a master's degree without leaving full-time jobs or ministries.



Classes meet one night a week and can be completed in 18-22 months. Participants focus on one course at a time, each lasting five weeks.

Dorothea Lotter, director of Admissions, Records and Financial Aid, was the driving force behind the development of this new program. "The response has been overwhelming," said Dorothea, "and the momentum continues to grow. Ministers, missionaries, married couples, church

leaders and lay people are requesting preliminary evaluations to begin the program this year or in 2005."

The program seems particularly beneficial to itinerating missionaries and evangelists, because the Thursday evening schedule allows them to maintain their weekend and mid-week travel schedules.

Dorothea continued, "We are seeing a hunger for graduate education in biblical and theological studies by experienced

people involved in full-time ministry." One teacher said, "At this point in my life, I want a deeper knowledge of the Bible for my own personal growth as well as my ministry in the church. This master's program appears to meet both of my goals." ■

Applications are being accepted now for programs beginning in May, September and January. Contact AGTS for preliminary evaluation (ldrew@aGts.edu). For more information visit www.aGts.edu or call 1-800-467-aGts or 417-268-1023.

AGTS Strikes Deal with SAGU

Representatives from AGTS together with Southwestern Assemblies of God University's (SAGU) administration signed a joint agreement on November 10, 2003, at SAGU in Waxahachie, Texas, detailing collaboration between the two schools.

In chapel that day, Dr. Robert Harden, dean of SAGU's Harrison School of Graduate Studies, introduced the guests

from AGTS, recognizing SAGU's ties with the seminary and highlighting the benefits of the agreement. The agreement grants preference to SAGU students transferring into AGTS' Master of Divinity program in pursuit of their Doctor of Ministry, and ensures that all 36 credit hours from SAGU's Masters in Bible and Theology will be accepted. SAGU alumni will also receive a 10% tuition discount.



SAGU President Kermit Bridges and AGTS President Byron D. Klaus sign the agreement.

Following the signing, Dr. Byron D. Klaus, president of AGTS, addressed the SAGU student body, "I believe the future is bright in our fellowship, and you are the reason it's bright." ■



Esteemed Professor Honored

Dr. Billie C. Davis retired from teaching after the fall 2003 semester. AGTS gratefully congratulates Dr. Davis for a lifetime of intellectual exploration, creative writing, inspirational example, tireless teaching, missional endeavor, audacious humility and leadership. 📌

Three AGTS Educators Receive Awards

Three AGTS community members were honored by the Assemblies of God Commission on Christian Higher Education (COCHE) at the 50th annual General Council on July 31, 2003, in Washington D.C.

Mrs. Dorothea Lotter, director of Admissions, Records and Financial Aid, received the Omicron Alpha Distinguished Administrator Award. For



31 years Dorothea has served the seminary with consummate skill, diligence and commitment while maintaining a Christ-like attitude toward her colleagues and students. She has played a vital role in the technological advancement of the Records Office and in the self-studies that led to the seminary's accreditation.

Dr. Benny Aker, professor of New Testament and Exegesis, received the Delta Alpha Distinguished Educator

Award. Benny has served the seminary since 1990 and has taught at universities around the world. He has proven himself to be of sterling character and impeccable reputation, significantly influencing his students both in their academic and spiritual development.



Dr. Paul Wood, Global Missions Department chairperson and professor of Missions, was honored with the Delta Sigma award for over 25 years of faithful service to AGTS and other A/G academic institutions. Paul was instrumental in the establishment of the AGTS Global Missions Track that provides overseas educational and ministry opportunities for students. 📌



AGTS Board Member Presented with Medal of Honor



Agustin (Augie) V. Lopez, AGTS board member, was presented with the General Superintendent's Medal of Honor during a ceremony at General Council, August 2, 2003. The award is granted to "outstanding laypersons of the Assemblies of God who have distinguished themselves through meritorious service to God, the church, community, and fellow citizens."

Augie and his wife, Dina, have owned and operated a real estate brokerage firm for 32 years. He serves on several ministry boards including Vanguard University, Latin American Bible Institute and the Commission on Christian Higher Education. The General Council newspaper, *The Council Today*, stated, "Augie has used his gifting in the area of real estate to help numerous churches, coming to the defense of smaller churches—many times giving of his time, without remuneration." 📌