



Jesus Shall Reign

The lyrics of hymns reveal the heart and soul of an era. Take, for example, Isaac Watts' hymn *Jesus Shall Reign*. The obvious goal and motivation of that era was that "Jesus shall reign where 'er the sun, does its successive journeys run. His kingdom spread from shore to shore till moons shall wax and wane no more." While the language is not typical of the 21st century, I still love to sing these songs because they connect me to the common ground I have with those Christian forbearers. I still long to see "Jesus reign" and "His kingdom spread from shore to shore." While the music changes, the passion to take the Gospel across barriers of all types is still the call to Spirit-empowered Christians.

That timeless motivation to see "Jesus reign" is alive and well at AGTS. Our alumni are on the front lines of the great offensive that the Spirit of God is empowering today. Hundreds of missionary alumni take the Gospel across geographical and ethnic barriers. They risk their lives and sacrifice stability of life in the United States to see Jesus reign. National leaders by the score have studied at AGTS and returned to their nations to lead growing churches that are outstripping the Pentecostal church here in America, and are no longer the subject of our missionary efforts, but partners in further mission to "regions beyond."

Our military chaplains are on the front lines of battle and reaping a harvest among spiritually hungry military personnel. A new wave of church planters is emerging at AGTS. They are fearless and committed to sacrificial, Spirit-empowered witness to sub-cultures and generations of people who are hungry for spiritual encounter, yet clueless about the Jesus with whom one encounter can transform lives. Our conferences and creative study programs are enriching the lives of pastors across this nation to lead revitalized congregations.

It is a good day to be at AGTS. I long to see what God is going to do through the emerging Pentecostal leaders whom God is shaping here. Jesus is reigning and shall reign, and the leadership formed at AGTS is front and center in that eternal cause. ■

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Byron D. Klaus". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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