



ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES



AGTS Chaplains Reconnect

The AG Chaplains Conference in Springfield, Mo., August 2006, was a prime opportunity to reconnect with fellow alumni. Over 95 of the more than 300 military and institutional chaplains present were graduates of AGTS.

"It was exciting to see alumni from as far back as the 70s," said Dorothea Lotter, director of institutional and alumni relations, "and to hear their passionate stories about how God is using them in strategic leadership roles around the world."

Correction from Summer 2006 issue:

Grace Salazar (1987) is pastor of Luz Para Las Naciones (not Centro Cristiano Casablanca) in Little Havana, Miami, Fla.

Eddie and Maria Rivero are senior pastors of Centro Cristiano Casablanca.

Class of 1974

Jim and Kathleen Powers are missionaries working with Latin America ChildCare as coordinators of the V.I.P. Network.

Class of 1975



Barbara Cavaness

Barbara Cavaness is a missionary teaching missions in Bible schools throughout the Asia Pacific. She is also an adjunct professor at AGTS.

Class of 1976



David and Dorothy Chen

David Chen works with Gospel Operation International, a missionary-sending agency in Burlingame, Calif. He is in charge of field support and training.

Dan and Candace Saglimbeni, missionaries to Rwanda, teach at a Bible school and help plant churches.

Robert Turnbull speaks in churches throughout Latin America, France and in the U.S., and resides in Virginia Beach, Va.

Class of 1977

Robert Elliott is a retired Southeastern University professor. He continues to preach, teach adult Sunday school classes and serve as the chaplain for the Royal Rangers program in Lakeland, Fla.

Richard Varnell is executive pastor at Desert MultiChurch, a church plant in Thousand Palms, Calif. He is also president of Palm Desert Tax and Bookkeeping, a service designed for ministers and churches.

Donald Yoshida pastors Bethany AG in Aiea, Hawaii. He also serves as the presbyter for the Central/Leeward Section of the Hawaii District.



Following the Prez

(Above) Alumni missionaries at a CIS/Baltics missionary retreat, June 2006.

Class of 1978

Arthur Henderson ministered with Open Bible Standard Churches for 57 years, including 15 years as a missionary to Jamaica. He is now retired and leads a seniors ministry in Kearney, Neb.

Vernon and Marjorie Metz are retired missionaries active in their church in North Richland Hills, Texas.

Class of 1980

John Johnson pastors Glad Tidings AG in Altus, Okla. He is also adjunct instructor of philosophy at Western Oklahoma State College.

Class of 1981

Donald Carroll has been pastor of Osceola Church of the Brethren in Osceola, Ind., since 1995.



Manuel Cordero

Manuel Cordero retired in August 2006 from the Federal Bureau of Prisons where he served as a chaplain for more than 23 years. He has been appointed the new correctional ministry representative for the AG Chaplaincy Department.

Class of 1982

Donovan and Kathy Barron, missionaries to Europe, are based in Brussels, Belgium. Donovan is a theology and missiology lecturer at Continental Theological Seminary.

John and Gay Davis serve as missionaries with the Institute for Ministry Development in South Dakota where they train Native Americans.

Class of 1983

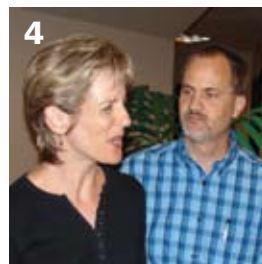
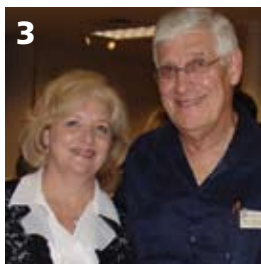
Clinton Caszatt is an Army chaplain with the 101st Airborne Division and the senior pastor of Community Chapel, in Ft. Campbell, Ky.



African missionaries Bill and Peggy (both M.A. 1978) Lasley (left) with two visiting AG leaders from Burkina Faso and President Klaus.



President and Mrs. Klaus (right) pictured with John (M.A. 1987) and Faith Higgins (left), veteran missionaries to India and Dr. Ivan and Sheila Satyavrata, pastors of Mark Buntain Memorial Church AG in Kolkata, India.



First Missionary Alumni Social a Great Success

In July AGTS hosted an event for alumni attending School of Missions. More than 125 people filled the Great Hall at AGTS to visit with classmates, faculty and staff. Alumni present included:

1. Andrew Ratz (M.A. 2006) and his wife, Nancy, missionaries to Moldova.
2. David and Becky (Guynes) Smith (both M.A. 1979), missionaries to Kenya.
3. Bill Strickland (M.A. 1980), missionary and director of AGWM Construction, Planning and Development and his wife Barbara (M.A. 1989), an AGTS D.Min. participant.
4. Randy Tarr, (M.A. 1994), president of West Africa Advanced School of Theology, Togo, and West Africa regional director.

President Klaus commented, "Leaders like this demonstrate the significant impact our efforts have had on the missionary efforts of the AG. Over 1,300 AG missionaries have studied at AGTS."

Class of 1984

Cherri Mormino is executive director of Indiana Post Adoptions Network.

Class of 1986

Don Bowman passed away on August 1, 2006, after battling cancer. He pastored churches in Litchfield and Granite Falls, Minn., and served as Minnesota District youth and Christian education director. For nine years he was a missionary in Ghana.

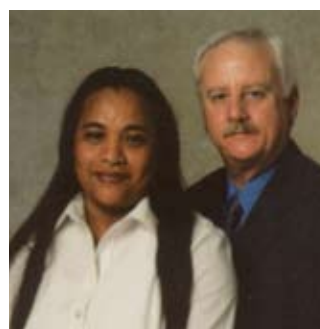
Eugene Hunt and his wife, Carolyn, are missionaries to Latin America and the Caribbean based in Costa Rica. In July, they returned to DeSoto, Texas, for a year of itineration.



Glen Smith and Family

Glen and Karen Smith are missionaries to the Sahel Region of Africa. Glen is writing curriculum that will include language learning, Islamic studies, missions theory and Christian spirituality.

Class of 1987



Norried and Doris Chaisson

Norried and Doris Chaisson have been assigned to serve as missionaries to the Republic of Nauru, an island nation in the South Pacific.

Class of 1988

William Barefield is the senior Army chaplain for Arlington National Cemetery.

Paul Hansen is family pastor at Columbia Heights AG in Longview, Wash.

Jack Klugh completed a doctor of ministry in pastoral counseling and psychotherapy at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

Catching up with Del and Dolly Tarr



Del Tarr, past president of AGTS (1990-1999), and his wife, Dolly (M.A. 1982), celebrated 52 years of ministry and marriage this year. They continue to minister around the world as specially-appointed missionaries spending five to six months a year overseas at AG graduate institutions.

Del also serves as administrator of Capital Bible College, a school affiliated with Capital Christian Center in Sacramento, Calif.



Lauren Orchard and FamilyDr.

Lauren Orchard earned his doctor of ministry from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in May 2006.

Class of 1989

Edward and Faith Ferguson have completed 38 years as missionaries to Ghana, the Netherlands, Japan and the United States. They are now pastors of the AG military church on the Vogelweh Air Force Base in Germany.

Kc Kopaska is developing a ministry to Native Americans to serve reservation churches. He is also the chaplain for the Clever, Mo., Fire District.



Priscilla Mondt

Priscilla Mondt retired last year after 31 years of military service. She is a Bronze Start and Legion of Merit recipient. She is currently pursuing grant writing for various home missions endeavors.

Class of 1991

Dr. Johnson

Dr. Johnson, missionary to Thailand and J. Philip Hogan professor of world missions at AGTS, received his Ph.D. from Oxford Centre for Mission Studies (University of Wales).

Class of 1994

Lon Calloway, a former pastor, presbyter and missionary to Nigeria, began his ministry at age 20. At age 84, he is now semi-retired in Springfield, Mo.



Hartensveld (right) and missionary Terry Paschal stand in the rubble of a junior high school that lost 20% of its student population. Hartensveld's team rebuilt this school in May 2006.

Missionary Alumnus Leads Tsunami Relief Efforts

Since 1990, Jeff Hartensveld (M.A. 1989) and his wife, Liz, have been missionary church planters in Indonesia—the world's largest Muslim nation.

After the devastating tsunami hit Indonesia and many parts of Asia in 2004, Indonesia alone lost nearly 200,000 people. Jeff asked God what he should do. "I felt compelled to respond," says Jeff. "Initially I went up there with AG World Missions Asia Pacific Regional Director Russ Turney (M.A. 1976) to see what we could do. The Indonesian Air Force, along with International Co-operative Alliance, sent several tons of food but it wasn't enough. During the first week I flew about 30 rescue missions, some on the USS Abraham

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Class of 1995

Paul Alexander is director of the D.Min. program and professor of theology and ethics at Haggard School of Theology, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, Calif. He is also executive director of the Pentecostal Charismatic Peace Fellowship.

Lawrence Reed is the pastor of family life and staff counselor at First AG in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Class of 1996

Joanna (Grenz) and Mark Barten are directors of Hope Center, a community outreach ministry of Bethel Church AG in Medford, Ore.

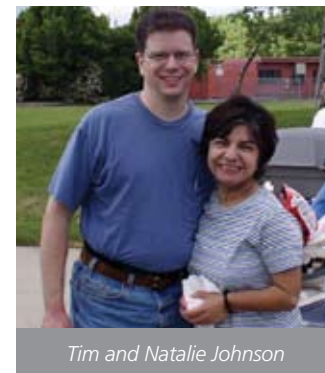
Class of 1997

Tonya Waechter is a licensed marital and family therapist in California. She assesses credential candidates for the Northern California/Nevada District of the AG and is the vice president of Listening Ears, Healing Hearts Ministries. She also teaches in the counseling department at Capital Bible College.

Class of 1999

Edison Bynoe is the adult ministries pastor at Abundant Life Assembly in Barbados. He has published two books: *Meditations, Spiritual Truths for the Family* and *The Church on the Edge of Destiny*.

Floyd and Pam (2004) Frey are AG World Missions area directors for Mexico.



Tim and Natalie Johnson

Tim Johnson is an assistant pastor at Mars-Hill, a church plant in Fairfield, Calif.

Tracey Lane is the reference librarian at Colorado Christian University in Lakewood, Colo.

Class of 2001

Kevin and Annie Folk are missionaries to Spain.

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Hartensveld (right) and a team member with students in front of a school they are rebuilding.



Lincoln, as a translator. The desperation I witnessed gripped me. Response from the AG around the world was beyond our imagination.

“For the last two years, I have had the opportunity to lead a team that supplies food, temporary survival items and school supplies. We are able to aid in rebuilding livelihoods, provide trauma relief and

David Johns, a retired Marine Lt. colonel, is a licensed professional counselor in Pennsylvania. He is certified in counseling individuals with sexual addictions.

Class of 2002

David Cook is the president of International Bible Center, a Bible school in San Antonio, Texas.



Jonathan and Dusty DiStaulo

Jonathan DiStaulo is the pastor of worship and fine arts and a pastoral counselor at West Congregational Church in Haverhill, Mass.

Kevin and Robin McGee, missionaries, started a church plant in Nairobi, Kenya, in July of 2006.

Class of 2003

Leroy Adams is a substance abuse clinician in Roxbury Crossing, Mass., and is involved in preaching ministry at Glad Tidings AG.

Bob Caldwell presented a paper, “On James Barr,” at the April 2006 meeting of the Central States Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, St. Louis, Mo.

Daniel and Rhonda Davis are associate pastors at Echoes from Calvary Church in Salinas, Calif.



David Nicholson and Family

David Nicholson, missionary, is planting a church in Utah.

Katherine Sobey is pastor of First AG in Orangeburg, S.C.

Class of 2004

Darrell and Dianne Wood are missionary educators in Europe.

Class of 2005

Kevin Chelf is a chaplain at Maxwell AFB, Ala. He pastors the contemporary worship service and is the chaplain to the Medical Group, Airmen Leadership School and base singles. Kevin was promoted to captain in June 2006.



Abu (right) lost his entire family in the tsunami. Hartensveld is helping him rebuild his home and coffee shop.

assist in rebuilding communities. I was once asked, ‘Why haven’t you rebuilt any churches?’ The answer is easy. Before the tsunami there weren’t any in the affected province outside of the provincial capital. We’ve been so privileged these last 21 months to show the kindness and love of Christ. Although I can’t give specifics, we know it is bearing fruit.”

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Monty and Cara Galloway

Monty and Cara Galloway are the assimilation and small groups pastors at Relevant Life Church, Spokane, Wash.



Stephen and Lillian Sparks

Lillian Sparks has written four books for women: *A Quiet Escape*, *Don't Cry for Me*, *Tough Cookie* and *Parents Cry Too*.

Jim and Meg Thacker are missionaries to Burundi.

Faye Tidwell passed away on October 21, 2006, after battling cancer. She and husband Cary have been missionaries in Africa, Europe and the United States since 1970. She taught at Central Bible College and AGTS.

Richard Tow is a partner with the conflict management firm, Hollingsworth, Sanders & Tow, LLC.

Leslie Woodworth-Fudge spent the summer of 2006 in China teaching English as a second language with a group arranged by TeachOverseas.com.

Class of 2006

David Boyd is director of the AG's national Children's Ministries. His wife, Mary, is the national coordinator of the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade.

Maria Bundrick is the client services and volunteer director at the Pregnancy Care Center in Springfield, Mo.



Plagenhoef Family

Kurt and Stephanie Plagenhoef are missionaries to Albania.

Jeff and Michelle Stender are newly appointed missionaries to Madagascar.