

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
MATS Degree Completion Program
Springfield, Missouri

BTHD 501 MISSION OF GOD IN BIBLICAL AND CONTEMPORARY CONTEXTS
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(The November 20th class meets on Tuesday instead of Thursday due to the Holiday.)
(3 credits)

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An examination of the mission of the Church and various models of Christian missions from biblical, theological, and historical perspectives. This interdisciplinary study, integrating theory and praxis, is designed to move the student toward a more responsible understanding, imaging, and proclamation of the Kingdom of God in diverse cultural milieus.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to

1. Present the biblical and theological basis of the mission of the Church in the world.
2. Articulate clearly the Biblical foundation of the missionary task.
3. Identify and discuss contemporary challenges to the realization of Missio Dei.
4. Understand the importance of governance, funding, and strategic guidelines essential to mission sending agencies.
5. Understand the importance of appropriate field based missions strategies.
6. Conceptualize biblically sound guidelines for fulfilling the mission of the Church in one's ministry setting.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Allen, Roland. *Missionary Methods: St. Paul's or Ours?* Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Publishing, 1962. [The Text can be downloaded at: http://www.gospeltruth.net/miss_methods.htm]

Glasser, Arthur F. with Charles E. Van Engen, Dean S. Gilliland, and Shawn B. Redford. *Announcing the Kingdom: The Story of God's Mission in the Bible.* Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2003.

Towns, Elmer and Stetzer, Ed. *Perimeters of Light: Biblical Boundaries for the Emerging church*. Chicago, IL: Moody Publishers, 2004.

York, John V., *Missions in the Age of the Spirit*. Springfield: Logion, 2000.

RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS

Hesselgrave, David J. *Paradigms in Conflict: 10 Key Questions in Christian Missions Today*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Academic & Professional, 2005.

Köstenberger, Andreas J. and O'Brien, Peter T. *Salvation to the Ends of the Earth: A Biblical Theology of Mission*. New Studies in Biblical Theology. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 2001.

METHODOLOGY

The teaching-learning experience will include engaging the lectures, class discussions, learning activities, collateral reading, and the scholarly writing assignment.

COURSE CONTENT - THEMES

- ❖ Missiology: Concepts, Terminology, and Meaning
- ❖ Missio Dei in the Old and New Covenants
- ❖ Contemporary Challenges to Mission(s)
- ❖ Theological Issues and Mission(s)
- ❖ Issues for Sending Agencies: Governance, Funding, Policies
- ❖ Mission Strategies

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

I. Class Participation

Class attendance, preparation, and participation are required. Each class session represents 20% of the total class contact time. Therefore, only a dire emergency should deter one from attending a scheduled class. Any absence will impact the course grade and no student should have more than one absence.

II. Reading

- A. Each of the four textbooks must be thoroughly read for this course.
- B. On or before the due date, submit a statement indicating how thoroughly and completely you read the assigned textbook and the affirmation that the book was read specifically for this course. Sign the report.

III. Internet Reading and Research

- A. Complete a minimum of 5 hours of internet reading and research for this class—excluding Roland Allen’s textbook.
- B. Submit a one-page report of the principal sites consulted, a brief indication of the topics researched, and the actual time spent. Sign your report.

NOTE: An annotated chart of missiological sites is posted on drive Y of the AGTS network under – Wood RP. It can only be accessed from the AGTS library computers. *Through Microsoft Word select the Y Drive, Class Notes, Wood RP.*

IV. Scholarly Paper

- A. Write an 8-to-10-page (double-spaced) scholarly paper focusing on a specific aspect of fulfilling the Mission of God. It may focus on a people group, a religious group, a geographical area, missions strategies, or a type of ministry. The paper should evidence as much depth as possible and have a narrowed focus to avoid superficiality.
- B. A signed statement that the paper was written exclusively for this course should be included. The failure to include this statement will result in a grade reduction.
- C. Each paper should evidence thorough research, good writing, careful documentation, and adherence to the Turabian format, 7th edition.

DUE DATES FOR COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

DUE DATE	ASSIGNMENT
Thursday – November 15, 2007	Report: <i>Missions in the age of the Spirit</i>
Tuesday – November 20, 2007	Report: Announcing the Kingdom...
Thursday – November 29, 2007	Report: Missionary Methods: St. Paul’s...
Thursday – December 6, 2007	Report: Perimeters of Light... Internet Reading and Research Report
Thursday – December 13, 2006	Final Examination Scholarly Paper

NOTE: Assignments submitted after class time on the due date will receive a grade reduction. A \$30.00 fee will be charged to the student’s account for every grade change even if the instructor has approved an extension for completing the work. Any exception to the policy will be made by the registrar.

GRADING PROCEDURE

ASSIGNMENT	GRADE VALUE
Class attendance, preparation, & participation	10%
Reading Reports (4 @ 5% each)	20%
Internet Reading and Research (5%)	5%
Scholarly Paper	30%
Final Examination	35%

Note: Any absence, even legitimate, will result in a grade reduction.

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RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Resource materials are provided and may be accessed on the Y drive.

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