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## Expanding the Borders of Education and Training

Bruce A. Howell

**Y**ou may have heard the analogy of the island of knowledge and the sea of ignorance. It goes like this: “We live on an island surrounded by a sea of ignorance. As our island of knowledge grows, so does the shore of our ignorance.” In other words, the more we learn, the more we become aware of how much we don’t know. It’s an honest acknowledgment of our limitations and the vastness of God’s creation. The thought is credited to John A. Wheeler, a physicist who worked with Einstein. The more he learned, the more questions came up. Has this ever happened when you taught a new convert a Bible study?

“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out!” (Romans 11:33, *New King James Version*). Our human efforts at uncovering wisdom and knowledge are feeble. In the end, people joke, “An expert is one who knows more and more about less and less until he knows everything about nothing.”

None of us can ever learn enough or know enough to be ready for every ministry challenge and opportunity. Despite our limitations, God enables us all to sharpen our sickles and be more profitable servants in the field. As saints of God and as ministers of the gospel, it is our responsibility and privilege “to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18, NKJV). Around the world, our missionaries are educating and training believers for the harvest.

William Turner recently traveled with Mark Shutes and Ray Nicholls to the central Asian nation of Kyrgyzstan. As a result of a ministerial seminar they taught, twelve leaders were baptized in Jesus’ name, six of whom were pastors. Brother Turner wrote, “One young pastor, whom I baptized that week in Jesus’ name, was so inspired by Bro. Shutes’ teaching on how to pray for the sick that he went one evening to the home of a woman whose arm was paralyzed from a stroke and prayed for her in Jesus’ name. The Lord instantly healed her!” One couple, who gave up their university educations and careers to pastor in a small village for a handful of people, had become frustrated in their ministry for many years. This training seminar restored their hope and enthusiasm for their calling.


The Apostle Paul instructed Timothy, “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15, NKJV). Study is certainly involved in this diligence of a Christian worker who correctly handles Scripture. Whether formal or informal, through scholarship or mentoring, God can use the Pauls and Peters of our generation to do His work effectively.

I’m very happy to report to you that as of 2011, throughout the 195 nations of the world where the United Pentecostal Church International is operating, we have 4,773 students

studying in 222 Bible schools. Additionally, 36,377 people were trained in 471 seminars last year, and 1,605 students studied through correspondence. God is helping us to train and educate great numbers of men and women for apostolic ministry. From the 1,722 students who graduated from overseas Bible schools last year has come a fresh army of laborers in the harvest.

Part of our mission statement for Global Missions is to “train messengers.” As we endeavor to fulfill that part of our mandate, a healthy humility about our limitations helps keep us useful to God. None of the New Testament heroes just received training or education as an end to itself. They took what they learned and put it to use in the field. No matter how much the Lord teaches us in practical and spiritual matters, we all strive to keep our focus fixed on the purpose of it all: the seeking and saving of a lost world. That balance of study and action is what keeps our ministry effective and fruitful.

Ken and Ginny Cantrell recently illustrated this balance: “The church in Burkina Faso is aggressively sending the gospel to the north of the country. We have just purchased our first piece of property in Kaya. Pastor John Bapste Nabaloum has begun construction of the church...and will begin services in the city following his Bible school graduation in April.” Richard and Pamela Smoak in Tanzania recently pointed out, “Bible school training is essential to establishing a strong ministry and vital, growing apostolic church.”

I’m confident that the investment of seminar training and Bible college education will continue to produce great fruit. If you’ve never tried it, consider sponsoring an overseas Bible college student this year or help provide resources for training. Investing in training and education in Global Missions is investing in gathering the harvest. As you expand your own island of knowledge for use in the work of the Lord locally, know that your brothers and sisters of like precious faith around the world are doing the same, all for the glory of God. 

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## Education: Biblical or Secular?

Bryan D. Abernathy

**T**he Scripture is clear of the necessity for the ministry and the church to have a concise and approved understanding of the Word of God.

*“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15).*

There has been great debate over the past several years as to the need of our youth to get an education in the secular world. While I am a believer in getting all the knowledge one can possibly retain, I am also a firm believer in knowledge being countered with godly wisdom.

While the age of education and knowledge is increasing, there is an ever present need for the church to have more understanding of God’s Word than of man’s thought process. Nothing should ever outweigh the influence of the Word of God in our lives as the church of Jesus Christ. It is much more important and vital to prepare ourselves with the Word of God for the age in which we live and for the eternity that we face.

I remember T.F. Tenney saying many years ago, “Get yourself an education, then get over it!” I agree with that to this day.

Recently I heard a preacher make the statement that he was tired of us continuously preaching about the Oneness, the plan of salvation and holiness, and that we needed to get in sync with this generation. Those things, he said, were not relevant to this age and the church already knows all of that so there is no purpose of continuously harping on them. I responded with ardent aggression to the opposite.

*“Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:*

*For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

*Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.*

*Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;” (2 Peter 1:10-13).*

Simon Peter says **as long as I am here**, alive on this earth and a preacher of the gospel, I am going to put you in remembrance of all these things, even though you already know them.

**Why?** Because we live in the age when men and women are being tossed about with every wind of doctrine. People are being deceived daily by fables and false doctrines that lead them into an eternity of destruction without God. If the message does not sound clearly and consistently like a trumpet herald, we will not remain the church that God has bought and purchased with His own blood. This is why many have fallen by the wayside and now are following teachings that are nowhere near the truths of the Word of God.

We as ministers of the gospel are bound by this great commission of constantly bringing the minds and hearts of men back to the knowledge of truth. No matter how many years we have heard it, no matter how many times we have listened to it, no matter how many times we have preached it, we are required to give due diligence to the Word of God.

It is a shame when preachers are more focused on recent news and happenings and preaching from newspapers rather than the Word of God. We will never appease the world and we will never win, convince, or save the lost with a watered down measure of truth. If they are to hear, it must



come from the heart of a man of God who is sold out to this message and in whom there is no doubt of whom we have believed.

It has become troublesome to many of our ministers when they see men who are supposed to be holding to the truth and are letting go of the message in hopes of filling their churches. This lie has been perpetrated for more years than all of us have been living. You will not win the world with less truth but only with divine truth will they come to salvation.

Why have some erred and fallen away? They did not have *a love for truth!*

While the world ever belittles, degrades and pushes to make the Word of God unimportant, they are also aggressively preaching their own beliefs of humanism and evolution. They are ever working on the demoralization of our nation and taking away the value of a Bible education.

Israel was commanded to hang the Word as frontlets before their eyes. To teach it to their children before they went to bed and when they woke in the morning.

Whatever happened to reading Bible stories to our kids before we go to bed at night? Do our kids know the

garden of Eden story? Do they know who built the ark? Do they know who Moses was and what he did?


I am thankful for every one of our young people who are fortunate enough to be able to afford and get a secular education, but I think our kids who know the Word of God, without a secular education, are even more blessed and privileged in this world.

Our works overseas are in great revival because of the teaching of the Word of God. Nothing outweighs it, nothing precedes it, and nothing is greater than the preaching of the Word of God to the lost of the world.

Missionary Bennie DeMerchant went to Manaus, Brazil, and began with a handful of people on a silt island that the Amazon eventually swallowed. He started preaching the Word and now has one of our greatest works on the field today. He has a thriving Bible school where the first two years are spent teaching nothing but the doctrine. When I asked him about this he said, "If they cannot afford to continue and graduate after two years, they will have this great message in their hearts, so we win!" What a powerful view of the need for true education of the Word of God.

I am thankful for our missionaries who give themselves to teaching the Word of God overseas. Our strongest and greatest works are always works with an active strong Bible school. They are preparing men and women for the ministry of reaching their nations with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The church grows as the knowledge of His Word is preached and taught.

The fairly new GATS (Global Association of Theological Studies) has been produced and is in the process of producing more curriculum for all of our Bible schools across the globe. This has been headed by our AIM/Education team with Brother Jim Poitras leading this cause. What a powerful thrust of this message from home to abroad! I am glad to be a small part of this great work of teaching the world about the death, burial and resurrection message. Jesus Christ and Him crucified stills reaches the lost souls of this world!

***"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"*** (John 8:32). 

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## Bible School Impact in Brazil

by James G. Poitras

Over forty-five years ago when Bennie and Theresa DeMerchant arrived in the city of Manaus, and the Amazon Basin, there was not one apostolic believer. Not one person had been baptized in Jesus' name. Today, there are over 750 churches there, and they now have over 1,000 students studying at any given time in their Bible schools. There are now over 1,200 congregations throughout the nation.

We, in Global Missions, express a world of thanks to the Ladies Ministries and their relentless efforts to support Bible school students around the globe. Here is what Bennie DeMerchant has to say about the importance and progress of Bible schools in Brazil: "I still remember the poster of 'Target Rio' at the General Confer-

ence in Portland, Oregon, in 1970. We had spent our first term in the northern half of Brazil in the Amazon drainage, and with hard work and few helpers had seen the church slowly rise by the preaching and teaching of His Word. It was a period that burned in us the need of trained men.

"Yes, the General Conference targeted Rio and raised the funds. That was a goal and it was reached. That financial boost by the General Conference made an enormous difference to the Bible school project in Rio, Brazil.

"The late Robert D. Norris built the first Brazilian Apostolic Bible Institute in Rio de Janeiro and he and his wife Jean started teaching students in 1972. Subsidized by the Ladies Ministries of UPCI annually, students from

the growing Amazon traveled by land and boats over 2,500 miles to ABI in Rio to study His Word.

"Sometimes adverse circumstances happen that causes us to wonder about God's will. The late Sister Margaret Calhoun, a UPCI single missionary who taught in ABI in Rio, and José Cinque, a single pioneer worker who opened a work that is presently booming in the West Amazon, drowned in a seaplane accident in 1976 while visiting Manaus. Their deaths stimulated hundreds to pick up the torch and give their lives to missions in several General Conferences and Bible school services in USA and Brazil. God sometimes works in mysterious ways with His better plan for our lives and future of His kingdom.



“ABI in Rio swelled in numbers but the lack of jobs in the immediate area forced the school to assume operating a chicken farm to help cover operational costs. When all seemed to be going well, it was sad to see a disease wipe out thousands of chickens that had to be buried by students and teachers at ABI in Rio in 1991. ABI as a boarding school in Rio had to close. Maybe the Lord was telling us something and the chicken disease was what caused us to shift gears.

“We went from a central boarding Bible school to schools run by strong local churches and districts, starting in Manaus in a central location two blocks from our home. We used experienced and Bible school trained pastors as teachers. The students would bus in from their jobs to the central bus terminal two blocks from Bible school at night for 620 hours of classroom time before graduation. Other districts copied this plan. In 2010 over one thousand students were studying in sixty-four Bible schools. Over 200 teachers taught. Now, there are eighty-four Bible schools in Brazil and we are thrilled to be part of the Global Association of Theological Studies.

“Our national alumni for ABI in Brazil has surpassed 5,000 and many of these have gone into the ministry and built fine churches. Presently our Bible school in Manaus has four new classroom additions and able to accommodate up to 550 students for the school year. We have over 400 students this year, a record number since 1972.

“Our goal is for 3,000 students by 2015. We have seen what trained men and women can do in evangelism and establishing people in the way. We celebrate each of these goals with

graduations, sometimes with up to 10,000 church members and friends of graduates that arrive in 150 buses in Manaus. All other schools seem to follow the same plan for conclusion of their courses.

“Our trained students are also reaching new people in new cities, towns, villages and presently we are represented in seven Indian tribes with Bible school trained indigenous leaders who want to reach all tribes in Brazil.

“When Jesus said ‘Go ye...’ He also said ‘teach.’ Going, we obey the first half of the mission. Teaching is the second half. We cannot reach our generation alone. We must train men and women while the missionary is with them and equip, encourage, and empower them to carry on when the missionary leaves the scene.”

Check out <http://studentstories.org> for more articles concerning the great work our students, instructors, and Bible schools are doing to take the whole gospel to the whole world by the whole church. 🌐

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## Global Association o

# Faculty Education

**W**e prayed. We planned. It was purposeful and powerful! Six nations converged in Accra, Ghana for one week of faculty education training. Our guest speakers, Brother and Sister Thompson along with Dr. Solomon Sule-Saa did an outstanding job equipping and empowering us with information that transforms. Some of the lessons experienced were *The Principled Centered Teacher*, *The Teacher and Critical Thinking in Spiritual Development*, *Preparing to Evangelize and Teach in the Islamic World*, along with *The Teacher and the Well Driven Nail*. A lot of

group interaction and learning took place in an environment of laughter and fun.

We were happy to issue seven-teen certificates to participants who completed eighteen *Advance Educator Series* lessons. Brother Poitras made this moment extra special by providing study Bibles in English and French to each participant who received a certificate from Global Association of Theological Studies.

On the last day God met with us in a powerful way. God's agenda replaced our scheduled agenda and for the first two hours prayer, repentance and calling out to God could be

heard in the classroom. God spoke through tongues and interpretation in a special way. Sister Thompson delivered the message in an unknown language but Brother Desiré, our superintendent from Gabon, born and raised in Madagascar, immediately understood what was being said as God encouraged us in Malagasy to work in unity.

Teaching, modeling, inspiring and flowing with the Spirit made this another memorable year. Training prepares the messenger to transfer God's message with purpose, precision and power. 🌐

—Nick Sisco





# f Theological Studies

## Ghana GATS Training Missions Report

**A**nn and I were humbled and honored by the opportunity to serve the West African Nations (Ghana, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, Togo, and Benin) as Global Trainers commissioned to train “The Advance Educators Series” to Global Association of Theological Studies (GATS) educators and administrators. These teachers and faculty are heroes fulfilling God’s heartbeat in the classroom of the world, preparing leaders for global revival!

Thank you, James Poitras, for extending us an invitation and, Nicky Sisco, for being host extraordinaire!

Most of all, thank you to our loyal supporters who, remaining faithful during economic turmoil, made this trip possible.

**Course sampling:**

- Principle-Centered Teaching
- The Teacher and Imparting Vision
- The Teacher and Remaining True to the Doctrine
- A Fresh Look at the Great Commission
- The Teacher and Mentoring
- The Teacher and Critical Thinking

**Course Facilitators:**

- Galen and Ann Thompson
- Missionary Nicky Sisco
- Missionary Colleen Carter

**The facilitator’s challenge:** Every minute is modeling; modeling delivery of quality content with purposeful variety to meet diverse learning styles that stimulates critical thinking in an inspiring and anointed learning environment.

Ann and I flew out of Minneapolis January 19 and landed in Accra, Ghana on January 20. We preached Sunday in Fan Milk, Ghana, (three received the Holy Ghost), taught Monday through Friday at ACTS

(African Center for Theological Studies), Accra, Ghana, preached Sunday at a church plant (out of the Bible College) in a nearby village (three received the Holy Ghost) and boarded a jet that evening for our return flight, arriving back on January 30.

God moved into the teaching on several occasions, exhorting the constituents. Fifteen received certificates and a new Study Bible. We thank God for the mighty work He did. 🌍

—Galen and Ann Thompson  
*thompsonmissions.com*



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# Missionary UPDATES

## PARAGUAY:

Last year a new addition of offices and a kitchen/lunchroom was built onto New Heights Christian School, relieving the strain on the space and facilities at the central church. Also, government approval was granted to open the next grade, which means the Christian education is now available for preschool through the seventh grade. Many thanks to all who have given and who continue to give in support of New Heights School and the children and families whose lives and futures are being changed one day at a time.

—Vlad and Kim Goodrum

## GUATEMALA:

The Institute of Pentecostal Ministries had 393 students enrolled in 2011. We rejoice with the thirty ministerial graduates pictured below! There are currently fifty-seven teachers and ten training programs held



throughout the nation. It is our desire to make training available to all our pastors and leadership.

—Brad and Regina Thompson

## BARCELONA:

It was our goal this past year to start another church in the Barcelona area. After months of prayer and planning, in September we started a new church in the city of Cornellá (a suburb of Barcelona). The Lord has blessed us in this endeavor, and this new work is now averaging over thirty-five in attendance in only five short months. We give God all the glory for what He is doing!

—Nathan and Tanya Harrod

## BANGLADESH:

In November 2011, we had our first UPC of Bangladesh ladies seminar which approximately fifty ladies were blessed to attend. The Lord moved in a mighty way, and many were healed in Jesus' name and thirteen received the Holy Ghost.

—James and Elizabeth Corbin

## CYPRUS:

On December 11th, I travelled to and preached in Larnaca, Cyprus. In that

service two souls were water baptized. One of those baptized was beautifully renewed in the Holy Ghost.

—Mark and Mariann Starin

## GHANA:

The first extension Bible school graduation was a success in Tamale. Eight completed the Certificate level of the GATS program. In the Upper East region, fifty-five were baptized in Jesus' name, five received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and several reported healing.

—Colleen Carter

## MALTA:

In November, Christian Life Center held the first Foundations of Faith Conference in Malta. Reverend George Craft, Europe regional training missionary, ministered the Word of the Lord in a mighty way. Larry Carter, guitarist from Doniphan, Missouri, ministered through music and his testimony. Lives were changed and one received the Holy Ghost. Larry Ruiz, from Junction City, Kansas, helped with outreach, altar work, and giving his testimony during the conference. We are thankful for the prayer support for this meeting. The Lord continues to open doors, and He is

doing marvelous things in the island nation of Malta. Revival! Glory!

—Kirby and Mary Parker

### AFRICA REGION:

Developing leaders is the constant goal of growing fields. While reaching new people, we must assure that there will be able leadership for every field. Sub-regional conferences in West Africa, East Africa, and Southern Africa help to assure this. The area coordinators for each of these areas continue to do an outstanding job with their sub-regions. The development of national church leaders in the past five years has been unbelievable. To the Lord Jesus goes all the glory and praise!

—Jerry and Vickie Richardson

### SOUTH KOREA:

We had our Youth Winter Retreat from January 9th-12th, and fifteen of our youth received the Holy Ghost. We are so thankful for what God has done for us! About seventy to eighty youth got together in Jesus' name. We enjoyed a wonderful presence of God. The Lord surely visited with us.

—E.J. Kim

### REPAIRS IN THE AMAZON:

On December 22, 2011, we received word of an urgent need only we could solve. An Indian village of a thousand people was without electricity a month due to a lightning strike. Christmas would come with total blackness; no water pumps, or sound system, etc. Could we help these Hischiariano Indians in the jungle? They were praying for the impossible! We gathered together all possible electrical materials and took off in our seaplane on a two hour flight over the jungle with one of our church electricians, Brother Itamar Sales. After four hours of work, the lights flashed on. Normal again! This kind of response even in the city by government or private sector over Christmas is all but impossible. At the same time we, in a city of two

million people, were out of basic internet services for two weeks, requesting maintenance with no response.

—Bennie and Theresa DeMerchant, missionaries to Brazil

### HAITI:

During November 2011, we were blessed to have Brother and Sister Bernard, general superintendant of the UPCI, and Brother and Sister Howell,



general director of Global Missions, visit Haiti. We appreciate their taking the time to make a personal visit to witness the rebuilding and revival that has been made possible by the generosity of the United Pentecostal Church International and Compassion Services International following the devastating earthquake of 2010. Together we have made a difference!

—Ron and Terry Brian

### PAKISTAN:

After we returned to Pakistan in January, we went right to work. While we were away, the construction crew was busily working on our new Bible college campus. Two floors are being built now with a third to be added shortly. This new campus will not only allow us to move forward with our educational plans for this nation, but it will also host pastors' conventions and other national meetings. Most of all we are looking forward to having full facilities again as we now have twenty-four students living in three bedrooms and taking many classes outside.

—Curtis and Amanda Scott

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

A total of 164 of the highest leadership met together in August of 2011 for our 14th annual conference for the sectional presbyter, district presbyters, Bible school faculty and national department directors. Pastor Anthony and Mickey Mangun, Pastor Terry and Melanie Shock along with Pastor Raymond Woodward challenged us with their anointed ministry. We enjoyed three days and eighteen sessions of vision and direction from the Lord! We were blessed to have delegates from Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan in attendance.

—David and Kathy Brott

### MEXICO:

After finishing deputation last year, we settled into a new home and city. Guadalajara is the second largest city in Mexico, and we immediately were immersed into the activities here in the Oeste district. We came to Guadalajara with our first goal being the construction of a Bible school. As you can see from the photo, we have completed the first phase and will begin the second phase in the near future! We are so thankful to Brother Jerry Dean and The Pentecostals of Bossier City, Louisiana, for sharing in our vision and dream of a Bible school in this great city. We held our first semester in June-July of 2011. We were blessed with a group of thirty full-time students. When the facilities are complete, we will be able to house 100 students at a time.

—Steve and Danita Drost



**PAPUA NEW GUINEA:  
BIBLE SCHOOL**



As 2011 closes and a new year is before us we are excited to see all the Lord has done in the country of Papua New Guinea. Good things are to come for the Bible school. The group in the photo are some of those who did the teacher training program. These trainees are from one area only. There were others who also completed the course. Now they will be ready to assist in teaching in the school and around the country. To the left is Brother and Sister Paitadra from Fiji who are here to help us with the school. They have already travelled to the Western Region for seminars.

**NEW CHURCHES**



Land to build a church was purchased in the town of Alotau. The money was raised by various local churches and our national secretary travelled to the region to make the purchase. A pastor and a congregation of over thirty people are the result of crusade efforts by the missions department. Another church will be opening early next year in the Sepik region from the same manner. Also, a young man and his family have gone to the remote

area of Daru to begin a church. He is the son of one of the first men to be baptized in 1974.

—Richard and Margaret Carver

**UNITED KINGDOM:**

Liverpool has been moving forward. Several in the Leadership Training have had an opportunity to preach. We have also started a Food Program for the needy. The leaders are continuing to preach and teach at the daughter work in Llandudno, Wales. Please pray for them while we are on deputation.

—John and Sherri Hemus

**PARAGUAY:**

On October 22-24, we had our youth conference. Saturday and Sunday we had about 600 in attendance. Eighteen received the Holy Ghost and nineteen were baptized in Jesus' name. Brother Felipe Pagan from Indianapolis, Indiana, did an outstanding job preaching. He preached very timely messages that were much needed.

—Joey and Cristina Bir

**FAITH PROMISE:**

A few weeks ago a teenager made a Faith Promise commitment. After the service her mother asked her how she was going to pay it. She replied, "I don't really know, but I felt that is what I should do." Her baby-sitting job consisted of a very hit and miss schedule. When she got home from the service, a note from the folks for whom she baby sat was pinned to the house door asking her if she would be their baby sitter every week. The Lord met her need that quickly. A couple increased their Faith Promise commitment and wondered how they were going to pay for the increase. God moved on their employer to give them a raise, which was five times the extra they had committed. What a mighty God we serve! On a recent trip to the Canadian Plains district, we were overwhelmed by the com-

mitments. One church with about 7 members committed over \$1,600.00 per month to missions. What would happen in our fellowship if every church would get involved in some measure? We can't do it all alone, but when each church participates, the load is made lighter and everyone gets to rejoice in the harvest of souls.

—Harold and Helena Kinney

**TAJKISTAN:**

A great and effectual door has been opened to us in the country of Tajikistan. We held an Apostolic Renewal Seminar in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, which went very well. We found that most pastors who attended the seminar already believed in Jesus' name baptism! Numerous people were healed and two were filled with the Holy Ghost. We have leaders and pastors committed to attending the Revival by Design Seminar in Bishkuk, Kyrgyzstan, this winter and we also have open invitations from several sources to return. The seminar will be used to bring the light of truth into places in the former Soviet Union who still sit in darkness.

—Mark and Robin Shutes

**SOUTH AFRICA:**

Below is an exciting report that I received from our GATS membership nation in South Africa about training in Tzaneen.

We had a promise of 17 people to come but 16 came. I think that was a good attendance. The brethren were very excited about the program and training.

We will start schools in Tzaneen, Phalaborwa, Bushbuckridge, Soekmekaar, Jane Furse and Bekenberg (Potgietersrus). We should have enrollments from these areas as from the 16th of January.

I am excited about this program.  
Be blessed!

—Rev. Benneth Mashele,  
SABI Director

## DEPUTATION:

### PRAISE REPORT ABOUT OUR LAST SERVICE:

About 10 minutes after stepping into the pulpit at an old fashioned outdoor “tent service” a visitor made her way to the altar area seeking prayer as one side of her body was partially paralyzed due to a previous stroke. She was walking with a crutch and in much pain. We stopped to pray and the Lord instantly healed her! She began walking around the tent without crutches glorifying God for her healing. Another visitor came forward because she wanted to be healed of epilepsy.... she left the altar saying she was healed... but just as exciting was that God filled her with the baptism of the Holy Ghost!!! To GOD be the glory!

Yours for souls,  
—The Phelps Family

# Global Association of Theological Studies Victory Reports

## Bible School Constructions



1. The church in El Salvador has purchased this property in a key location in the capital city. They are remodeling to make it a state of the art Bible school.



2. The Bible school in Panama is almost completed.

3. Nicaragua is constructing a beautiful new facility situated on a large property just outside of the capital.

4. Guatemala has just completed construction on a beautiful complex in the heart of the capital. They are in the process of purchasing a neighboring property for further expansion.



## Panama Coming on Board

In February Steve Nix and I traveled to Panama and held an Introductory Faculty Education seminar with 18 teachers and administration. We spent considerable time presenting GATS and worked with the administration to develop a plan of transition to GATS curriculum.

Since then the UPC of Panama has submitted a letter of intent and are presently working on the application process. I have been in communication with the President of the work there to plan a second seminar in 2012.



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# Cover your missionary family with prayer each day of the month!

Use the list below to pray for a missionary each day:

1. **Abernathy, Brandon and Adrian** – South Africa/Botswana
2. **Abernathy, Dwayne and Linda** – Belize
3. **Abernathy, Gary and Sharon** – Zambia
4. **Adams, Randy and Carolyn** – Togo/Benin/Gabon
5. **Addington, Bob and Judy** – New Zealand
6. **Alphin, Mark and Glenda** – Finland
7. **Anderson, Trecina** – Spain
8. **Balca, Samuel and Pat** – France/Monaco
9. **Barkley, Dan and Debbie** – Chile
10. **Beek, John and Susan** – United Kingdom
11. **Bennett, Steve and Lloy** – Israel/Palestine
12. **Benson, Michael and Danan** – Central African Republic
13. **Bir, Joseph and Loretta** – Paraguay/Peru
14. **Bir, Joey and Cristina** – Paraguay
15. **Black, J. R. and Janet** – Puerto Rico/ABC Islands
16. **Blunt, Bennie and Pat** – Kingdom of Tonga/Samoa/  
American Samoa
17. **Brainos, Marcus and Renee** – France
18. **Brian, Ron and Terry** – Haiti
19. **Brochu, Paul and Darla** – France
20. **Brott, David and Kathy** – Missionary Envoy
21. **Buckland, Roger and Becky** – Czech Republic; Slovakia
22. **Burgess, Ken and Kay** – El Salvador
23. **Burton, Lonnie J. and Damarys** – Venezuela
24. **Burton, Lonnie and Gail** – Venezuela
25. **Cantrell, Ken and Ginny** – Burkina Faso
26. **Carpenter, Scott and Nicole** – Russia/Kazakhstan
27. **Carter, Colleen** – Ghana
28. **Carver, Richard J. and Andrea** – Papua New Guinea
29. **Ciulla, Filippo and Brenda** – Belgium/Luxembourg
30. **Cogan, John and Nory** – Philippine Islands
31. **Collins, Joseph and Jean** – Portugal
32. **Coolbaugh, Jack and Michiko** – Thailand
33. **Cooney, Joe and Fanny** – Ireland
34. **Corbin, James and Elizabeth** – Bangladesh
35. **Craft, George and Cheryl** – Regional Training & Evangelism–EME
36. **Crossley, Darry and Kathy** – RD, South America Region
37. **Crumpacker, Jim and Karen** – Kenya
38. **Dabbs, Lionel and Johanna** – Singapore
39. **Dame, Robert and Lisbeth** – Bolivia
40. **Decker, Larry and Elizabeth** – Panama
41. **DeMerchant, Bennie and Theresa** – Brazil
42. **Demos, Alan and Valerie** – Germany
43. **Denny, Richard and Coral** – RD, Pacific Region
44. **Dibble, David and Kelley** – Micronesia West/Regional Evangelists–PAC Region
45. **Doan, David and Angela** – Japan/Vietnam
46. **Doyle, Devin and Brandi** – Grenada/Windward Islands
47. **Drost, Steven and Danita** – Mexico
48. **Fox, Mitchell and Gerri** – Fiji
49. **Flowers, David and Donna** – Philippine Islands
50. **Frizzell, Robert P. and Gayle** – Asia
51. **Goodrum, Vladimir and Kim** – Paraguay
52. **Gration, Peter and Robyn** – Vanuatu
53. **Grosbach, Ted and Pat** – South/Central Africa
54. **Groves, Patrick and Jean** – Sudan/Kenya
55. **Guidry, John and Vonda** – Colombia
56. **Guinn, Scott and Linda** – Mexico
57. **Hajduk, Radovan and Tanya** – Croatia/Slovenia
58. **Harrod, Nathan and Tanya** – Spain
59. **Hayes, Shane and Dena** – Chile
60. **Hemus, John and Sherri** – United Kingdom
61. **Hosmer, Ed and Naomi** – Japan
62. **Hunley, Adam and Maya** – Middle East
63. **Ikerd, Keith and Beth** – Namibia
64. **Jewett, Lynne** – Guatemala
65. **Johnson, Jaydie** – Mali
66. **Johnson, Louis and Martha** – Ethiopia/Rwanda
67. **Kelley, Robert and Jerolyn** – United Kingdom/Ireland/  
Channel Islands
68. **Kennedy, Eddy and Della Mae** – New Caledonia
69. **Kim, E. J.** – South Korea/China
70. **Kinney, Harold and Helen** – Faith Promise Ministries Representative for North America
71. **Kline, David and Alice** – Lesotho
72. **Landaw, Gary and Kristi** – Puerto Rico/Trinidad & Tobago
73. **Landaw, Joseph and Cassandra** – Trinidad & Tobago
74. **Long, Jayson and Nellie** – Nicaragua
75. **Long, Mike and Lisa** – Zimbabwe

76. **Lucas, Richard and Jean** – Japan; Military District–Asia
77. **Malik, Aslam and Toy** – Pakistan
78. **Markham, Bill and Bonnie** – Portugal/Spain
79. **Marquez, Antonio and Jessica** – Dominican Republic
80. **Marse, James and Stacy** – Bolivia
81. **Mathiasz, Prince and Suzana** – Sri Lanka/India
82. **McFarland, Robert and Beth** – Middle East
83. **McFarland, Terry and Cindy** – Republic of Ireland
84. **McLean, Gerry and Darla** – Nigeria
85. **Miller, Patrick and Sandy** – Bangladesh/India
86. **Missionary Kids Ministry**
87. **Monday, Wayne and Sofia** – Panama
88. **Moses, Robert and Sheri** – Russia
89. **Nicholls, Ray and Judi** – Poland/Belarus/Ukraine
90. **Nix, Stephen and Yvonne** – Nicaragua
91. **Norris, Jeff and Ivana** – Brazil
92. **Nowacki, John and Anne** – France
93. **O'Donnell, Stephen R. and Lynette** – Hong Kong/China
94. **Parker, Kirby and Mary** – Malta/North Africa
95. **Patterson, Mike and Jill** – Romania/Bulgaria
96. **Phelps, Steve and Yvette** – Uganda
97. **Porter, Richard and Patricia** – Swaziland
98. **Reece, Crystal** – Tonga
99. **Reed, Gary and Linda** – Middle East
100. **Rhoads, Phillip and Sandra** – Suriname
101. **Richardson, Chris and Paula** – Madagascar
102. **Richardson, Jerry and Vickie** – RD, Africa Region
103. **Richardson, Leonard and Ping–Lan** – Taiwan
104. **Richardson, Randall and Theresa** – Mauritius/Reunion/Seychelles
105. **Riddick, Rusty and Adriane** – Cameroon
106. **Riddick, Terry and Cheryl** – Cameroon/Africa Impact Team
107. **Ritchie, Henry and Sharon** – Windward Islands/French Guiana
108. **Rivero, Paul and Stephanie** – Costa Rica
109. **Robertson, Jim and Latitia** – Poland
110. **Robinette, Charles and Stacey** – Austria/Germany/Switzerland/Liechtenstein
111. **Robinson, Rick and Von de Leigh** – Turkey
112. **Rodrigues, Oscar and Erin** – Portugal
113. **Rusihing, Daniel and Monica** – South Korea
114. **Sawyer, Amy** – Belize
115. **Schlegel, William and Ramona** – Turkey
116. **Schreckhise, Brad and Lycia** – Honduras
117. **Schwarz, David and Yonda** – RD, Central America/Caribbean Region
118. **Scism, Stanley K.** – South Asia/United Kingdom
119. **Scott, Curtis and Amanda** – Pakistan
120. **Sedra, Mokhles and Terry** – Egypt
121. **Shalm, Allan and Georgene** – Pakistan/Afghanistan
122. **Shalm, Lynden and Kathy** – RD, Asia Region
123. **Sherry, Jonathan and Darla** – Middle East
124. **Sherry, Lee and Becky** – Vanuatu/New Calendonida
125. **Shirley, Steve and Kari** – Dominican Republic/Leeward Islands
126. **Showalter, Monte and Dianne** – International Evangelism
127. **Shutes, Mark and Robin** – Belarus/Baltic Republics
128. **Simmons, Edward and Mary** – Thailand
129. **Sisco, Nick and Pam** – Ghana
130. **Smith, Howard and Vonda** – Spain
131. **Smith, Steve and Cheri** – Guyana
132. **Smoak, Richard and Pamela** – Tanzania/Burundi
133. **Sones, Gary and June** – Spain
134. **Sponsler, Mike and Miriam** – Argentina
135. **Starin, Mark and Mariann** – Middle East
136. **Staten, Jared and Kim** – Republic of Georgia
137. **Stewart, Albert and Tegeste** – Liberia
138. **Stovall, Charles and Charlotte** – Faith Promise Ministries
139. **Strickland, Jonathan and Maria** – Greece
140. **Strickland, Sim and Judy** – Greece/Armenia/Macedonia
141. **Summers, Stephan and Debra** – Cyprus
142. **Suppan, Bernhard and Shelley** – Austria
143. **Terry, Chester and Carole** – Australia/Solomon Islands
144. **Thompson, Brad and Regina** – Guatemala
145. **Tir, Steven and Jean** – Slovakia/Serbia
146. **Tolstad, Phil and Twyla** – Uganda
147. **Turner, Nathanael and Ingunn** – Estonia
148. **Turner, Shawn and Tammy** – Middle East
149. **Turner, William and Elizabeth** – Russia/Kazakhstan/Ukraine
150. **Tuttle, Mike and Dianna** – RD, Europe/Middle East Region
151. **Vacca, Kevin and Lolita** – Philippine Islands
152. **Votaw, Vic and Diana** – Regional Evangelism, ASI / PAC Regions
153. **Walmer, Michael and Ivonne** – Uruguay
154. **Walmer, Philip and Linda** – Furlough Replacement
155. **Weber, Chris and Michelle** – Brazil
156. **White, Cynthia** – Jordan
157. **White, Rodger and Margaret** – Indonesia/Malaysia/FP Ministries/MS Envoy
158. **Willoughby, Steve** – Singapore

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# Global Missions Service

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"Who gave Himself a ransom for all"  
(1 Timothy 2:6).



iChurch Seminars

## Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>:

- Session 1: *Global Missions in the Local Church*  
Bryan Abernathy/Matt Dugas
- Session 2: *Sensing God's Direction and Life's Purpose*  
Bruce Howell/Jim and Linda Poitras

## Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>:

- Session 1: *Global Opportunities for Missions Involvement*  
Brad Thompson/Charles Robinette
- Session 2: *Developing a Local Church with a Global Impact*  
Jerry Dean/Raymond Woodward