

# Global Educator

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## The Value of a Great Curriculum

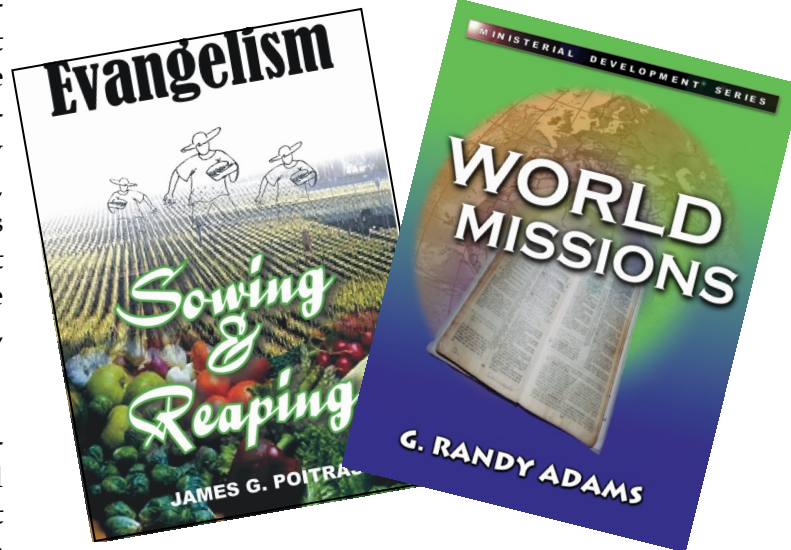
You are part of one of the greatest and finest training programs in the history of the UPCI, Global Missions.

Our staff at GATS takes developing cutting-edge curriculum seriously. Jim Poitras in *Achieving Excellence in Bible School Administration* stated, "There is tremendous value in a well-conceived curriculum. It forces us to focus on the needs, objectives and reasons for the school's very existence." Jesus said, "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost..." (Luke 14:28, NIV).

Excellence is never an accident. A carefully planned curriculum ascertains what the school is trying to accomplish and determines the why, when, where, who, and how? It ensures that there is a balance between curriculum content and experience; between learning and doing. D. L. Moody said, "The Bible was not given to increase our knowledge but to change our lives."

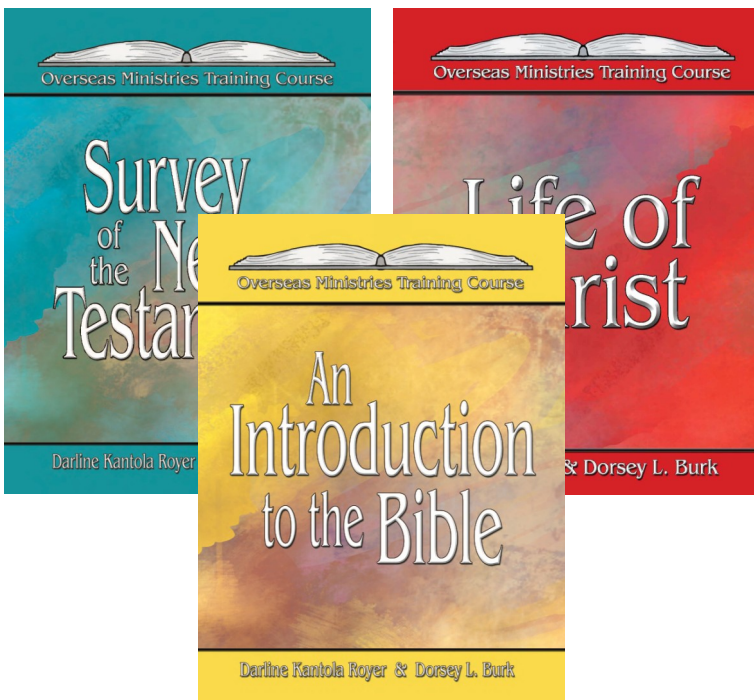
GATS curriculum is objective-based: we supply the objectives, course outline, course concepts, and the school selects a textbook that meets their needs. To assist our schools, we provide three options of text-

books: (a) primary: the one we recommend; (b) secondary: what we consider the second best option; (c) alternatives: these are adequate textbooks that are available along with supplementary material. We make our curriculum and potential textbooks available through print, e-mail, and downloading from our academic database on several websites.



Most of our textbooks are simple, relevant, and geared for cross-cultural ministry and teaching. Study questions and power point presentations are also an integral part of what we have to offer. Although some of the above stated material is not yet available it will be in the future.

Thank you for believing in Global Missions. You are taking part in the pivotal task and privilege of reaching our world. Bible education is the future of a strong, firm church that is solidly teaching HIS WORD! It is also the fulfillment of the great commission: bringing them in through evangelism and building them up through education and discipleship. A great curriculum, coupled with great teachers and supported by a great body of believers, provides the necessary ingredients to fulfill the great commission.



**Q:** I was part of the historic 2009 General Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Remind me again what my donation to GATS in the foreign missions service was for?

**A:** Your sacrificial donation made it possible to start writing, editing, designing, and translating textbooks with a biblically sound content that is easily understood around the world. If you have not already sent your pledge, we look forward to receiving it. We always welcome payments on a daily basis.

**Q:** What progress has GATS made with their textbooks?

**A:** Four books have been written with an additional seven due to be completed by the end of 2011. Ten textbooks are currently ready for printing such as Evangelism, Family Life, and Tabernacle. It is our desire that all curriculum and potential textbooks are available through print, e-mail, and downloading from our academic database.

**Q:** What about my "in honor of" page?

**A:** When full payment is made, we will ask for some pertinent information from you such as a brief summary concerning the person, church or group. Also a high resolution picture (s) if you desire. We cannot guarantee that all the information you send will be included but will try our best to accommodate. If we do not hear from you generic information will be used. All "in honor of" information should be e-mailed to GATS@upci.org or sent to the address on the lower right.

✓ **COMMISSIONED:** At least twenty-eight books have been commissioned as part of the "in honor of" series. Missionaries would have received a sample copy of one of these books in their mail packets.

✓ **COST & CONTACT:** Those interested in ordering these training resources may do so by contacting Global Missions at GATS@upci.org.

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