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Set the Pace

A board meeting can easily focus on keeping minutes while losing hours. This was not the case on January 7-9, 2011 when the Global Education Committee (GEC) met in St. Louis, Missouri to discuss various



items relating to Bible school education. Rev. Rodenbush reminded us that the threefold purpose for GEC/GATS is to (1) unify and connect; (2) preserve apostolic doctrine; and (3) ensure a harvest. This is what we do. This is why we exist.

Presently, we have thirty-one nations approved under Global Education of

Theological Studies (GATS) and look forward to assisting the other thirty-one nations who have submitted letters stating that they plan to join this program. Are you among them? If not, we would love to hear from you. Feel free to e-mail gats@upci.org or contact a regional representative in your area at <http://gatsonline.org>. Join us and help set the pace.

Rev. Howell, Rev. Rodenbush, and Rev. Shirley were such a blessing as our morning devotion speakers. They challenged us to discipline, dedication,

and determination. Our vision has to be greater than our abilities and our disabilities because God is bigger. Success is not achieved through possessions but by obeying God and leaving the harvest, large or small, in His hands. In the end, we are successful when those closest to us love and respect us the greatest. Dream big and make the most of every opportunity; keeping your eyes focused on the goal, the end result. Bible school education sees into the future and sets the pace.



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Honor to whom honor is due

GATS was launched as an association in August 2007 and has come a long way in a short period of time. The future is bright because a foundation was carefully laid. In 2006 a Global Education Network met at the World Evangelism Center in St. Louis, Missouri in response to a proposal presented by visionary leaders Rev. Jerry Richardson and Rev. Robert K. Rodenbush. Following this, Rev. Lloyd Shirley, Director of Education/AIM, invited educational representatives from each region to join our Regional Directors for three days of meetings. During these meetings, the Global Education Committee, Global Association of Theological Studies, and the Global University of Theological Studies were envisioned. They were later approved by the Foreign Missions Board in February 2007.

During our Global Education Committee meeting this past January, we honored these three men for their pivotal roles in the formation of our global Bible school training program. Thank you Rev. Richardson, Rev. Rodenbush and Rev. Shirley for a combined 117 years to date of missionary ministry. You have impacted thousands of lives around the world through your leadership.

On December 31, 2010, Rev. Rodenbush and Rev. Shirley retired from Foreign Missions service but their influence lives on. Rev. Richardson continues to serve as the regional director for Africa.

Touching People, Transmitting Truth, Transforming Nations

