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“Go...
Teach
All Nations...”

Upcoming Events

Global Council Training Committee: Brad Thompson (CAC), Raymond Wey (EME) and I have been given the opportunity of doing the training session at the Global Council. We are pulling together the general presentation format (with the Training Committee), and also the GATS presentation portion (which will be the bulk of our overall presentation). GATS will also have a display set up there. GATS regional representatives have been contacted concerning what should be included in the GATS presentation. We will be using some live testimonies from GATS representatives (and perhaps others) that are excited about their transition into the GATS program. We will also have printed material and a CD/DVD available of GATS resources.



With Brother Howell’s permission, Linda Poitras is working with several others on a global children’s ministries display and producing a CD/DVD of resources. Their theme is “Reaching the World One Child at a Time.” I mention this here because our Global Council Training approach will include the discipleship process at all levels—from the cradle to the grave. Our working theme, yet to be finalized is “Training for Everyone, Everywhere!” We want

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to train both our membership and our ministry.

French Summit: I have been asked to chair the training committee for the French Summit. This meeting will be immediately following the Global Council meeting and will take place in Panama City, Panama.

Global Education Committee Meeting 2011: We are looking forward to seeing each member of the Global Education Committee at our annual meeting. This will take place from January 7-9, 2011. Each regional GATS representative needs to prepare a report of reflections covering progress in their region(s) in 2010 and projections for 2011. This should be sent to me by November 15, 2010. Representatives, as usual, will be called upon to present their report in the meeting. Plan now to do it with excellence. Power point presentations, Keynote Presentations, and video clips are all encouraged and will make the presentations interesting.

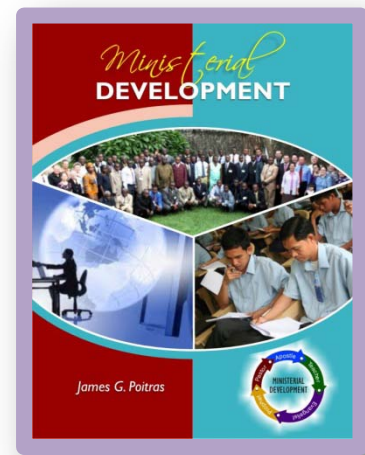
Curriculum Development Committee

We have not been able to finalize a date for the Curriculum Development Committee. However, we do have a lot of assignments and homework as a result of the last meeting. I will be working (this week) on contacting the various assigned writers for follow-up and also will be writing a document on writing guidelines.

Sister Darline Royer has sent me several lessons that she has already written for her writing assignment.

I have endeavored to communicate through the UGST site set up for us. That doesn't seem to be working all that well. Now, I will resort to sending e-mails. It seems easier to simply hit the "reply" button. We want to use what is easiest and most efficient for all.

Recently, I completed a minister and student prototype version of a Ministerial Development textbook. Now, I have the exciting privilege of field-testing the textbook with a class of twenty-four students at our Bible College here in Ghana. A total of 250 copies of the minister version of the book have been printed locally by Sister Colleen Carter and her nephew, AIMer, Jarvis Munn. These will be distributed to English-speaking ministers in West Africa beginning in Ghana.



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Revised IABC Textbooks

Brother Dorsey Burk is working with a team of others doing the final proofreading/editing of the IABC textbooks. We already had a revision done by Brother Burk and received a DVD of the material earlier this year. Many of the new books are uploaded to the password protected portion of the GATS Site.

I recently was made aware of a concern that the revision of the IABC would necessitate re-translating the books in various languages. The revisions being made are slight editing changes of grammar, clarification of a point or two, and occasional errors. So, this will not greatly impact the translations already in use.

GATS Pledges for General Conference 2009

Pledges continue to come in. As you are aware, donors were given one year to complete payment. We still have 49 potential contributors hopefully in the process of giving to this pivotal project.

Updates on Websites

StatCounter.com

Brother Eric Porter has installed a stat counter device on six of our education related sites including those that are specifically GATS sites. We are now able to see how many visitors we have to each site, their location in the world, and many other interesting features. The Reaching through Teaching site is receiving the most hits. The new Student Stories site is gaining popularity.

Global College of Ministry

We now have the <http://globalcollegeofministry.com> site up and running. Presently, the content in three levels has been posted and we also have mini-courses available there.



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Linda Poitras is coordinating our efforts on this Global Education Committee endorsed project.

Student Stories

Additionally, as you know, the <http://studentstories.org> is online. We hope this will be an effective tool in garnishing student support in the future.

If you have articles, pictures, and video clips of your students and schools please send them our way so we can utilize them on the site.



GATS English and Spanish Site

These sites are being updated on a regular basis especially when it comes to the password protected academic portion. Additionally, we have recently posted pictures to the Accent portion of the sites. We are currently revising all the documents on the site. However, we will wait until Brother Porter returns to his office on September 8, 2010 before uploading takes place.

Purchase of URL for the French Site

We plan to create replica sites of <http://gatsonline.org> in major world languages. We have a functioning Spanish replica at <http://AGETenlinea.org> and now have purchased a URL for the upcoming French replica site <http://AGETenligne.org>.

Special Appeal

Missionary Curtis Scott, his leadership, and fellow members of the missionary field fellowship in Pakistan are very interested in transitioning totally to the GATS associate degree program in the next two years. This entails the Urdu translation of many of the textbooks.

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During the recent School of Missions, Brother Scott met with our Director of Education/AIM concerning a great project.

Translating a textbook of about one hundred pages into Urdu costs about \$35.00 USD; to prepare or finalize the book for printing is about \$100.00 USD; and to print 500 to 1,000 copies of the book will cost about \$100.00 USD. That is an exciting opportunity. Presently, our available funds are designated to the major world languages approved by the Global Education Committee.

However, if you would like to send a personal offering to this project, let me know. I would like to raise \$2,500.00 USD to assist them. I plan to write a few letters in the next week or so. We will also be posting this need on our Student Stories site. If interested, you could send \$35.00 for translation, or \$100.00 for finalizing the textbook, or \$100.00 for the printing, or \$235.00 would cover the cost of all three items (\$260.00 would also cover all plus the administrative deductions at World Evangelism Center). I have already pledged to get involved and wanted to give you the opportunity as well.

Brother Shirley has also made an arrangement for \$500.00 to be made available for this project.

\$2,500.00 Faith Goal minus \$750.00 total pledged equals just \$1,750.00 left to go. Could you assist?

Regional Research and Development Commissions

(Europe/Middle East)

It was my privilege to be part of the RRDC meetings in Wales and the Because of the Times Conference there. I had the opportunity to also sit in on the regional Christian Board of Education meeting. Brother and Sister Rodenbush have done a remarkable job in this region over the past twenty years. Of course, we in GATS are indebted to Brother Rodenbush for his role in global Christian education and in helping formulate the GATS concept and system.



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Brother and Sister Roger Buckland lead the GATS endeavors in EME in such an outstanding way. They set the pace and keep it. Everything they do maintains a high standard of excellence.

I was able to make two presentations to the RRDC and also speak in their devotions. They responded very well. In return, I learned a lot concerning the educational needs of this vast, diverse, region.

Power Point Presentations

We presently utilize two young people to assist in power point presentation creation. Austin Phillips (son to Debbie Phillips in the FMD office) and Candra Poitras are working on this aspect of our program.

Austin has completed the power point presentations in English for the Evangelism I course using the textbook *Evangelism: Sowing and Reaping*. He is now completing the presentations for *Biblical Stewardship* using a textbook written by Missionary Randy Adams. Candra formerly worked on presentations for Reaching through Teaching Ministries and Global College of Ministry and was sponsored by Portable Bible Schools International. Now, she is working away on power point presentations for the *Ministerial Development* course.

Sister Colleen Carter is working on revisions to *Christian Living* and also the *Wisdom Literature* course. She is incorporating excellent material by Raymond Woodward into the *Wisdom Literature/Poetical Books* textbook.

Translations in Process

Brother Stephane Astolfi's newest project is the *Ministerial Development* textbook in French. That will be a lengthy endeavor but he does a quick work.

Sister Fanny Cooney is working on a French translation of *Family Life* by Linda Poitras.

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Sister Z. Warren is working on the Spanish translation of *The Tabernacle: God's Shadow of Salvation* by Bill Paramore.

Translations Recently Completed

Both Brother Astolfi (French) and Sister Z. Warren (Spanish) recently completed the translation of the Practical Holiness—*Disciples of Distinction* textbook by Raymond Woodward.

Brother Astolfi has completed the French translation of a textbook in *Church History*.

I met with Brother John Nowacki in Wales and he promised sending me about five revisions of French textbooks they have completed in France.

Global Educator

Brother Sisco has completed the new edition of the *Global Educator* and it has been translated into Spanish. The *Global Educator* has been posted to our site(s) and should be in missionary mail packets by now.

New Membership Nations of GATS



We welcome, with excitement, the following new membership nations:

Tonga, Pacific Region has consistently been a site for faculty education with Brother Vacca. Now they are in full membership for their school.

Paraguay, South America with four schools. This is the first nation to apply from South America. We are thrilled and expect others to follow. Brother Joseph Bir was also one of the representatives that were part of the foundational meeting of the GATS concept in 2006.

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According to our records please note the following:

- 56 nations have sent a letter of intent. There are many more nations that think they are going to be part of GATS but have not sent in the letter.
- 77 schools are represented in the nations that have submitted the letters of intent.
- 30 nations have submitted applications for various levels of the GATS program.
- 50 schools are represented in this number.
- 30 nations have been approved by GATS administration.
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That currently means that everyone who has submitted an application has been approved. That is a 100 percent success rate.

Course Education Objectives

As I am painfully aware (Smile!) we are back to the drawing board when it concerns course education objectives. We have opted to try a new approach by providing a course outline for each of the subjects in the GATS curriculum. The outline will show the general education objectives, the course description, the titles of the recommended primary, alternative, and supplementary textbooks. It will list the various concepts in the course and provide a subject listing of material covered in the primary textbook. It will also indicate Course Packet Resources available and which languages the textbook is translated in. The first course outline should be going out this week. We hope to produce a minimum of one course outline per week from now until completion. Sister Poitras will be working heavily on this aspect of our program.

Advance Educators Series

The two lessons that should be completed this week are “The Teacher and His Lecture” and “The Teacher and Helping Students Discover the Will of God.” The English versions will be posted to the Internet after September 8, 2010.

Faculty Education Programs

Brother Kevin Vacca, Dr. S. L. Poe, and Brother and Sister Galen Thompson have recently completed another fabulous faculty development program in the Philippines. There is a newsletter concerning this that has been posted to the Student Stories Site and the GATS

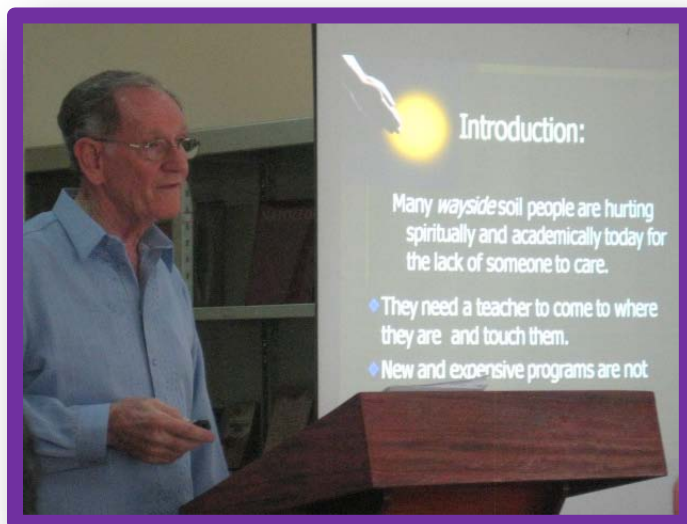
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English site. I appreciate the continuing efforts of GTI (Global Training Institute) in training the trainers.

Brother Galen Thompson, as you may be aware, is one of two GTI consultants to the Global Education Committee for the next two years. He is replacing Brother E. J. McDougall.

We express our appreciation to Dr. S. L. Poe. He has been so instrumental in establishing the Global Training Institute and has taken many trips overseas teaching in Bible schools, ministerial



seminars, and faculty development programs. Brother Poe has also been a faithful consultant to the Global Education Committee for over two years now.

To and Fro on the Earth

Although many of our GATS representatives travel to and fro for the kingdom I highlight just a couple here. Brother Lloyd Shirley, has recently returned from the Philippines and had the opportunity to meet with high level leaders about the future of their training programs. He also presented and promoted GATS to the School of Missions again this year.

Brad Thompson has recently returned from the Central American Seminar. He was able to promote GATS in each of the main services and at break time. They used an army theme. They had someone dressed in army fatigues...face paint and all. He marched in to a drumbeat and did an awesome job promoting the need to be prepared for battle through studying at Bible school. Those doing the training need to be properly equipped to do so. They had around one

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hundred preregister for their Faculty Education program in October. I expect that will climb to two hundred or more in the next few weeks.

Three seminars are planned in the next few months: Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Panama. Most of the costs will be covered by the participants.

The plans have been approved for the new Bible school in Nicaragua and the building should be in progress during the upcoming seminar. Brother Thompson reports the possibility of doing a class on vision-casting right there at the construction site. I love the excitement and applaud the creativity.

I applaud both Brother Thompson and his regional director, Brother John Hopkins. It takes the regional director providing our GATS representatives liberty within the region. Our six regional directors stand solidly behind the GATS system and we appreciate them very much. We look forward to Brother Mike Tuttle joining the Global Education Committee meeting in January 2011 as the new regional director of Europe and the Middle East.

Welcome Paraguay!

I know I have rambled on with the various hoorays and hallelujahs connected with GATS and the Global Education Committee. Now, I would like to bring this epistle to a close and bring us back to the reality of the whole matter. GATS is all about Souls. Souls won! Souls readied! Souls sent! Brother and Sister Vlad Goodrum mentioned that they now have fifty-six new students with five churches participating in the GATS Certificate program. The Book of Acts is presently

being taught. The training is going to where the people are spanning many miles. Wow! All I can say, Go, GATS, go!

Thanks to each of you that makes GATS happen. It definitely is a team effort. I close with a few words Nick Sisco recently wrote me in an e-mail: "Set the pace. Keep the pace. Increase the pace!"

