



Everyone benefits with GATS. Here's how.

## Benefits to the Students

- 1) Involved in a global training program, rather than merely a local, national, or regional program.
- 2) Connected globally to other students in the GATS program.
- 3) That students have equal opportunity to receive the same quality training regardless of how rich or poor the country may be, or how developed or undeveloped that the United Pentecostal Church may be in that country.

**“An educator is an archer who holds the bow of knowledge and propels students to a designated target.”**  
 Lloyd Shirley  
*Director of Education/AIM*

- 4) The GATS student's Certificate / Diploma / Degree will be recognized (and understood) in other nations.
- 5) In some nations, this Certificate / Diploma / Degree will qualify GATS students to teach religion in public schools in that particular nation.

- 6) For most students, the GATS program will be the most economical avenue for receiving a Certificate / Diploma / Degree in theological studies.
- 7) Through the GATS distance education program students would have access to training when a Bible school is not available in their country, or where distance or responsibilities prevent them from attending a centralized, residential, or full-time school.

## Benefits to the Missionary

- 1) GATS will provide the missionary with a high quality, doctrinally accurate, curriculum for use in training.



2) Participating in the GATS program will save the missionary valuable time compiling curriculum for use in his/her training program. GATS would be available to assist them in organizing and administrating a Bible school program.

3) The missionary himself will be globally connected with missionaries and students around the world involved in the GATS program.

4) Any Bible School approved by GATS may not be required to submit a curriculum and staff listing with the annual budget and curriculum form since this will already be on file at FMD.

**Pursuing His Purpose ...  
Go...  
Reach...  
Teach.**

5) Where applicable, appropriate, and advantageous, GATS could save funds as students study through the GATS distance education program; thus saving finances for travel and boarding. Distance education students would be bonded with missionaries as they serve as program facilitators and educational mentors in their respective nations.

### Benefits to the Nation

**“Training tomorrow’s leaders is not an option, it is a command, it is the heart of God, and it is the future of the church.”**  
*Joseph Bir  
Missionary*

1) The GATS membership nations will be connected globally as all nations involved will receive the same quality of education.

2) A nation receiving a regional missionary (or a minister from another country) that has completed the GATS program, whichever level (Certificate/Diploma/Degree), will know precisely the minimum standard of his/her education.

3) For nations having multiple Bible Schools, those enrolled with GATS will have standardized curriculum and hours.

4) As each nation chooses to participate with GATS, the staff training program associated with GATS will be of great personal benefit to each teacher, which in turn will elevate the level of education for that nation.



5) Strong, effectively trained local pastors, in strong local churches, produce a strong national church.

## Benefits to the Regional Directors and Foreign Missions Division

1) GATS will assist in maintaining influence with Bible schools and national churches when the work becomes nationalized or in the event there is no missionary in the country.

2) To provide a system of measurement to allow nations and regions to understand how they compare with training being done in other nations.

3) An easy standard would be established to ascertain the level of training being done in each nation, and charting a course for improvement or development.

4) GATS is determined to lift the standard of ministerial preparation globally. The dividend is that ministers in each region will be better equipped to facilitate revival and the harvest of souls the Lord will give us in the future.

5) Through the distance education program GATS can be instrumental in training potential ministers in unreached areas throughout the region or where we do not have Bible schools.

6) Provide a highly developed bachelor degree program for training top level leaders for national administration and teaching in our Bible schools.

7) GATS could be instrumental in training regional missionaries.

8) In the midst of diversity and wide variations in people and philosophy GATS can bring uniformity to the basic Bible curriculum being taught in our Bible schools throughout the world.

9) GATS allows us to network with education specialists around the globe producing synergy. Like the old proverb says, "Many hands make a light work!"

**"Train pastors and national leaders NOW for the revival and growth of TOMORROW."**  
Carl Varnell,  
*Secretary of Foreign Missions*