



Undertaking a global educational advancement program is a gigantic task, and is not accomplished overnight. It is an ongoing process.

You may be wondering, "What is the motivation behind GATS?"

Let's begin with a few things that the motivation behind GATS is not. It's not about a quest for degrees, or an effort to be like any other church or organization. It's not about moving toward secular or liberal arts and education. It's more about preserving and propagating apostolic truth.

**It's all about souls!**  
**"Souls rescued. Souls rooted. Souls readied."**  
*Bruce A Howell,  
General Director of  
Foreign Missions*

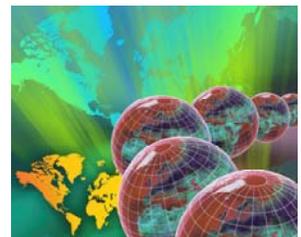
It's not about drawing a circle, and keeping other approved training programs out of the picture. It's about drawing a circle, and bringing all who want to join this effort in.

We want all of our schools to be part of the Global Association of Theological Studies and will do our possible best to assist in reaching their training goals.

GATS is not about dependency on each other, but encouraging each other to press ever higher and closer to God. It's about UNITY. It's working together to develop training programs that meet our needs. For students, studying God's Word with brothers and sisters around the world is exciting. Unity of purpose (one mind) increases learning possibilities. God blesses unity - especially for one of His own ideas -

"Studying to show ourselves approved unto Him" (2 Timothy 2:15). The connection with others of like precious faith will bring joy and hope to everyone involved.

It's about LOOKING BACK over the history of training programs globally and admitting, "It's not what it ought to be. It's not all that it can be. But, by the grace of God neither is it what it was. It's come a long way, thanks to men like Ralph Reynolds, author of the International Alpha Bible Course; Rev. Robert K. Rodenbush responsible for the Overseas Ministries Training Series, and others too numerous to mention. They set the pace.



We press on toward the goal they established." It's about LOOKING FORWARD. It's about VISION, and COMMITMENT to reaching the world with the apostolic message.



# Ideology of GATS

**“Since it is not granted us to live long on this earth, it is logical to give our best and our most to something that will last eternally ... reaching sinners and training saints.”**

**Robert K. Rodenbush,  
Regional Director, Europe/Middle East**

It’s about **MINISTRY** – meeting the needs of an advancing global society and **EQUIPPING** laborers to be able to minister effectively in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

It’s about a **CALLING** – those who work with GATS believe that we have been called into the kingdom for such a time as this. This is the next step in what God would have us do with our training programs.

It’s about **SERVICE** – serving God and others by using talents, skills, and expertise to help missionaries, national leaders, and students to reach their maximum potential, and effectiveness in the kingdom of God.

It’s about **SHARING** – what we have learned, and what works best for us – and being willing to share it with fellow missionaries and nationals around the world.

It’s about **PREPARATION** – for the future, and preparing leaders for the great harvest that the Lord has promised in these last days.

It’s about **RELEVANCE** – developing a curriculum, a training program, a staff, and students designed for, and relevant to, our needs while remaining faithful to God’s Word.

It’s about **IMPROVING**, raising the standard of ministerial excellence throughout the world.

It’s about **ACCESS**, providing a distance education program especially in areas where training is not available.

**“The depth of Bible teaching determines the width of people reaching.”**

**Roger Buckland  
Missionary**



It's about QUALITY, and EQUALITY – that students around the globe would have equal opportunity to receive the same quality training regardless of how rich or poor the country may be, or how developed or undeveloped the United Pentecostal Church International may be in that country.

Paul confessed, “Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect...I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do...I press on toward the goal...” (Philippians 3:12-14, NIV)

**“Bible education is all about  
Learning & Doing,  
Knowing & Going,  
Understanding & Growing always  
closer to HIM.”**

Linda Poitras  
*Missionary*

This attitude permeates the Christian life, and is an important premise with the Global Association of Theological Studies. We strive for excellence—for quality—and we accomplish this through continuous improvement. We want to do better—to be better. Our purpose is to prepare (and be) quality leaders. Let us push toward our goal!