



GLOBAL EDUCATOR

PURSUING MINISTERIAL EXCELLENCE

Hats off to the Past; Heads up to the Future!

Ministerial education is crucial to the future of the United Pentecostal Church International. The Church marches forward only to the extent that we evangelize the world and educate our converts.

Overseas Bible school education has come a long way, thanks to men like Ralph Reynolds, author of the International Alpha Bible Course; Robert K. Rodenbush who was responsible for the Overseas Ministries Training Series, and others too numerous to mention. They set the pace. We press toward the goal they established. GATS is a cutting edge education program that uses the foundation

of our past to build for the bright future of taking the Whole Gospel to the Whole World by the Whole Church in the 21st century. The Global College of Ministry (GlobalCOM) is in step with new strides in technology and will minister to a growing technology savvy world. Keep your eyes and ears open for news of the development of GATS.



Bruce A. Howell
General Director of Foreign Missions

Marching into the 21st Century

the past 150 years new communication technologies have brought new opportunities. Railways and cars meant that teachers could travel, allowing the walls of the university to stretch... Cheap and rapid mail and lowered paper costs made correspondence education possible... Computers have come into the classroom."

Within this quote a true evaluation of past and future educational processes is brought to light.



GATS has now found its place in history. With electronic media and freshly created

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> Global Association of Theological Studies purposefully promotes the pursuit of excellence by raising the academic standard in this world-class, innovative program.

Roger Buckland,
Missionary to Czech Republic

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Lloyd L. Shirley
Director of Education/AIM

curriculum, the Foreign Missions Division marches into 21st century education training men and women in Bible colleges around the world. I am delighted to be a part of this great endeavor.



Hilary Perraton and Charlotte Greed in *Applying New Technologies and Cost Effective Delivery Systems in Basic Education* wrote, "For many centuries education meant people talking and listening... The invention of the world's first alphabet in Greece, followed... by the development of printing... meant that fortunate students could now also use blackboards and books. Over

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

<http://www.gatsonline.org>

Global Association of Theological Studies is a revolutionary concept for training leaders around the globe.

The future of the United Pentecostal Church is dependent upon revival, and the training of new converts and leaders.

GATS is all about achieving this goal of revival by pursuing ministerial excellence. Dallas Willard said, "The great omission of the

great commission is failing to "prepare God's people for works of service" (Ephesians 4:12).

"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 eternity... reaching sinners and training saints" (R.K. Rodenbush). "It's all about souls! Souls rescued, souls rooted, and souls readied" (Bruce Howell).

Why should you become a membership school? Because GATS brings uniformity while allowing you to be unique.

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The purpose of GATS and its membership schools is to develop and equip men and women to reach their maximum potential in apostolic ministry.

What can you expect from the Global Association of Theological Studies?

↳ **COMMUNICATION:** A newsletter will be issued bi-annually. A website is under development: <http://www.gatsonline.org>. Annually we provide a training and resource CD/DVD along with a handbook.

↳ **COMMITMENT:** We are pursuing ministerial excellence recognizing it is a continuous process. Our schools develop and equip men and women to reach their maximum potential in apostolic ministry.

↳ **CURRICULUM:** We provide a partially standardized curriculum and other pertinent guidelines at four levels: Certificate, Diploma, Associate, and Bachelor Degree. Certificates will be issued through the Coordinator of GATS.

↳ **COMPETENCE:** Bible schools are only as strong as its faculty. GATS is committed to assisting our schools -equip, mentor, and develop their staff through faculty development courses.

↳ **COUNSEL:** GATS also serves as a resource center. E-mail us (gats@upci.org) with questions about needed course materials, etc. and we will quickly send our recommendations. Our representatives can make onsite visits as requested, and as time and finance allow.

↳ **COLLABORATION:** Networking allows great minds to come together combining some of the greatest educational minds with cross-cultural experience in the UPCI. A curriculum development committee identifies textbook needs and we will provide translations in major languages.

↳ **CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT:** An exploding trend in education is distance education. GATS plans to institute the Global College of Ministry.

↳ **COOPERATION:** Working together to meet education objectives is what you can expect from GATS. We hope that GATS can expect for you to get on board.



James G. Poitras
Coordinator of GATS

JOIN THE TEAM TODAY!