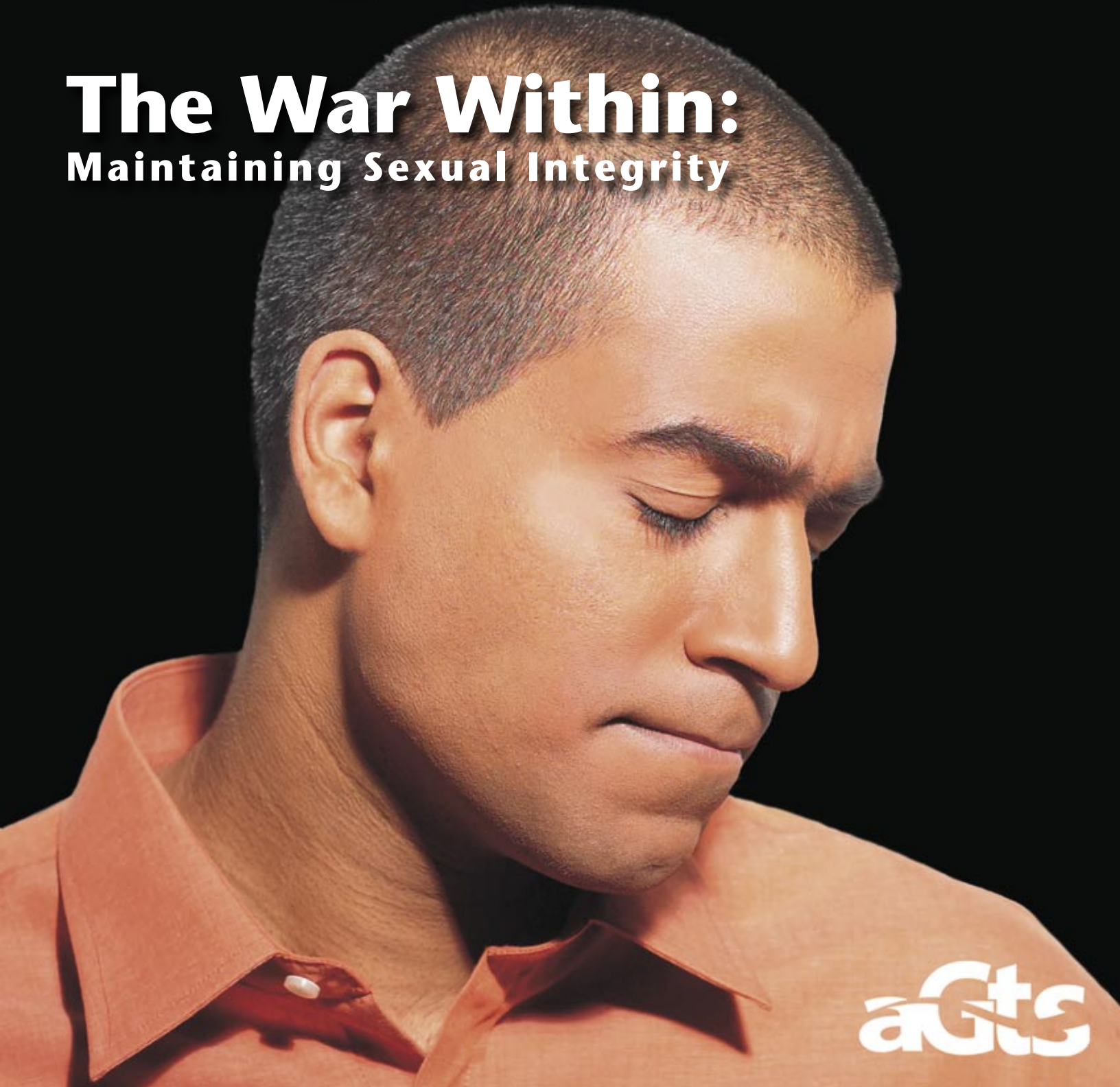


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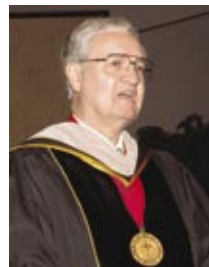
129 Graduates from 29 states and eight foreign countries were awarded degrees at the 31st annual Commencement on Saturday, May 1, 2004.



Boyd Powers, secretary treasurer of the Oregon District (A/G) and 1996 alumnus, shared his reasons for supporting AGTS during the President's Luncheon on May 1. The Oregon District is the seminary's largest monthly supporter.



Dr. Ivan Satyavrata, president of Southern Asia Bible College, Bangalore, India, delivered the keynote address.



Former AGTS President Del Tarr read the Scripture in French and prayed in Mori, the language of Burkina Faso, during Commencement. Del and his wife, Dolly, are veteran missionaries to Africa.



Fellow D.Min. graduates gathered around Robert Cook, superintendent of the Rocky Mountain District (A/G), to pray for him before he delivered the D.Min. response at Commencement.



Despite being legally blind, Charles Scrivener (center, posing with Professors Paul and Dene Wood) earned an M.Div. in two years. The average is three to four years.

Alumnus of the Year: Jean Pawentaore Ouedraogo



Jean Pawentaore Ouedraogo is the son of an Assemblies of God (A/G) pioneer pastor who planted many churches in Burkina Faso. After high school, Jean attended an A/G Bible school in Ivory Coast and, later, the International Bible Training Institute in Sussex, England.

Upon his return to Burkina Faso, he pastored a church and was a teacher at the first A/G Bible school there. Later he became the principal and director of that school and trained many men and women for ministry.

In 1980 he came to Springfield to finish his B.A. at Central Bible College. Upon graduation, he earned an M.A. at AGTS and returned to

Burkina Faso, where he was elected general superintendent of the A/G, a position he has held since 1989. The A/G is the largest Protestant church in Burkina Faso, with over one million members and adherents.

Currently, Jean is the chairman of the Africa A/G Alliance, which interacts with all A/G ministers in Africa. In addition, he is a member of the Executive Council of the World A/G Fellowship, the chairman of the board for the West Africa Advanced School of Theology and the director of the World A/G Relief Agency. He is widely respected in Africa and beyond as a model servant-leader. ■

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AGTS Hosts Book Signing

AGTS hosted a book signing during an Alumni Open House the morning of May 1, prior to Commencement. AGTS Professors Gary B. McGee and Barbara Cavaness (right) were there along with Board Member Deborah Gill (left) to sign copies of their recently authored books.

Dr. Gill, national A/G commissioner on discipleship, recently joined with Dr. Cavaness, visiting professor of missions, to write *God's Women: Then and Now*



(*Grace and Truth*, March 2004), a book that explores the biblical viewpoint of women in ministry.

Dr. McGee, professor of Church history and Pentecostal studies, has written *People of the Spirit: The Assemblies of God* (Gospel Publishing House, May 2004). He has also coauthored *Introducing World Missions* with Scott Moreau and Gary Corwin (Baker, January 2004). ■

President Klaus Speaks at Oxford World Mission Briefing

AGTS President Byron D. Klaus spoke at the Oxford World Mission Briefing, May 18-20, 2004, Oxford, England. Dr. Klaus joined leaders from around the world for this briefing which focused on "Leadership Development for World Christianity: The Growing Church and Its Needs." He spoke on the topic "The Church in the U.S.A.: Divisions, Decisions and Direction."

"The Oxford Centre for Mission Studies is the premier center for evangelical missiology done by two-thirds world leaders," said President Klaus. "The opportunity to be in the same forum with these world-class missiologists was truly an honor and incredibly stimulating." ■

Thank You, Dr. Bradford!

Dr. Mark Bradford, AGTS director of counseling programs, tendered his resignation after the spring 2004 semester in order to devote more time to his family and professional practice.

We will miss Dr. Bradford greatly and appreciate his seven years of devoted service. Under his leadership, our counseling program has gained great respect throughout the local community.

Dr. Melody Palm will serve as interim director of the counseling program for the upcoming year. Dr. Bradford will continue in relationship with AGTS as an adjunct professor. ■



Anthony Palma Named Professor Emeritus



Dr. Anthony D. Palma was named professor of New Testament emeritus during Commencement, May 1. His relationship with AGTS began the year AGTS opened its doors (1973), when he taught New Testament, Greek and theology. He went on to serve AGTS in the following capacities:

- academic dean of the Theology Division (1974-1980),
- Biblical Studies Department chairman and professor of biblical studies and theology (1980-1981),
- vice president for academic affairs (1981-1986) and
- adjunct professor (1986-present).

He is a former president of the Society for Pentecostal Studies and has written four books, including *The Holy Spirit: A Pentecostal Perspective*.

"There are many talented New Testament scholars in the A/G, but no one has had more affect on the way our fellowship reads the New Testament than Dr. Palma," said Academic Dean Joe Castleberry, who presented the award to Palma. "His career set a high standard for A/G higher education, and his book on New Testament pneumatology is a classic that will survive long into the future." ■

Pentecostal Scholars Gather at AGTS

On April 16-17, the *Resources for Advancing Pentecostal Studies* conference convened at AGTS to honor Wayne Warner on the occasion of his approaching retirement as the director of the Flower Pentecostal Heritage Center. (Assemblies of God [A/G] Archives) He has held this position since 1980.

The center, located in the A/G headquarters building, is one of the foremost archives for the study of Pentecostalism in North America. Warner is also the editor of the *A/G Heritage* magazine and has authored and edited numerous books dealing with Pentecostal history.



Wayne Warner, Byron Klaus, Edith Blumhofer and Grant Wacker

A significant group of Pentecostal leaders and scholars gathered for the conference including:

- Edith Blumhofer (professor, Wheaton College)
- Stan Burgess (professor, Regent University)
- David Cole (president, Eugene Bible College)
- Deborah Gill (AGTS board member A/G director of the Division of Christian Education, A/G commissioner on discipleship)
- Gary B. McGee (professor, AGTS)
- Mel Robeck (professor, Fuller Theological Seminary)
- Grant Wacker (professor, Duke Divinity School)
- George Wood (A/G general secretary)

This event was made possible through a grant (sponsored by Edith Blumhofer and Grant Wacker) from the Lilly Endowment. The proceedings will be published electronically by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion at www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu.

Successful Conference of Value to Ministers and Churches

AGTS cosponsored the conference *Growing and Leading the Large Pentecostal Church* with First A/G, Ft. Myers, Fla. (Rev. Dan Betzer); Victory Church, Lakeland, Fla. (Rev. Wayne Blackburn); and Northland Cathedral, Kansas City, Mo. (Rev. Lowell Harrup) in March 2004. The conference offered networking opportunities and seminars by top leaders including Barry Meguiar, CEO of Meguiars, Inc., the world's largest car-care product company.



One pastor said, "The [conference] was unbelievably timely and informative." Another stated, "This has been the most valuable time I have spent in years." All sessions are available in CD format and can be ordered at: www.aGts.edu/flconference.

AGTS Launches Online Journal

By Dr. Edgar Lee

This summer, AGTS will launch an exclusively online journal. *Encounter: Journal for Pentecostal Ministry* will reflect vital Pentecostal theology and serve pastors, chaplains, missionaries, counselors and others. *Encounter* will aim to bring the best of theology and theory to bear on practical and urgent issues of ministry. It will be a publication of the AGTS community including faculty, administration, board members, alumni, fellowship executives and other writers with fresh new insights. Watch for *Encounter* at www.encounterjournal.com.

AGTS Listed Among "Best Christian Places to Work" Again!

A survey sponsored by Christianity Today lists AGTS among the top four in the category for institutions of higher education with fewer than 150 employees—for the second year in a row. See www.aGts.edu for more information.

Historic Pulpit Donated to AGTS

1998 alumnus and Pentecostal historian Darrin Rogers recently coordinated the donation of an historic pulpit to AGTS. This pulpit was originally located in Moorhead, Minnesota, at the Swedish Free Mission, which practiced speaking in tongues and healing as early as 1903.

John Thompson, pastor of the Swedish Free Mission and chairman of the Scandinavian Mission Society, preached Pentecost from this pulpit over 100 years ago. "Thompson joined with Norwegian immigrant Henry H. Ness in the late 1920s to help start the Assemblies of God (A/G) congregation in Fargo," said Rogers. "Many of Thompson's descendants went on to serve the A/G in ministry, including: Betty (Mrs. Philip) Wannemacher, Doris (Mrs. David) Flower, Peter Thompson, John Thompson, Marion (Mrs. Robert) Perkin and Joy (Mrs. Keith) Sorbo."

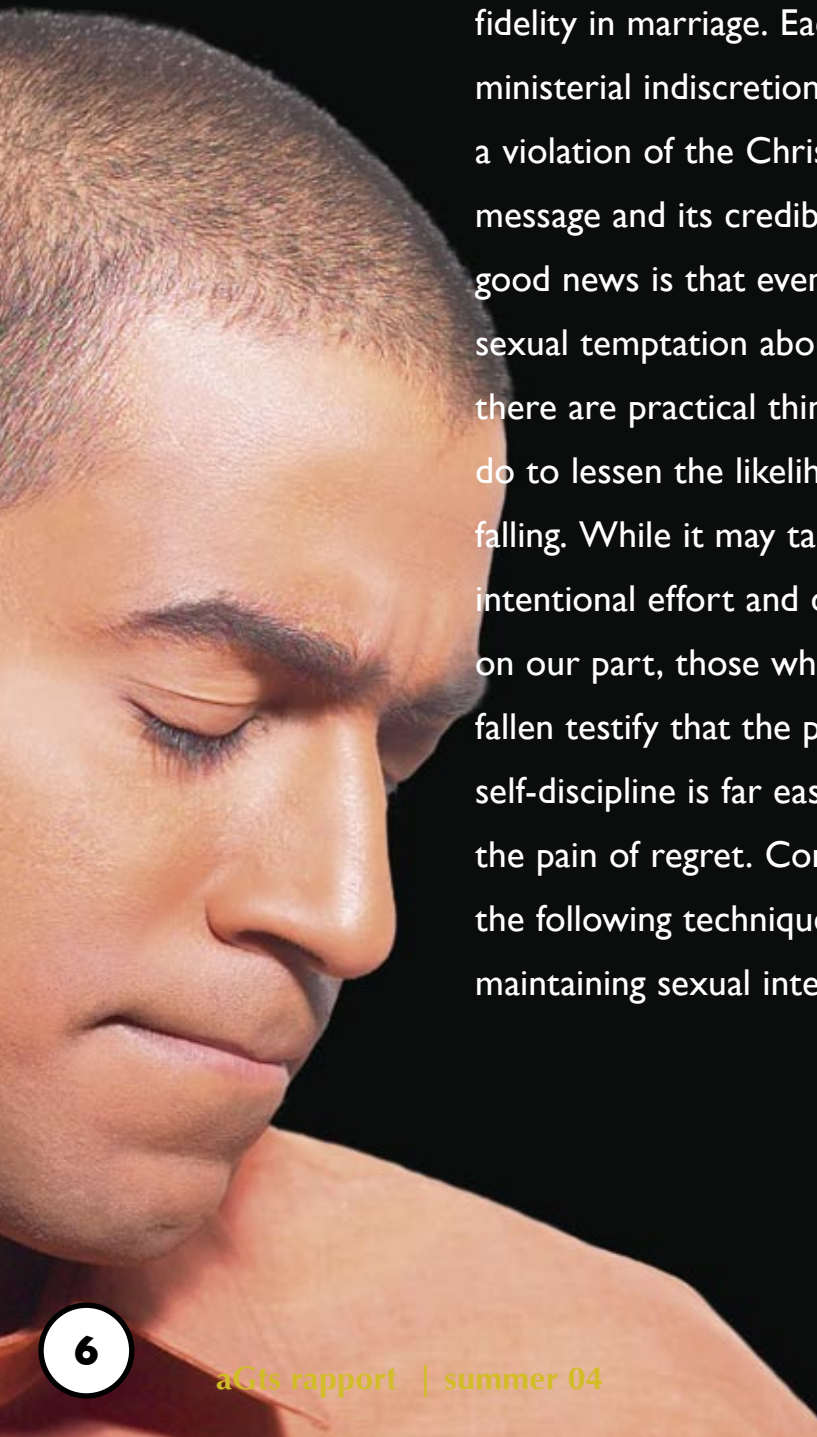
"The Moorhead congregation also yielded Mary Johnson, the earliest-known Pentecostal missionary from North America to venture overseas. In November 1904 Johnson experienced Spirit-baptism and the Society recognized her calling. Johnson set sail with partner in ministry Ida Anderson, arriving in Durban, South Africa, on January 16, 1905."

A longtime member of Fargo First A/G, Evie McCann, rescued the pulpit when the former Swedish Free Mission building was being remodeled decades ago.



The **WAR** Within: Maintaining Sexual Integrity

By Cheryl Taylor, D.Min., AGTS



In recent years, America has been stung by leaders who have fallen into sexual impropriety. The Bible clearly defines the boundaries: abstinence in singleness and fidelity in marriage. Each act of ministerial indiscretion marks a violation of the Christian message and its credibility. The good news is that even though sexual temptation abounds, there are practical things we can do to lessen the likelihood of falling. While it may take some intentional effort and discipline on our part, those who have fallen testify that the pain of self-discipline is far easier than the pain of regret. Consider the following techniques for maintaining sexual integrity.

Recognize Your Vulnerability

Sexual temptation is no respecter of persons, denominational labels or leadership positions. Marriage and counseling professor Archibald Hart advises, “It’s absolutely critical that we assume we all can fall... Given the right circumstances, each of us is capable of succumbing. None of us is beyond the reach of temptation.”¹ What pride to believe that sexual sin could overtake Samson, David, Solomon and a host of modern Christian leaders, but that we are immune! First Corinthians 10:12 warns, “If you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!” (NIV) Ministers who recognize the powerful force against which they minister, live with the frightening but motivating knowledge that they are not immune to sexual temptation, and take appropriate precautions.

No one prepares for a battle of which they are unaware, and no one wins a battle for which they do not prepare.

Guard Your Heart

“Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life” (Prov. 4:23). Often those who fall into sexual sin can point to lapses in their practice of the spiritual disciplines and the healthy self-examination the disciplines foster. Most ministers know this, but in the busyness of giving out, they can easily neglect the replenishing of their spiritual reservoirs. Regular, honest heart “checkups” can prevent this from happening.

Guard Your Mind

A battering ram may hit a fortress gate a thousand times, and no one time seems to have an effect, yet, finally, the gate caves in. Likewise, immorality is the cumulative product of small mental indulgences and

miniscule compromises; the immediate consequences of which were, at the time, indiscernible. As Romans 12:2 reminds us, we are “transformed by the renewing” of our minds. This can be called the principle of displacement. When an impure thought thrusts itself into our consciousness, we can choose to replace it with something good or just. “We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ” (2 Cor. 10:5).

Guard Your Marriage

Without a doubt, being in love with one’s mate provides the best defense against sexual misconduct. Unfortunately, many Christian leaders minister in such a way that unless they make a concerted effort to invest in their marriages, it simply does not happen. You must intentionally engage in activities that will build your marriage, consistently working to maintain spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical closeness with your spouse. Show how important your family is to you by surrounding your work environment with reminders of your spouse and children—pictures, drawings and mementos. Loyalty to your spouse is very important; try to speak only highly of your spouse in public, and never downgrade your spouse in front of others.

Guard Your Monitor

According to 2001 Justice Department statistics, pornography is a bigger business than professional football, basketball and major league baseball combined.² Sex is the number one reason American adults use the internet. Conservative estimates claim that a third of all visits are to sexually oriented websites, chat rooms and news groups.³ Sadly, the statistics are not much different for ministers. In

recent surveys by *Christianity Today* and the *Leadership Journal*, 33% of clergy responded to having visited a sexually explicit website, and 18% of these admitted they visit sexually explicit sites between a few times a month and more than once a week.⁴ Internet pornography is a definite reality, and it exists on both sides of the church’s doors...and pulpits.

Pornography is a dehumanized, synthetic version of sex that eliminates love, honor, dignity, true intimacy and commitment. The use of pornography is simply self-gratification at the expense of others; it is a self-centered, consuming experience that disconnects the person from God, from his or her spouse and family, and from his or her own feelings.

“Given the right circumstances, each of us is capable of succumbing.”

One excellent avenue of accountability is web-based programs that combine personal and virtual accountability (i.e. www.covenanteyes.com). These programs remove the secrecy and privacy of using the internet by automatically emailing to your chosen accountability partners a regular log of all of the sites you visited, including the web addresses and amount of time you were on the internet.

Recognizing the Warning Signs

Most ministers who have fallen can look back and see identifiable early warning signs that should have been a red flag, especially when the signs appeared in clusters. By becoming more aware of crucial warning signs, ministers are more apt to avoid falling into sexual misconduct.



External Warning Signs: Things Ministers Should Watch for Around Them

- A breakdown in your marriage intimacy
- A breakdown in your marriage communication
- A breakdown in your physical and emotional well-being
- A dangerous relational progression while counseling/

working with someone (increasing amount of time together, personal nature of conversation, emotional dependency and eventually physical intimacy)

- Your spouse begins to feel uncomfortable with the person/situation

Internal Warning Signs: Things Ministers Should Watch for Within Themselves

- Being consumed with your own self-interests
- Compartmentalizing your behavior
- Rationalizing and justifying your behavior
- Allowing yourself to indulge in pornography or sexual fantasies
- A dangerous relational progression while counseling/ working with someone

Guard Your Ministry

Ministries should put accountability measures in place and regularly adhere to them. This includes human and virtual accountability, as well as organizational structures and guidelines designed to protect yourself and those in your ministry. For example: run regular checks of all computers to monitor internet use; or, make it a personal policy not to do long-term counseling with a person of the opposite sex. Ministers need to take the initiative and responsibility for establishing and maintaining boundaries. A clergy code of ethics, properly developed, clearly written and appropriately enforced, can strengthen ministerial integrity.

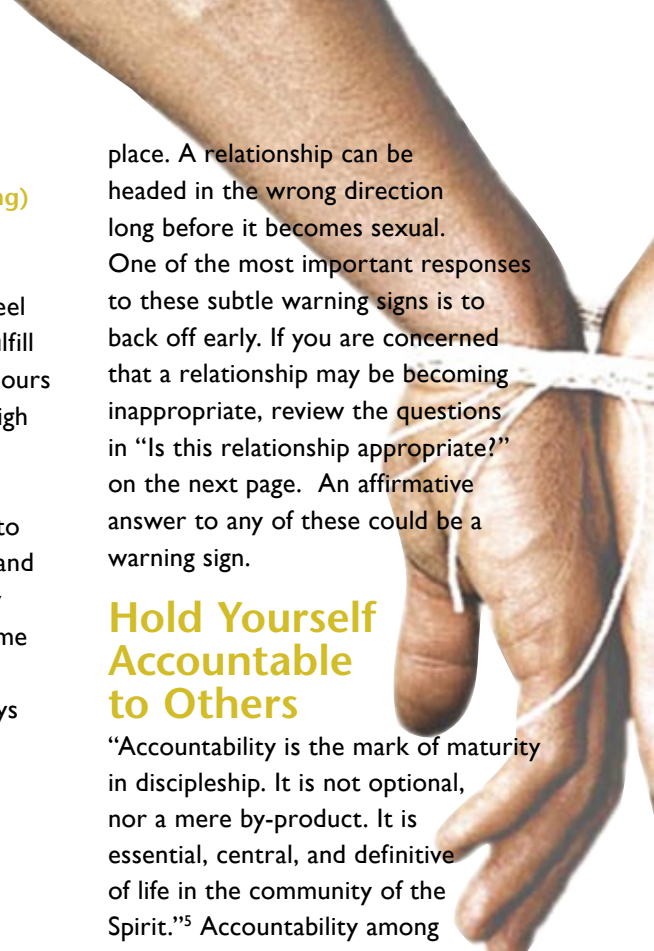
“A relationship can be headed in the wrong direction long before it becomes sexual.”

Guard Your Health (physical and emotional well-being)

Western society places heavy expectations on its leaders, and ministers are no exception. They feel the pressure to be successful, to fulfill all their goals and work unending hours for the Kingdom. Over time, the high expectations exact a toll. Ministers must recognize when they are the most vulnerable. They can adhere to the Alcoholics Anonymous slogan and HALT when Hungry, Angry, Lonely or Tired. Ministers need to take time regularly for themselves and their families—not always easy but always necessary.

Recognize and Address the Warning Signs

Be self-aware. Know yourself and know the risk factors and warning signs. The instant you recognize signals from a member of the opposite sex, or inappropriate thoughts within, you should call it for what it is and consciously put preventive measures in



place. A relationship can be headed in the wrong direction long before it becomes sexual. One of the most important responses to these subtle warning signs is to back off early. If you are concerned that a relationship may be becoming inappropriate, review the questions in “Is this relationship appropriate?” on the next page. An affirmative answer to any of these could be a warning sign.

Hold Yourself Accountable to Others

“Accountability is the mark of maturity in discipleship. It is not optional, nor a mere by-product. It is essential, central, and definitive of life in the community of the Spirit.”⁵ Accountability among ministers is critically important, yet most fail to seek it. It is imperative that ministers find others, whether staff, laity or other ministers, who will love them as they are and regularly hold them accountable.

Are You Struggling with Sexual Temptation

Many people don't realize that the bondage cycle follows a predictable pattern. Ask yourself the following questions to understand your personal temptation habits. Once people understand the *triggers* and *rituals* that have developed, they begin to notice that the details of their lives actually have become arranged to support the very bondage from which they want to become free.

1. What day(s) of the week am I most challenged?
 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday
2. What time of the day am I most challenged?
 Morning Lunch Afternoon Dinner Early evening Late evening
3. Where am I tempted most? Work Home In the community Away from home Other
4. What specific stressor is likely to lead me into the bondage sequence once again?
5. How do I feel when I am battling temptation?
6. What mind games and/or rationalizations do I tend to play so I will feel entitled to act out sexually?
7. What does the sexual sin give me that I feel I need?

*Adapted from *Pure Desire* by Ted Roberts, Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1999, 118-121.

Is this relationship appropriate?

To determine if you're in a questionable relationship, ask yourself the following kinds of questions:*

1. Do you think about this person a lot?
2. Do you take more care with your appearance when you expect to see this person?
3. Do you find excuses to be around this person?
4. Do you set up appointments with the person that is outside the normal routine with other parishioners?
5. Would you be uncomfortable if others knew about your feelings/thoughts?
6. Are you much more aware of yourself sexually? Do you feel as if you were dating in high school all over again?

* Randy C. Alcorn, "Strategies to Keep from Falling," *Leadership: A Practical Journal for Church Leaders* 42, no. 3 (1996): 49.

Regularly Rehearse the Consequences

Ministers would do well to write their own lists of specific consequences that would result from sexual immorality. As they consider the consequences, they may want to visualize themselves standing in front of their spouses, children or churches, confessing what they did, in order to feel the anxiety, shame and regret. In times of temptation, they can read through the list. In a tangible and personal way, it brings home God's inviolate law of choice and consequence.

Provide Biblically Based Teaching on Sexuality

The Church needs to be talking about sex. The schools do, people on the street do and the media do; but the majority of ministers do not. Christian leaders have a crucial role to play in leading the Church toward living in accordance with God's understanding of human sexuality. We are called to serve our people by providing a healthy affirmation of the biblical view of sex and sexuality, so needed in a day of infidelity and promiscuity.

Conclusion

Most ministers will face sexual temptation, but if we safeguard our lives in these important areas, we can be less vulnerable. I challenge you, as Christian leaders, to put in place these proven practices. ■

1 Archibald Hart, Louis McBurney, Burdette Palmberg, and David Seamands. "Private Sins of Public Ministry," *Leadership: A Practical Journal for Church Leaders* 9, no. 1 (winter 1988): 16.

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- Harley, Willard F., Jr. *His Needs, Her Needs.* (Fleming H. Revell, 1994).
- Arterburn, Stephen, and Fred Stoeker. *Every Man's Battle: Strategies for Victory in the Real World of Sexual Temptation.* (WaterBrook Press, 2002). *Companion workbook available for personal or small group study.*
- Hayes, Steve. *Safe and Sound: Protecting Personal and Ministry Relationships.* (Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2002).
- Laaser, Mark R. *Faithful and True: Sexual Integrity in a Fallen World.* (Zondervan, 1996).

Several websites provide helpful resources to assist ministers in understanding and addressing the problem of internet pornography.

- Focus on the Family, Pure Intimacy (www.pureintimacy.org)
- Prodigal International (www.iprodigal.com)
- Enough Is Enough (www.enough.org)
- Covenant Eyes (www.covenanteyes.com)
- EXXit (www.exxit.org)
- Literature Ministries International (www.thesafesite.com)
- XXXChurch (www.xxxchurch.com)



Cleansing the Streams of the Soul: Spiritual Recovery After an Affair

By Angela Reid, LPC, AGTS alumna and adjunct professor

News of an affair can be devastating. Statistics estimating the number of marriages affected by this experience are sobering. What can be expected when the unexpected becomes reality?

Consider the merging of two streams as a picture of the unity of marriage. As joined waters, they flow over stones down the path of life's journey. Yet, they remain one stream—inseparable. An affair is a bend in the stream, an unexpected turn deviating from the stream's natural course—a perfect collection point for debris. The once free-flowing water becomes dammed by rocks, trash and grime. The water begins to stagnate; its movement inhibited, its beauty disfigured.

But God is in the stream cleaning business! His desire is to restore unity in the marriage by cleansing and healing the waters of the soul. Both spouses carry emotional and spiritual baggage after an affair, and it takes both spouses, in unity with God, to recreate a beautiful, healthy stream that flows on course.

If an affair hits home, it is an understatement to say the marriage relationship will suffer hardship. But hardship is not impossible to overcome. In order to move beyond this unforeseen bend in the stream, there are several key components to consider.

- Allow yourself to experience the reality of your emotions. Denying that you are hurt and confused does not cause the hurt and confusion to disappear. Common initial feelings include shock, numbness, disbelief, anger, grief and despair. Acknowledge your feelings and allow God time to bring healing to inner wounds.
- Avoid the tendency to constantly replay the details of the affair in your mind. As

your marriage is moving toward health, refuse to allow yourself to dwell on the ways you've been wronged. Your mind is the battleground where the war for your marriage is won or lost.

- As you take your thoughts captive, replace negative, hurtful thoughts with life-giving Scripture.
- Resist sharing the details of the affair with your children.
- Refrain from publicly criticizing your spouse.
- Find a trusted, accountability partner to help with spiritual and emotional struggles.
- Remain socially active and resist the temptation to isolate from others. Godly friends are a source of hope and strength through life's difficulties.

Marriage was meant to flow with life and zest, but it's difficult to flow when it seems your motivating force is gone, dammed with the debris of emotional and spiritual pain. When couples find themselves in this situation, it is common and appropriate to seek godly counsel from Christian helping professionals. Issues that might be dealt with include

- confusion, anxiety, depression;
- hurt, rejection, shame, isolation;
- anger, resentment, guilt;
- restoration, intimacy; and
- forgiveness and trust.

Personal and marital healing is a process, and there are no easy answers or quick fixes. But there is hope. In times when our strength fails, we know the grace of God will sustain us, as His strength is "made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9). ■

Building Strong Marriages: Suggestions for Spouses of Ministers*

- Regularly pray with and for your spouse. Help your spouse set a prayer time with you at home.
- Regularly spend time with your spouse. Evaluate how much time is being invested in others as opposed to each other. Make time for your marriage and guard it zealously. If your spouse asks you out or for a time away, go.
- Strive to meet your spouse's greatest needs. Learn about intimacy, closeness and needs—both your spouse's and your own.
- Regularly communicate with your spouse. Explain to your spouse how you feel. Are there any reasons your spouse might feel you think less of him/her than you do? Write, tell or show your spouse what you would like from him or her.
- Practice listening with approval. Avoid the temptation to shoot down ideas with practicality.
- Enter into sex with abandon. Just not turning him/her down is not enough. Read; think up new ideas. Forget about the dishes, meetings, etc. It only takes a few minutes for what one writer called "a kiss with a future."
- Let your spouse see that you need his or her help and strength.
- Tell your spouse when someone/something makes you feel uncomfortable. Don't shrug off people who flirt with your spouse. Be aware of the person who is delighted to implement the pastor's wishes and hangs around the church a lot.

*Adapted from Heather Bryce, "After the Affair: A Wife's Story," *Leadership: A Practical Journal for Church Leaders* 9, no. 1 (1988): 65. ■

Chaplaincy Spotlight: Sean Moore

Reaching Modern Warriors

The sky was blue and the air still—a perfect day for a jump. Sean Moore stood in front of the open doors on a C-130 aircraft thinking of his wife and three kids watching from bleachers in the drop zone. Ideally, the static line, now coiled in Sean’s right hand, would open the parachute on his back as he jumped. If it failed to deploy within the standard count to four, he had less than eight seconds and 800 feet to pull the handle on the reserve chute attached to his abdomen. The green light flashed, the jumpmaster shouted “GO!” and he followed the paratrooper in front of him out the door. He counted under his breath, “One thousand, two thousand, three thousand, four thousand.” He felt the comforting tug of silk, looked up to verify that there were no tangles or tears and breathed a sigh of relief. Just as he had gotten comfortable, he realized the ground was rapidly approaching. Screaming at the top of his lungs, “Help me, Jesus!” he felt his body crumple into the sand. This was Sean’s induction into the Parachute Infantry.

AGTS alumnus Sean Moore is an army chaplain serving the 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment (2-504), which returned from a three-month tour of duty in Iraq this spring. As a battalion chaplain, Sean ministers to the spiritual needs of approximately 700 paratroopers and reports to the commander on issues of religion and morale, performing religious duties as they fall within the scope of his training as an Assemblies of God (A/G) minister. Any needs falling outside of this scope are referred to other chaplains.

“[While in Iraq,] my role was expanded to include nurturing the living, caring for the wounded and honoring the dead,” says Sean. “Unfortunately, I would be called on to serve in each capacity.”

Caring for the wounded came all too often for Sean’s liking. One afternoon, he went to minister to an element of the 2-504 that had seen regular attacks, occasionally with wounded. He shook their hands, looked in the eye and asked how they were doing. The A/G Chaplaincy Department had



Sean baptizes a paratrooper in Iraq.

provided identification tags with a flag on the front and two verses of Psalm 91, the “Soldier’s Psalm,” on the back. Sean presented one to anyone who would take it. That evening, as the 2-504’s convoy made its way north, an Improvised Explosive Device detonated from the side of the highway. Several were wounded with minor cuts and burns. Sean met with them and prayed. One said to him, “Look, Sir,” as he pulled his I.D. chain from around his neck to reveal the tag he had been given. Sean recalls, “I went outside to look at the vehicle and the windshield on his side had been struck by debris but was still intact. I praised God for his protective hand all the way back to base.

“I know God is using me to bear witness to him all the time. I am able to engage Parachute Infantrymen, modern day warriors, in spiritual discussion. ...I am continually amazed at the types of people that open up to me and I am

privileged at the same time. The people God continually puts in my path are ones that have had some experience with [him] in the past and for whatever reason are estranged from him. Often they are hurting and can be downright obnoxious. I am able to be salt and light in a spiritually dark arena.”

The chaplains that Sean and his assistant had replaced identified needs in the Christian community in southern Baghdad. Several thousand families represented various faith traditions including Chaldean, Assyrian, Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and A/G. “I had the opportunity to meet several Christian leaders and constituents over the course of the deployment,” says Sean. “A highlight was when I met the pastor from the [A/G] church in Baghdad. ...[T]hey just dedicated their new worship facility in February and are now able to worship publicly without fear of being harassed or arrested.”

Sean and his family are stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C. 



Sean (right) poses with an Iraqi pastor and a deacon (left) from an A/G church in Baghdad.

CLASS OF 1976

Dan Saglimbeni and his wife, Candace, have been appointed as missionary candidates to Rwanda, Africa. Dan will teach in the only Pentecostal Bible school in Rwanda and Candace will work with orphans and children with AIDS.



Dan and Candace Saglimbeni

CLASS OF 1977

Paul Hutsell conducts missions conventions in churches in West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. He lives in Ruidoso, N.M., with his wife, Dreta, of 55 years. They served as missionaries from 1956 until 1998, and Paul recently received his 50-year ordination pin from the A/G.

David Revell is senior pastor at First A/G, Dundee, Fla., and an adjunct professor at Southeastern College.

CLASS OF 1978

James Hernando, AGTS professor of 14 years, and his family spent the summer of 2003 in Costa Rica attending an intensive Spanish language school.

Frank Klapach is currently serving as the coordinator for the Northwest College adult degree completion program's off-campus site. He also serves as a part-time Bible and theology instructor.

CLASS OF 1980

Wayne Craft is pastor of Living Waters Worship Center, Selma, AL.

CLASS OF 1981

Gene Kummerer and his wife, Norma, are A/G missionaries in Belgium. Through a men's ministry

program they established seven years ago, they have organized four national and regional events every year in three major languages and published a four-page quarterly newsletter, also in three languages.

CLASS OF 1982

Kenneth Bates is president of Weatherwise Roofing, Garland, TX.

CLASS OF 1983

Mark Hausfeld is A/G missions area director for Central Eurasia.

CLASS OF 1984

Carolyn Baker is pursuing an M.A. in English and teaching at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.



Carolyn Baker

Keith Jones and his family serve in the Middle East where they have lived since 1985. Keith is the regional director for Global University in the Middle East and North Africa.

CLASS OF 1985

Liisa and James Kelly are home missionaries teaching at Native American Bible College, Shannon, N.C.

CLASS OF 1986

Eugene and Carolyn Hunt serve as A/G missionaries based in Costa Rica. Eugene is a board member and full-time professor with Latin America Theological Seminary (Facultad).

CLASS OF 1987

Norried and Doris Chaisson, missionaries to the Solomon Islands, began two new ministries, Word and Spirit Leadership School (a night school for pastors and lay workers) and Central Youth Fires (monthly youth conferences) in January 2004.

Glenn McClure is the chairman of Bible and theology at Kansas City College and Bible School. He received his Ph.D. from Pensacola Theological Seminary in December 2000.

Randy Rich is vice president of Convoy of Hope, Springfield, Mo.

CLASS OF 1988

Gerald and Donna Johnson, missionaries to the Philippines, are codirectors of Evangelist Training Center of the A/G. During a three-month period, they led over 2,500 people to Christ and gave out over 30,000 pieces of Light for the Lost literature.



Gerald Johnson

Jack Klugh is a motivational speaker through Compass Seminars, Fargo N.D. He spoke at each of the North Dakota Sectional Councils in 2003.

CLASS OF 1989

Hal Corbett is pastor of Tuba City A/G, a Navajo church in Tuba City, Ariz.

Kenneth Landry has been a part-time pastor for several churches in the San Jose, Calif., area. He has been married for 21 years and has four biological children and has had three foster children.

CLASS OF 1990

Steve Maglio is an army chaplain stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. He spent time serving in Iraq this past year and was awarded the Bronze Star for his "Clothes for Kids" program, which put over 2,000 lbs. of clothes in the hands of needy orphans and children in Iraq.

Tom and Nancy Wespetal, missionaries to the former Soviet Union, work with the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Kiev, Ukraine. They are also involved

in a medical trailer ministry which has served over 3,000 patients in the last year, many of whom received Christ.

CLASS OF 1991

Tom and Carolyn McFarland have been missionaries to the unreached tribal groups of Mexico since 1998. Tom makes recordings of the Bible in the many languages of Mexico. Carolyn works in a school for missionary children.

CLASS OF 1992

Daryel Erickson is Global University's regional director for Europe, where he oversees work in 34 European countries.

Carol Feigleson moved to Thailand in January 2004 to work with children who have been orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

Ray Miller is the dean of men and a professor at Evangel Bible College, Philippines.

CLASS OF 1993

Terry and Marsha Peretti are missionaries to Italy. Terry ministers through evangelistic crusades and youth meetings throughout the country. They also direct Global University's branch in Italy.



Terry and Marsha Peretti

CLASS OF 1994

Gary Carlson is the director of Africa Library Services. His wife, Sheryl, is the bookkeeper. They were able to help rebuild a library at the A/G Bible college in Liberia after the books were stolen during civil war fighting. They are also supplying thousands of Full Life Study Bibles and reference materials to Bible school libraries in Nigeria.

CLASS OF 1995

Denis Cox was deployed for eight months in 2003-04 to Iraq and Liberia as a Navy chaplain.

Garry Menke recently completed a four-year missionary term in Moldova and has settled in Springfield, Mo., to be a missionary-in-residence at Evangel University.

Laura (Somoskey) Brown is an instructor at Montreat College, Montreat, N.C., where she teaches social science and college study skills.

Cartus Thornton is currently serving as a United States Navy chaplain, stationed at Marine Corps Base Hawaii.



Cartus Thornton and Family

CLASS OF 1996

Tom and Oksu Ellis are expecting their third child in August 2004.

CLASS OF 1997

Ed Gitre completed an M.A. in cultural history at the University of Manchester, England. Ed's dissertation was entitled, "The 1904-05 Welsh Revival: Modernization, Technologies, and Techniques of the Self." He is now a Fellow at Rutgers

University working toward a Ph.D. in history.

Ken Nolen is spiritual care supervisor and department educator at Orlando Regional Healthcare, Orlando, Fla. He is also senior pastor at Church of the Well (Foursquare) and a D.Min. student at AGTS.

CLASS OF 1998

David and Kandra Millsaps, former missionaries to Belgium, have begun serving in Lithuania.

CLASS OF 1999

Glen and Paula Davis welcomed their first child, Dana Marie, on March 25, 2004.



Glen and Dana Marie

Yoriko (Funatsu) Yabuki, with her husband, Daisuke, works at Kanazawa Christ Church, Yokohoma, Japan. Their second child is due in September 2004.

CLASS OF 2000

David and Kelly Godzwa have been approved as A/G missionaries to Mexico.



David and Kelly with their children

Mark and Shelley Hollis are candidate missionaries in Southern Eurasia who will attempt to bring encouragement, teaching and resources to national pastors. They will be partnering with persecuted pastors in a Buddhist country, teaching in Bible schools and village churches, and holding prayer conferences for pastors and their leaders.

Casey Rogers is a crisis hotline worker and counselor for Moncher and Associates in Springfield, Mo. He married Debbie Beers on February 14, 2004.



Casey and Debbie Rogers

CLASS OF 2001

Michael and Pamela Berkowitz moved to Montana in August 2003, as home missionaries, for a one-year internship with Chi Alpha at Montana State University, Bozeman.

Michael Martin reported to Rhein Main AFB in Frankfurt, Germany, in August 2003 for six months. In August 2004 he will be deployed to another AFB in the U.S.

Andrew Ropp is an army chaplain deployed to Iraq since January 2004.



Andrew Ropp and Wife

CLASS OF 2002

Steve Kramer has been approved as a missionary to the Netherlands. He will be planting churches and pioneering Chi Alpha groups, beginning in Amsterdam.



Steve Kramer

Dwight Miranda is the president of Colegio Teologico del Caribe, a Bible school in Bayamon, Puerto Rico.

Stephen and Denise Pratel live in Fort Campbell, Ky., where he serves as an army chaplain of the 101st Airborne Division. He recently returned from service in Iraq.

Mark Stewart became an army chaplain in February 2003 and moved to Fort Drum, N.Y., with his wife, Laurie. Their third child, Audrey Nicole, was born May 12, 2003. Mark's battalion deployed to Afghanistan in August 2003 for nine months.

Alumnus Starts Ministry to Native American Marriages



John Knoles, current D.Min. student and 1981 alumnus, and his wife, Doris, have been missionaries to Native Americans for 20 years. They recently founded Native American Marriage Enhancement. Consider these statistics about Native Americans:

- 601 distinct tribes in the United States, combined population of over four million
- Fastest-growing ethnic group
- In 1991, the alcoholism and death rate were 5.5 times the rate for the entire United States
- Suicide is six times the national average
- 15.5% of couples report violence within their marriages; 7.2% report severe violence
- 40% of women and 70% of men have reported seeing partner abuse as children

"After 30 wonderful years of marriage, it is our joy to build hope in the hearts of Native couples," said John. John and Doris will travel to reservations to teach marital and pre-marital workshops. They have launched a website, www.nativemarriage.com, which will eventually host hundreds of biblical and marital studies free of charge. "Preparation of mature Christian Native American leaders must begin in the home," said John. "This website will allow us to reach into homes of Native families across the United States and Canada."

Ludo (Lee) and Hanna Vandendriessche are starting a new church called Native Christian Community, in Mesa, Arizona, to reach 15,000 Native Americans in the area. Hanna is working as a case manager for Value Options, a managed behavioral health care organization, and is taking the necessary steps to become a licensed professional counselor.

CLASS OF 2003

Mark and Michelle Atterson welcomed Miracle Dawn Elisabeth on February 18, 2004.

Judith Ballweber has been appointed as a missionary to Ukraine. She will work with a mobile medical clinic and other venues of compassionate care.

Bob Caldwell presented a paper entitled, "Were There Early Alternatives to Initial Evidence?" at the Society for Pentecostal Studies, March 13, 2004, in Milwaukee, Wis. He is currently a Ph.D. student at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

Carl-Vilhelm Hasselgren, with wife Ruth, is a pastor of small group ministry in Vienna, Austria.

Natalie (Marshall) Bellmore is the research and projects coordinator for the Commission on Discipleship at A/G headquarters.



Natalie and Paul Bellmore

Frank Luke is assistant editor at Radiant Life Resources, Springfield, Mo. His wife, Sandy, is working in the AGTS library as the cataloging coordinator.



Sandy and Frank Luke

Matthew Hernando is working toward an M.A. in history at Louisiana Tech University, Ruston. He has written a paper that will be published in the *Journal of North Louisiana Historical Association*.

Brett and Joan Nelson are missionaries to Burundi, Africa.

Samuel (PJ) Preylo is a counselor in the Shelterwood Residential Program at Doulos Ministries, Branson, Mo.

Brian and Sheryl Shearer welcomed baby Hadassah Hope on April 3, 2004. Brian is a U.S. Navy chaplain aboard the USS Sacramento stationed in Bremerton, Wash.

CLASS OF 2004

Angela McHugh is pioneering an international student ministry at Central Michigan University with Chi Alpha Campus Ministries.

Kevin Pearl is a licensed A/G minister and a substance abuse counselor in a methadone clinic in Springfield, Mo.

Paul and Rhonda Martinez had their second child, Madelyn, on February 6, 2004. She joins big brother Max.

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DEVELOPMENT Outlook

| by Dr. Paul F. Martinez



EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Increasingly, AGTS students are turning to government assistance to finance their education. A student

who utilizes these loan programs averages a cumulative debt of \$37,416. Such graduates are often priced out of ministry opportunities like foreign missions or church planting because the \$369 monthly repayment exceeds personal debt-load maximums or requires a starting salary higher than some ministries can promise.

AGTS employees have decided to help remove these financial burdens by creating the Employee Scholarship Fund. The fund will grow via voluntary weekly payroll deductions, contributions and annual events, such as the AGTS yard

sale. It will be awarded once a year to eligible students. To date, nearly 20% of AGTS employees have made commitments for weekly payroll deductions, totaling over \$2,500 annually.

If you are interested in partnering with the seminary as the staff, faculty and administration have done, your contribution to the Pentecostal Leaders Annual Fund will provide another avenue of scholarship resources. Please send your check to AGTS, Attn: Annual Fund, 1435 N. Glenstone, Springfield, MO, 65802 or make a credit card donation at www.agts.edu/partners. God bless! 🇺🇸

ANNUAL REPORT 2003-2004

From the Office of the President...

As I complete my fifth year as president, I am reminded that God's grace has been very evident as we strive to focus our mission as a seminary even more clearly. In August 1999, I prepared a document for the seminary community entitled, "The Shape of Things to Come." I stated that in 2004 AGTS should be

1. thoroughly networked with its various publics such that AGTS would be a household word in the Assemblies of God,
2. adequately funded by a broad-base of donors/supporters whose affirmation of AGTS would be notable in their generous financial support,
3. decidedly proactive in setting the standard for Pentecostal leadership globally, and
4. clearly committed to the creative delivery of Pentecostal theological education, using the most effective systems possible and building partnerships to facilitate broad-based influence.

I can honestly say that, by God's grace, we have made considerable progress toward making this "preferable future" a living reality. In the last five years we have grown and matured as an organization. For the second consecutive year, we have been selected as finalists in *Christianity Today's* "Best Christian Places to Work" survey. That kind of organizational vibrancy is producing an atmosphere where God is at work and our AGTS community is excelling.

- Full branch campuses are being established at Northwest College, Kirkland, Wash., and American Indian College, Phoenix, Ariz.
- We are at the highest levels of enrollment in our 32-year history—507 in the fall 2003 semester and 545 in the spring 2004 semester.
- We project an enrollment of 750 by 2008.
- We held our first Day of Renewal in January during which the entire AGTS community fasted from work and classes to seek

God through focused prayer, worship and the Word. Over 525 people attended throughout the day, with more listening via a live web feed.

- AGTS has continued its church planting emphasis by providing assessments, resources, consultants, field-based learning opportunities and scholarships for a church planting class. Currently, seven students are starting church plants, and several more hope to start soon.

In order to meet our enrollment goals for 2008 and to support the increased number of students, we must address several questions.

- Can we offer programs that will entice the finest students and faculty to AGTS?
- What kind of revenue and expenses will a student population of 750 incur?
- Do we have the scholarship monies available to be competitive?
- What alternative revenue streams can we develop to lower the percentage of total budget that student revenue comprises?
- How will the additional students impact our present facilities and necessitate building more facilities?
- How can we maintain and strengthen the quality of the learning experience?
- How do we develop and maintain Pentecostal vitality in the increasingly multi-task oriented seminary existence?

In these efforts to realize this preferable future, we understand that AGTS is crucial to God's plan for the Harvest. The level of our effectiveness will be directly related to our continued realization that eternal business requires eternal resources. We will be intentional in our efforts to discern, with clarity, God's will for us and to vibrantly live in reliance on his Spirit. ■



Byron D. Klaus
President

"I can honestly say that, by God's grace, we have made considerable progress toward making this 'preferable future' a living reality."



Dorothea Lotter
Director of Admissions,
Records and Financial Aid

RECORD BREAKING ENROLLMENT

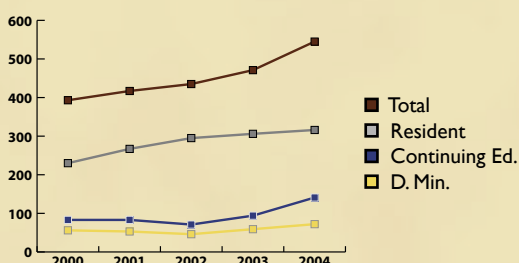
A GTS enrolled 507 students in fall 2003, resulting in the highest fall semester enrollment on record, and an increase of 2.2% above last year. The final enrollment included 308 resident students, 72 doctoral students, 115 in continuing education/branch campuses and 12 in independent studies.

The final spring 2004 enrollment was 545, which set a new semester record. The projected growth is attributed to enrollment increases in continuing education, doctoral studies and degree completion (see Tables 1, 2).

**TABLE 1
FINAL SPRING ENROLLMENT**

Spring	Total	Resident	D. Min.	Cont. Ed.	ISP/DR	New	Hours
2004	545	316	72	141	16	66	3,661
2003	471	306	59	94	12	41	3,193
2002	435	295	46	71	23	76	2,920
2001	417	267	53	83	14	62	2,769
2000	393	230	56	83	24	61	2,602

**TABLE 2
SPRING ENROLLMENT, 2000-2004**



FALL SEMESTER PROFILE

Degrees Pursued:

- 14%—Doctor of Ministry
- 28%—Master of Divinity
- 27%—M.A. in Christian Ministries and Intercultural Ministries
- 14%—M.A. in Counseling
- 9%—M.A. in Theological Studies
- 8%—Non-Degree Students

Median Age:

- Fall Students—35
- Resident Students—30
- Continuing Education—45
- Doctor of Ministry—49

Denominational Affiliation:

82% were Assemblies of God.

Ethnicity: Ethnic groups comprised 15% of the student body.

College Background: 66% attended Bible-affiliated colleges or universities.

DEGREES AWARDED

A total of 128 degrees were awarded in 2003-04, including 16 doctor of ministry, 26 master of divinity, and 86 master of arts. A total of 47% of the M.A. degrees are being completed by continuing education students.

DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM ON TRACK

The first MATS degree completion cohort of 15 students enrolled in January. These students from diverse backgrounds live within a four-hour driving radius and meet every Thursday night to pursue a master's degree. The response to the program has been enthusiastic. Students have commented as to the personal value of the classes.

- "The professor was passionate, personal and professional."
- "It is so relevant to my present life."
- "I have been able to preach on a deeper level than before."
- "(I have gained) a new appreciation for God's laws and application for the Christian life."
- "(The) professor had excellent knowledge of course material and is passionate about (the) subject. Awesome!"

In spring 2005, three cohorts will be simultaneously pursuing master's degrees. The first cohort is scheduled to graduate in April 2005. In 2004-05, we are working toward securing further funding for the program through grants. Degree completion courses can also be taken and applied to the M.Div. or M.Div. equivalency where applicable in preparation for enrolment in the D.Min. program. ■

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From the Office of Business...

HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES TRANSITION

The AGTS Business Office has successfully completed the transition of payroll and human resource services from the General Council of the A/G to AGTS. Since accounting services were transferred last year, all financial services, including essential data, policies and procedures, are now managed and administered internally.

STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (SIS)

Since 1997 AGTS has used a comprehensive software application to store, manage and process data for students and donors. Although the current application has served the seminary well, it is limited in its capacity to meet the current demands and expectations of a viable SIS.

In February 2004 the Board of Directors approved the purchase of a major software upgrade, which offers self-service web applications for registration, degree audit and bill/contribution payment; course management tools that provide for online class participation; and a host of improvements in report capabilities, search functionality and software development. Implementation of the upgrade will begin fall 2004.

2003-04 YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT

As of April 30, 2004, AGTS reported total annual revenues of \$4,772,412 and expenses of \$4,686,998 resulting in a \$85,414 increase in net assets at year-end—a significant turn around from last year's \$402,696 decrease in net assets. This year's increase in net assets is delineated as follows:

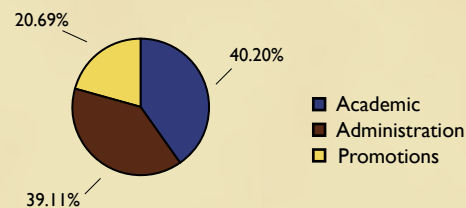
Description of Fund	Net Change
Operational	44,019
Plant	(172,480)
Scholarship/Grant	(124,798)
Endowment	236,035
Trusts Held by A/G Foundation	103,598
Miscellaneous	(960)
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets for 12 Months	85,414

IN COMPARISON TO THE 2002-03 FISCAL YEAR:

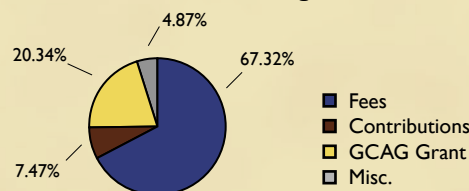
Total Revenues	Up 24%
Tuition and Fees (due to an increase in hourly tuition rate and in hours sold)	Up \$432,275
Endowment Funds	Up \$236,035
Trust Fund	Up \$103,598
Contributions in the Operational Fund	Up \$2,876
Donations to Other Funds (due primarily to less grant revenue)	Down \$76,171
Total Expenses	Up 10%

2004-05 BUDGET

2004-05 Expense Allocations



2004-05 Sources of Funding



The cost to educate each student during the 2004-05 fiscal year is projected at \$12,101.

Fees	67.32%	\$8,146
Contributions	7.47%	\$904
Grant	20.34%	\$2,461
Misc.	4.47%	\$589
Total	100.00%	\$12,101



David W. Willemssen
Director of Business

“As of April 30, AGTS reported an \$85,414 increase in net assets.”

From the Office of the Academic Dean...



Joe Castleberry
Academic Dean

In the fall of 2005 AGTS will implement its new curriculum—*Missio Dei and the 21st Century Church*. Both faculty and students, as well as board members and other stakeholders, are expressing great excitement over this innovative new program of studies.

The program is designed to form theologically reflective ministers who are deeply committed to the fulfillment of God's mission in Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, through the Church. In an age when "organized religion" has become an epithet and society is abandoning churches, we are committed to the belief that the Church—in all of its forms from megachurches to local congregations to military chapels to Chi Alpha groups to rescue missions to house churches—is the primary instrument for the completion of the Great Commission.

The curriculum consists of four conceptual elements that organize course offerings and areas of study. Each of these elements involves a deeply integrative, interdisciplinary approach to ministerial training.

 <p>The River</p>	 <p>The Bridge</p>
<p>The multidisciplinary core of our curriculum covers the flow of salvation history from the beginnings of biblical revelation to the present.</p>	<p>The practical theology component serves as a bridge from theological understanding to ministerial practice.</p>
 <p>The Vehicle</p>	 <p>The Road</p>
<p>Academic emphases provide the expertise in a particular branch of theological studies or ministerial practice that will help you get where you are going in ministry.</p>	<p>Supervised field education provides pathways into the world where true <i>praxis</i>, the union of theological reflection and practical ministry, occurs.</p>

By linking all theological and biblical material directly to ministry and society, we will train ministers who are able to think on their feet, ready to contextualize the gospel in new situations for a world that suffers drastic changes constantly. Take a look at our catalog at www.aGts.edu for more details. ■

From the Office of Development...



Paul F. Martinez
Director of Development

FIRST ANNUAL ALUMNI PHONATHON

AGTS alumni were contacted in Fall 2003 to raise money for the Pentecostal Leaders Annual Fund, which helps to pay for expenses not covered by tuition and fees.

- 23 students made calls to 1,500 AGTS alumni – 83% of alumni in the United States
- 85% of donations were made by first-time donors or those who had not contributed in the past five years

- The number of alumni donors increased by 234% over the previous year
- The phonathon goal was \$10,000; nearly \$11,000 was pledged.

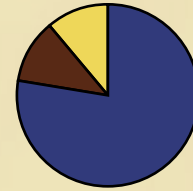
Total gifts received: \$11,200

SECOND CAREER SCHOLARSHIP

One AGTS alumnus contributed \$30,000 to establish the Second Career Scholarship, which provides financial resources to incoming students who demonstrate a call to ministry after a successful career in a secular field. ■

General Fund Support

While overall contributions remained constant from the previous year, district giving was up 30%. The number of alumni donors was up by over 200%, with nearly 10% of AGTS alumni making a contribution to the school.



Thanks

We appreciate each partner and supporter. Your investment in AGTS allows the leaders of today and tomorrow to gain the educational resources they need to impact an ever-changing world for Christ's eternal Kingdom!

■ Alumni: 44,282 (11.1%)
 ■ Friends: 44,913 (11.3%)
 ■ Churches/Districts/Businesses: 308,943 (77.6%)

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