

AGTS Receives a Great Gift from RV Volunteers

By David Willemsen, Director of Business

On August 20, 2003, AGTS employees gathered on the balcony in the Great Hall to bid farewell to two choice servants of God who have faithfully labored at the seminary for over six years. But these were more than your average employees. They worked for free. That's right, FREE!

John Rooney and Richard Babcock started working at AGTS in 1997 under the RV Volunteer

Ministry, a program designed "to help meet the need for construction and renovation of churches, Assemblies of God colleges and universities, and other facilities." The AGTS Business Office estimates that between the two of them, John and Richard donated over 12,000 hours of labor to the seminary between 1997 and 2003.

The volunteers spent most of their time in the basement workshop designing and building solid-oak furniture for over 30 offices. Over the six years of service, they built and installed quality bookshelves, cabinetry, file

drawers and desks in all faculty and administrative offices, constructed the receptionist workstation in the Great Hall, the library circulation desk and bookstore furniture, and assisted with countless other miscellaneous



Richard Babcock and John Rooney in their basement workshop.

projects. The fair market value of these furnishings is conservatively estimated at \$300,000.

Both John and Richard have now officially retired from their volunteer work

at AGTS. They do plan to drop in from time to time and are still eager to assist with any projects that might need to be done in the future. AGTS employees honored them with a cash gift, a plaque of appreciation and a photo album showing the work of their hands during the six years.



Office furniture built by John and Richard

The seminary owes a debt of gratitude to these servants. Their faithfulness and hard work have been a source of inspiration to all. They unselfishly gave of their talents, their time

and their energy to bless the seminary and build the Kingdom of God. ■

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