

GLOBAL EDUCATOR

PURSuing MINISTERIAL EXCELLENCE

Everyone Wins with GATS

Pull up a chair. Sit down. Let's chat about your potential involvement with GATS. Face it. Everyone is interested in a win-win situation. How does GATS benefit your nation? Why should you be involved? What are the benefits? Fair questions. Allow me to give the simple answers. Everyone benefits with GATS. Everyone wins! "Prove it," you might say. Okay, here goes!

Students win with GATS. They are part of a globally approved ministerial education program rather than merely being involved in a local, national, or regional endeavor. GATS and its school, the Global University of Theological Studies, is the recognized, endorsed program of the Regional Directors, Global Education Committee, FMAC (Foreign Missions Administrative Committee) and the Foreign Missions Board. It is built upon a quest for improvement and excellence in developing ministers. It desires an equal opportunity for students to receive quality training regardless of how rich or poor the country or student may be, and how developed or undeveloped the UPCI may be in that particular location. Students receive their certificates, diplomas and degrees from our international office. In cases where students do not have access to a Bible school in their country, or where distance or responsibilities may prevent them from attending a centralized, residential, or full-time school, the GATS distance education program through the Global College of Ministry (GlobalCOM) is available.

Missionaries win with GATS. We serve our missionaries. GATS endeavors to provide a high quality, doctrinally, accurate curriculum and have an aggressive translation program for major languages. We network with the educational masterminds from each region. GATS can readily assist missionaries in setting up and administrating their programs. We serve as a resource center to recommend or provide potential textbooks for courses. We want to help our missionaries build a cutting-edge program in each nation.

Nations win with GATS. Each nation connected globally will receive the same quality education. A faculty education program using the *Advance Educators Series* will be of great benefit to each teacher, which in turn elevates the level of education offered in that nation. Strong, effectively trained pastors, in strong local churches, produce strong national churches.

Regional directors and global leaders win with GATS. We provide a system of measurement to all nations and regions so they can compare with training done in other nations. We assist in maintaining influence with Bible schools and national churches when the work



becomes nationalized or when there is no missionary in the country.

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 a harvest of souls the Lord is going to give the church in the last days. Our distance education program can be instrumental in training potential ministers in unreached areas. We plan to provide a highly developed bachelor degree program, using qualified adjunct faculty, for training top level leaders for national administration and teaching in our Bible schools. You see, **everyone wins**: students, missionaries, nations, and the global missions endeavor of the United Pentecostal Church International. We all benefit!



There's Always A First

In most things there is always a first. We are happy to congratulate the *République Démocratique du Congo* for graduating fifty-three students from the certificate program. We also applaud *Ghana* who graduated seven from the diploma program and thirteen from the associate degree program. We are moving forward!



Who Will Be Next?

GATS and its membership schools exist to develop and equip men and women to reach their maximum potential in apostolic ministry. Since the beginning of this year we have seen six more countries accepted into this dynamic program! GATS unifies our training programs worldwide and helps us in our pursuit of ministerial excellence.

Curriculum Development

- ◆ *Growing Leaders, Discovering the Biblical View of Missions, Sensing God's Direction*, and the current *Advance Educators Series* lessons have ALL been translated into Spanish!
- ◆ A *World Missions* textbook is currently being translated in Spanish.
- ◆ In addition the *Advance Educators Series* and *ACTS: God's Training Manual For Today's Church: Level T* are being translated into French.

