

GLOBAL EDUCATOR

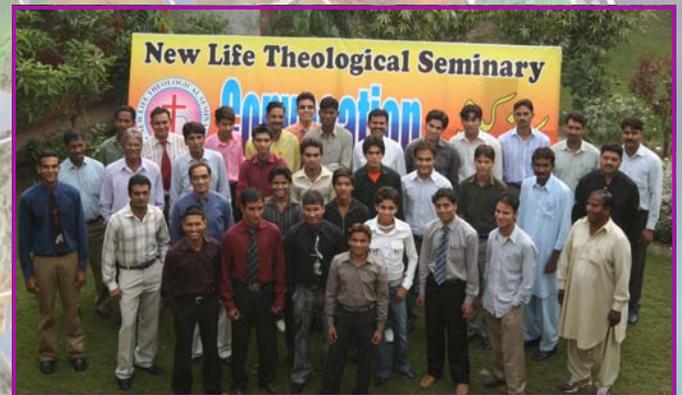
PURSuing MINISTERIAL EXCELLENCE



REACHING HIGHER HEIGHTS

A very successful Global Education Committee Meeting took place from January 9-11 in St. Louis, MO, USA at the World Evangelism Center with twenty-seven participants. A lot of ground was covered and some good decisions were taken: A Bible Trust Fund was approved whereby every Bible School teacher who completes the Advance Educators Series will receive a nice study Bible after

completing the eighteen lessons. In the future, as funds allow, a study Bible will also be given to each GATS graduate. The Distance Education program was examined and several curriculums were analyzed to improve their course content. Also, design work was done on our certificates, diplomas, associate and bachelor degrees with the first three being almost ready for students who qualify. We are grateful to Brother Dorsey Burk who helped us greatly with the layouts.



To date, forty-seven nations, representing sixty-six schools have submitted letters of intent. Out of these, eighteen nations, representing thirty-six schools have been approved. Since the official launch in August 2007, we continue to march forward in this academic training program. Together we are reaching higher heights.



REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

AFRICA

- ◆ Last year seven nations were approved to operate under GATS. These seven nations represent fourteen schools.
- ◆ Three Faculty Education programs were conducted. One in Ghana; joined by Togo, Benin, and the Ivory Coast. The Democratic Republic of Congo and Madagascar.



SOUTH AMERICA

- ◆ Training has always played an important role in our region. Brother Bennie DeMerchant started a Bible School in Manaus, Brazil in 1988, today there are over 140 churches, all as a result of the teaching ministry. What a joy it will be for GATS to come alongside these training programs and together pursue ministerial excellence.

CENTRAL AMERICA/ CARRIBEAN

- ◆ In the month of October 2008, two seminars were held to train faculty, one in the northern country of Guatemala and the other in the more southern country of Nicaragua. There was a total attendance of 132 teachers, from five nations, anxious to grow in their teaching ministry. Our goal is to better equip our Bible School teachers to be more effective in the classroom and to see greater productivity in our Bible Schools.



EUROPE/ MIDDLE EAST

- ◆ Out of the ten Bible School training programs, there was an average of fifteen students per school during 2008.
- ◆ Our first Faculty Advancement Seminar for the Balkan Bible Institute was held last year in Serbia with six staff members along with their wives attending.

PACIFIC

- ◆ We are looking forward with great expectation as the Philippine Board of Christian Education presents GATS, for approval, to the Executive Board of the Philippine church this month.



ASIA

- ◆ Step by step, we are moving forward. Last year, New Life Theological Seminary in Pakistan became a GATS school and Sri Lanka has followed in January 2009 as a membership nation.
- ◆ We look forward to Taiwan and Bangladesh joining this academic body to equip men and women for apostolic ministry.