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## Keeping You Connected



## Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2014!

We welcome you as an AGTS alum! You are joining AGTS alumni who stand shoulder-to-shoulder in ministry worldwide in over 125 countries and every state in the U.S. As an AGTS alum, we invite you to:

- Connect to alumni experienced in similar fields of ministry
- Audit one course for free every year
- Attend special events and lectureships
- [Download podcasts of sermons and lectures](#)
- Receive the alumni e-newsletter and the *Rapport* magazine
- View the *Encounter Journal* and the *International Journal of Pentecostal Missiology* online
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Please help us keep you connected to the AGTS community-at-large by notifying us whenever you move, change jobs or have news to share. Just e-mail [alumni@agts.edu](mailto:alumni@agts.edu) to update your information. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Connect with AGTS President Byron D. Klaus



**May 28-29:** Retirement celebration for Dr. Steve Land, Cleveland, Tenn.

**June 1-7:** Lausanne Conference, Sao Paulo, Brazil

**June 8:** Speaking at First and Calvary, Springfield, Mo.

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**DONATE**

June 23-24: Speaking at the AG Chaplaincy Conference, Springfield, Mo.

June 25-27: Association of Theological Schools Conference, Pittsburgh, Pa.

August 7-10: AG Centennial Celebrations, Springfield, Mo.

## AGTS News



## 2014 Alumni of the Year

**David and A. Elizabeth Grant**

*Class of 1979*

*Assemblies of God World Missions Missionaries, founders of Project Rescue*

David and Beth Grant, founders of Project Rescue, have served with Assemblies of God World Missions for 37 years. While their ministry has been primarily focused on India, their hearts to share their faith and see victims of sexual slavery rescued and restored has carried them to over 30 countries around the world.

For 40 years, India has been the heart and focus of David's ministry. His visionary approach to world missions has inspired this generation to intercession, investment and involvement. Thousands of churches have been planted and scores of colleges established as a result of his passion and boundless energy. While continuing his commitment to the needs of India, David is increasingly engaged in the development of new Project Rescue ministries across Eurasia and Europe.

Beth's personal calling and passion is that of teacher. She is associate professor of intercultural studies at the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary. She also serves as faculty and guest lecturer in cross-cultural education and women's issues in colleges in India, Europe and the United States. In 2009, Beth became the first woman elected to the Executive Presbytery of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. Beth and David have two daughters, Rebecca and Jennifer, and two grandchildren.

## Graduation Highlights



For the past two years, AGTS has forgone the traditional commencement speaker in favor of a strategic combination of video and live graduate speakers centered around a specific theme. This year, AGTS focused on the idea of healing and the many forms in which it is represented in God's world today. Four graduate presenters highlighted these varying aspects. Watch this presentation online at <http://www.agts.edu/link/2014grad>.

1) Follow M.A.C.M. graduate **Tamicka Monson's** story from her broken childhood through depression and unspeakable tragedy to redemption and wholeness in Christ.

2) **Barbara Gilliam**, a D.Min. graduate, recounts her journey from drug addiction on the streets of New York through Teen Challenge to pastoring her own church.

3) **LaVonna Ennis**, a missionary for more than 20 years and M.A.I.M. graduate, fought her way back from life-controlling Post Traumatic Stress Disorder after her experiences amidst the violence against Christians in Nigeria. She credits her time at AGTS as pivotal in her healing.

4) Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies graduate **Dick Brogden** is a missionary to the Arab world and author/editor of the best-selling e-book, *The Live Dead Journal*. He speaks prophetically about the ultimate compassion that brings about true wholeness and spiritual healing.



AGTS was proud to graduate 30 doctoral grads this year---the largest doctoral class in the school's history. Video recordings of the Intercultural Doctoral Studies Investiture and the Doctoral Celebration Service are also available [online](#).



The 7th Annual AGTS Golf Tournament was held on May 1 at the Millwood Golf & Racquet Club. Thanks to all our golfers, sponsors and donors who made the golf tournament a huge success!

Visit the [AGTS Graduation webpage](#) to view candid photos (to be posted soon) and purchase diploma frames. Photos taken by AGTS staff are watermark-free and are free to download and print. Photos taken by the professional photographers are watermarked. Ordering instructions for watermarked photos will be posted online.



## Faith and Science Conference approaching, graduate credit offered through AGTS

The second national Faith and Science Conference, being held at Evangel University, June 23-25, 2014, is fast approaching and leaders are urging everyone from senior pastors to laypeople and students to make every effort to attend. [Read more.](#)

## Books and Publications

**David Penchansky ('80)** wrote "Deconstruction" published in the Oxford Encyclopedia of Biblical Interpretation (2013).

**Joe D. Wilmoth ('78)** wrote the following C.E. Adams-Price, J.J. Turner, A.D. Blaney and L. Downey (2014): "Examining social connections as a link between religious participation and well-being among older adults" in *Journal of Religion, Spirituality, & Aging* [26 (2-3), 259-278]. Joe is an associate professor of Human Development and Family Studies at Mississippi State.

## Alumni News

Congratulations to **Sandra Weber ('06)**, **John Tilden ('14)**, **Josh**

Spurlock ('08), Rachelle Colegrove ('12) and Stormy Davis ('14) who were credentialed with the Southern Missouri District in April.



**Desiree Schilling ('11)** married Daniel Thomas on March 14, 2014. She works as a licensed counselor with victims of violent or sexual crimes at The Victim Center in Springfield, Mo.

**Jean Pawentaoré Ouédraogo ('82)** recently passed away. He served as General Superintendent of Burkina Faso from 1984-2010 bringing great leadership to the church and growing it from less than 1000 to over 4000 churches. The church opened 6 new Bible Schools during his tenure. The missions program of the AG Burkina, which now has 35 couples serving outside of Burkina and over 150 internal missionaries to non-Mossi speaking peoples, was launched during his watch, under the leadership of his close friend Jean Baptiste Sawadogo. He was a great promoter of training, serving on the board of West Africa Advanced School of Theology in Lomé, Togo.



## Upcoming Events

### AGTS Chaplaincy Reception

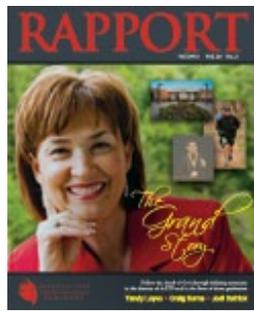
June 23, University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, Mo.

### AG Centennial Celebrations

August 7-10, Springfield, Mo.

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**ISLAMIC  
STUDIES**  
AT AGTS

Summer Institute for Islamic Studies  
June 30 — July 11, 2014



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