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INTRODUCTION

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Last year, the Chalice theme was “Fresh Fire: Inspired for a New Revival,” which flowed from APTS’s new season under the recently inaugurated leadership of Dr. Solomon Wang. His heart for revival and vision of making APTS a school of prophets was very evident through his words and actions, and felt by his very service and life. The Spirit worked mightily and poured out a fresh experience throughout the campus and beyond. Because of these new and enabling experiences, “Missions” was not just a “tagline” of the seminary but a “visible and tangible” action.

The students reach out to the communities around Baguio, and even farther regions and different islands of the Philippines. This “going” was a result of the empowering “fresh fire” from the Holy Spirit. Outreach has moved from being just a thought to think about to becoming the seminary’s lifestyle. Reaching out was a natural response to the power imparted by the breath of the Holy Spirit upon us.

Unleashed: “Spirit-breathed, Commissioned to the Nations,” this year’s Chalice theme was birthed because it was a reality being seen and experienced by the APTS community and family. Missions is not just a movement or an “activity” that we plan to do, but an “overflow” of the love we received from the Father, a response to the commission that Jesus entrusted to us, and an action empowered by the Holy Spirit living in our very being.

We gladly include everyone to partake in this significant task. May we be filled with the knowledge of the Word and the power of the Holy Spirit that we can go beyond the borders and break barriers to reach every single soul, tongue, tribe, and nation for Christ. We do not just long for the “anointing,” but we long to be anointed that His grace may flow through us. The anointing is not for our personal use or selfish purposes; it is mainly to bring others into the saving grace of Jesus and invite them to worship Him in Spirit and truth.

Be UNLEASHED to radiate the glory of God to the ends of the earth!



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MESSAGE

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hi there, APTS Family!

To all our graduating students: heartfelt congratulations! You have run your race with perseverance, pressed through seasons of stretching and refinement, and now you stand at a holy threshold. What you hold in your hands is more than a diploma; it is a divine commissioning. As Jesus promised in Acts 1:8, you have been endued with power by the Holy Spirit—not to remain where you are, but to be sent.

To our continuing students: this is your moment too. The call of God is not postponed until graduation day. Right here, right now, you are being prepared to be UNLEASHED — Spirit-breathed, faith-filled, and commissioned to the nations. The words of Christ still thunder across time: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go...” (Matthew 28:18–20).

Asia Pacific Theological Seminary exists for this purpose: to raise men and women who carry the fire of the Spirit, the authority of the Word, and the heart of Christ to a waiting and needy world. Whether you are stepping out or pressing on, may you go forward with holy boldness—sent, empowered, and obedient—until the nations know His name.

Together and collectively, may we be “Unleashed: Spirit-breathed. Commissioned to the Nations.”

Yours to serve,

Dr. Solomon Wang, President
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MESSAGE

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT
AND ACADEMIC DEAN

Dr. Jun Kim



"In Matthew 28:19–20, the Great Commission is often understood as a series of commands—"go," "make disciples," "baptize," and "teach." Grammatically, however, only one imperative stands at the center: "make disciples of all nations." The remaining verbs describe the means by which this mandate is fulfilled. Going, baptizing, and teaching are not ends in themselves but practices that serve the formation of disciples. The focus of the Great Commission, therefore, is not activity but transformational discipleship.

Significantly, Jesus concludes this mandate not with another command but with a promise: "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matt 28:20). This assurance grounds the mission in divine presence rather than human capability. When read alongside Acts 1:8, the promise becomes concrete. Jesus declares that the Holy Spirit will empower the disciples to be His witnesses—from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. The abiding presence promised in Matthew is realized through the empowering presence of the Spirit in Acts.

For APTS students, this connection offers a vital exhortation. Pentecostal theological education is not an end in itself but an impartation meant to propel us outward. Having first become Spirit-filled disciples, we are called to become disciple-makers among all nations. This calling cannot be fulfilled by human strength or institutional excellence alone, but only through reliance on the power of the Holy Spirit. As APTS training is inherently Pentecostal and missional, calling us to participate in God's global mission, may APTS students be unleashed by the Holy Spirit as Spirit-empowered witnesses sent to the nations."



MESSAGE

FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

Rev. Tony Philip Oseso



We started the year holding on to the promise that rivers of living water will flow out of our hearts (John 7:38) during the Spiritual Emphasis week. Indeed, we have seen the overflow of His Spirit on our campus through various spiritual activities, such as the prayer chain events held for 72 hours in the first trimester and subsequently for 48 hours in the second and third trimesters. Our gatherings every Monday morning for the Harp and Bowl worship and prayer meetings (Rev. 5:8) ensure that we begin the week in His presence, ready to forge ahead in His strength. Even as we rejoice in this overflow, we have learned the discipline of tarrying in His presence and waiting on Him.

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

Jesus had instructed His disciples to go to all nations to spread the gospel, but there was one condition: wait for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. The task at hand, though important and urgent, required more than just having been with Jesus. It required tarrying until they were endued with power from on high. We continue to ensure that life in APTS, whether in the lecture rooms, dorms, or in the recreation areas, is structured in such a way that honors and welcomes the very presence of God through His Spirit.

We have such confidence that our brothers and sisters who are being “unleashed” have been sufficiently empowered, both academically and spiritually, to literally be the hands and feet of our Lord Jesus wherever they go.





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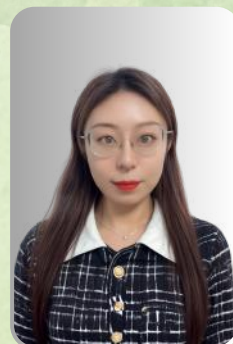
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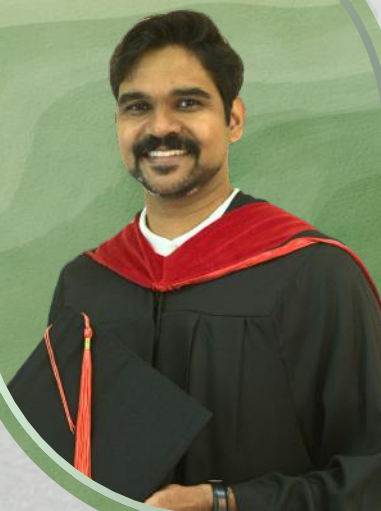
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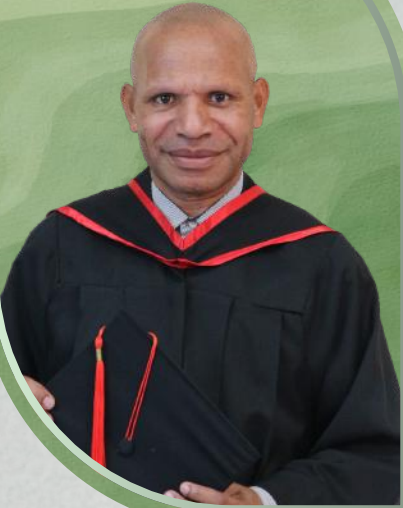
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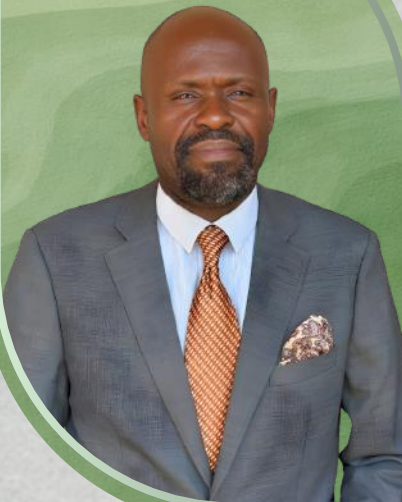
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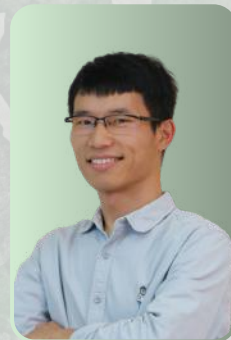
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- 5 LUI LAI PENG LINDSEY
- 6 ONG LOO PING GRACE
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VIETNAM EXTENSION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

APTS is excited to welcome 50 prospective students from Vietnam in April.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM (ELP)



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Argentina



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Colombia



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Philippines



NIANG SIAN HUAI
Myanmar



PARK, SU JEONG
South Korea



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South Korea



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XUE, JUNWEI
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- 6 SOSA, DIEGO
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CHAPEL SERVICES



APTS encourages students to experience a deeper and more dynamic spiritual development as part of their seminary life. Regular chapel services, spiritual emphasis week, devotional times of prayer and worship, small group sessions, and local church involvement are essential parts of this process.

Regular attendance at Chapel service is considered an integral part of the educational experience and spiritual development of each student. Services feature worship, a message from the Word, missions and various activities. Our Community at APTS enjoys connecting and building rich relationships with one another in various small group fellowships. Students are challenged to develop a mature prayer life. The prayer mountain at APTS provides prayer closets and a magnificent natural environment. Students are encouraged to make full use of it. Students are expected to identify themselves with a local church of their choice, attend services regularly, and be involved in the ministry of the church.

Written content from the website: <https://www.aps.edu/student-life/campus-spiritual-life>



PRAYER CHAIN



“From Intercession to Attentive Living” (Writer: Ayano Yasumoto)

APTS Prayer Chain, a tradition carried out throughout the 2025-2026 academic year, has become a cherished part of life at APTS. Faculty and students from diverse backgrounds gathered in continuous prayer, reflecting the unity formed by the Holy Spirit. Across three academic terms, the community discovered prayer not merely as an event, but as a shared way of life.

Beginning with a 72-hour prayer gathering, participants lifted countless prayer requests before God, forming a sacred chain of intercession that deepened spiritual bonds. The 48-hour prayer chain in the second trimester further emphasized intercessory prayer, inviting participants to devote extended time to the needs of others and strengthening relationships within the community. During the final Prayer Chain of this academic year, attention was drawn beyond the chain itself toward the vision God provides. Though prayers are not always met with clear answers, each one is heard by God and revealed in the time and way He chooses. Our calling is to remain attentive—keeping our eyes and ears open to how God’s love unfolds beyond the prayers we have offered.



HARP & BOWL



“A Praying Community”

Writer: Jardine May Bautista

The office of the Dean of Students launched the Harp and Bowl after the successful culmination of the 72 hours Prayer chain during the first trimester of academic year 2025-2026, to continue to cultivate a culture of prayer in the seminary. This is a voluntary worship and prayer time where the whole APTS community (especially students, faculty, and missionaries) is encouraged to participate on Mondays from 5:58 to 7:00 in the morning.

“Harp & Bowl” was taken from Revelation 5:8.

*“And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a **harp**, and with golden **bowls** full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints;” (RSV)*



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FIRST TRIMESTER

MEET & GREET

“A SPIRITUAL UNITED FEAST”

Writer: Ayano Yasumoto

On the night of June 30, 2025, “The Meet and Greet,” a welcome party for new students, was held in GMC Alton Garrison Chapel. Newcomers enrolling at APTS are not simply seminary students, but individuals called by God from various fields, coming to be consecrated for upcoming missions. On this night, the entire APTS family—teachers, current students, and new arrivals—officially met for the first time. As a result, through the embrace of the Holy Spirit, the gathering became a special occasion where we were united as one family and opened up to one another.

The success of a feast depends on the welcoming hearts of its hosts. All members welcomed the new students by forming a human arch in front of the stage. They lined up and introduced themselves. Although each person had a different background—nationality, gender, age—they were warmly applauded as they greeted everyone. In her welcome speech, Celesamae Vicente, the president of the student council, introduced APTS, starting with the words “beyond the border.” She presented the teachers and leaders of different ministry areas, who dedicate themselves to the life of APTS.

The event included not only formal moments but also fun and engaging games. These were designed creatively to help us remember each other’s names and faces. During the time of worship, everyone praised Jesus with one heart. The message and rhythm of the songs welcomed an atmosphere that felt like the windows of heaven had opened. Through the atmosphere of the songs, it felt as if the windows of heaven had opened, and our spirits were lifted by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, we received a message and prayer from Dr. Solomon, the president of APTS. The key phrase he repeated was, “Listen to the still, small voice.” The Holy Spirit works in powerful and dynamic ways, but to truly follow Him, we must first know Him through quietness and stillness.

“The Meet and Greet” was unlike any ordinary freshman welcome event. It was a special evening where people from different backgrounds were united by His Spirit, beyond all borders—a spiritual feast prepared for those who will walk together in countless missions ahead.





SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK

“OVERFLOW”

Writer: Ayano Yasumoto



During the third week of July, APTS held its annual Spiritual Emphasis under the theme “Overflow,” with sessions led by Dr. Alton Garrison. Throughout the week, the community experienced Spirit-filled moments that invited renewal, surrender, and a deeper encounter with God.



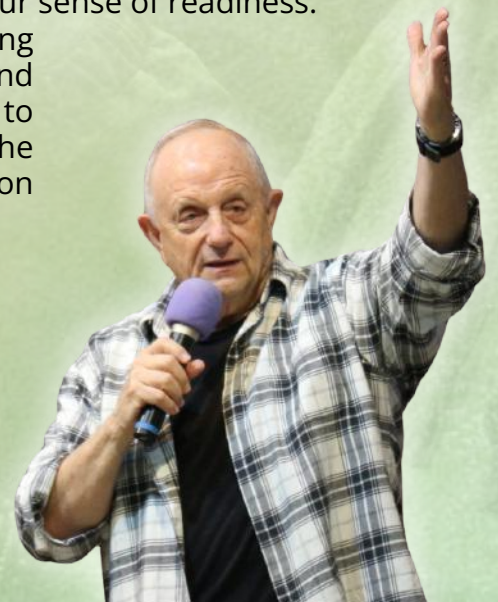
On July 15, Dr. Garrison preached from Ezekiel 47, urging the community to pursue a deeper, Spirit-led life, emphasizing that “expectation determines reception.” The evening message, “Faith and Hope,” highlighted hope as the foundation of faith and shared a testimony of healing, reminding listeners that the Spirit restores when hope fades.



The morning of July 16 focused on shared leadership from Exodus 18. Dr. Garrison encouraged leaders to empower others, saying, “Create a climate to enroll people to do the work.” A musical presentation demonstrated the strength of partnership. That night, he warned of a “Jesus-deficit disorder,” stressing that the relationship with Christ must remain central to the church.

On July 17, Dr. Garrison offered a personal message reflecting on lessons from his ministry journey. He described challenges he faced in leadership—limited access to those he served, the difficulty of celebrating victories, and the weight of second-chair leadership. He reminded listeners that “sometimes sheep bite,” yet leaders are still called to love faithfully. His statement, “You don’t really get qualified until you get the mantle,” emphasized that God’s calling often precedes our sense of readiness.

In the final sessions, he prayed for individuals, asking whether the Spirit continues to overflow beyond Sunday, and urged the community to “become” who God has called them to be through credibility, vision, attitude, and perseverance. The week concluded with renewed hope, passion, and expectation as the Holy Spirit moved deeply among the APTS community.





NIGHTS OF FIRE

“A HOPE AS PURE AS GOLD, REFINED BY FIRE”

Writer: Ayano Yasumoto

The event “Nights of Fire” brought people from different parts of the city and nearby towns of Benguet on Sunday night, the 27th of July, at the Baguio Convention Center. Although the event had been postponed due to a severe typhoon, the fire of our faith did not fade—in fact, it burned even stronger in the face of adversity, drawing more attendees than expected. The evening opened with a passionate dance performance. Pastor Brian Lopez from Epicenter Church served as the MC, leading the audience dynamically into worship and declaring, “Jesus is at the center of it all.”

Accompanied by a powerful proclamation, “Look at what He has done,” Dr. Solomon took the stage against a backdrop of flames. A dramatic skit portrayed a sinner saved by God’s grace. Following APTS’s presentation, Pastor Andrew from California shared his testimony, saying they had come to serve us and reminding us that we are all masterpieces of God. After Pastor Brian invited everyone to pray for the person next to them, the California team performed another skit featuring a black-and-white team, illustrating that with Jesus, goodness always prevails in the end.

In his message, Dr. Solomon emphasized how to live a victorious life as a Christian. Though we all face temptations and anxieties, we must stand firm in faith for Jesus. His name is a strong tower, and we can find refuge in Him no matter what happens. Following this powerful encouragement, many people stepped forward to the altar in prayer. The APTS team, the California mission team, and the pastors of Baguio prayed for each individual with gentle touches, listening compassionately to their struggles. It was a deeply moving scene—everyone was consumed by the fire of the Holy Spirit, crying out with sincere tears as they were touched by Him. In the final song, we sang the lyrics, “You are the hope of broken hearts,” symbolizing that our hope in Jesus is as precious as gold refined by fire, as the heat of prayer lingered.



SECOND TRIMESTER

MISSIONS CONVENTION WEEK

“UNTIL ALL HAVE HEARD” Writer: Roko Isikeli Vakasausau



The Missions Convention 2025 at Asia Pacific Theological Seminary was a week marked by vibrant worship, powerful testimonies, and a renewed call for students to live out God’s mission. Centered on the theme “Until All Have Heard,” the convention emphasized that missions is not merely an event, but a lifestyle shaped by the heart of Jesus.

The opening night set the tone as students led the community in meaningful praise and worship, creating an atmosphere of expectancy and shared passion for God’s heart for the nations. From the outset, the convention reminded participants that God’s mission begins where we are and extends to the ends of the earth.

Guest speaker Dr. Terry Wong challenged students to rethink their understanding of missions. He emphasized that Jesus’ ministry was not centered on comfort, success, or recognition, but on the relentless pursuit of the least, the lost, and the overlooked. Drawing from Scripture, particularly Jesus’ declaration of his mission from the book of Isaiah. Dr. Wong called the community back to the true focus of the gospel and urged students to embrace missions as a lifelong calling.



Throughout the week, missions booths representing different continents added a global dimension to the convention. Featuring colorful displays, prayer points, and testimonies, these exhibits offered students a tangible glimpse into God’s work around the world and invited them into deeper prayer and reflection.



One of the most moving moments of the convention came through a missions testimony shared by Rev. Dickie Hertweck, Director of the English Language Program at APTS. She recounted a dangerous season of missionary service in Angola during the civil war, including an encounter in which she and her husband were held at gunpoint by armed rebels. Her testimony highlighted both the real cost of missions and the faithfulness of God as refuge and protector in the midst of fear and uncertainty.

The convention concluded with a final challenge from Dr. Wong, who spoke on **“What Makes Jesus Stand?”** He urged students to consider how courageous faith and obedience draw the attention of Christ and become instruments through which God brings change to the world.

As Missions Convention 2025 came to a close, the message was clear: standing for Jesus may require courage and sacrifice, but through faithful obedience, God’s mission continues—until all have heard.



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT



AWAKE TO A UNITED YET ORIGINAL CALLING

Writer: Ayano Yasumoto

The fifth day was the highlight of the Missions Convention—a vibrant finale filled with food, presentations, and inspiring messages. During dinner, APTS members in traditional attire visited booths from various nations, sharing food and fellowship. It was more than a meal; it was a time to draw closer to one another. Next came the Flags Union, where all national flags were gathered to declare unity under Christ. In that moment, it felt as if heaven itself had descended upon APTS. Through dances and dramas, each country expressed its culture and challenges, yet all shared the same core truth: in Christ, we are united.

Dr. Terry Wong’s message, titled “Awake,” urged believers to awaken spirituality and prepare for mission, resurrection, and consummation within God’s plan. In a training ground like APTS, he reminded us that true preparation means to stay awake.

Finally, Dr. Solomon challenged us to ask, What mission is God calling you to? Though diverse in nation and background, each of us carries a unique calling. We are united in Christ, yet original in Christ—perhaps awakened at APTS to live out both. It was a Missions Convention full of united originality, awakening hearts for the mission ahead.



SPORTS FEST



“A FRIENDLY MATCH”

Writer: Jardine May Bautista

On the 25th of October, 2025, APTS invited PBTS (Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary), also a seminary in Baguio, to a friendly match in various sports and engage in fun games on campus. Before the match, the participants from the two seminary institutions had a fellowship over food in the cafeteria to boost them for participating in the games. The official sports played were Volleyball (Men & Women), Basketball (Men), Badminton Singles (Men & Women) and Doubles, Table Tennis, and Soccer. There were also group games and board games for those who could not join the sports. Exhilaration filled the basketball court as shouts of cheerful yells from the student body of each institution echoed as a support to their players. Indeed, a day of fun, developing a good spirit of camaraderie, and building even closer ties between the two seminaries.



THIRD TRIMESTER

34TH WILLIAM MENZIES' LECTURESHIP



The 34th William W. Menzies Lectureship 2026 brought together pastors, scholars, students, and ministry practitioners for a rich time of theological reflection and spiritual engagement. Held on the 26th-28th of January, 2026, at the Alton Garrison Chapel, Global Missions Centre, Asia Pacific Theological Seminary, Philippines, the annual lectureship once again honored the enduring legacy of Dr. William W. Menzies, a pioneering Pentecostal theologian whose life and work continue to shape Spirit-filled scholarship worldwide. This year's lectureship focused on the theme "Theological Hermeneutics & The Making of Pentecostalism," a timely and thoughtful exploration of issues deeply relevant to the Church's witness and mission today.



A Voice Rooted in Scholarship and the Spirit

The 2026 Menzies' Lecturer, Wolfgang Vondey, PH.D, University of Birmingham, UK, brought a unique blend of academic depth and pastoral sensitivity to the series. He is a Professor of Christian Theology and Pentecostal Studies at the University of Birmingham, UK. He is also the Director of the Centre for Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies. Dr. Wolfgang exemplified the kind of scholarship Dr. Menzies himself championed—faithful to Scripture, attentive to the work of the Holy Spirit, and responsive to the needs of the global Church.

Throughout the lectures, participants were invited not only to think theologically but also to listen spiritually.

Engaging the Heart and Mind

Over the course of 5 sessions, the lectures addressed themes such as The Horizon of Pentecostal Hermeneutics, Truth in Pentecostal Hermeneutics, Pentecostalism as a Hermeneutical Tradition, The Birth of Pentecostal Hermeneutics, and Pentecostal Hermeneutics: The Liturgy of the Gospel, weaving together biblical exegesis, Pentecostal theology, and contemporary ministry concerns. Rather than remaining abstract, each lecture pressed toward lived faith, how theology informs worship, mission, leadership, and daily obedience to God.

One recurring emphasis was the evaluation and engagement of our horizontal interpretations with other hermeneutical traditions, reminding listeners that theology is not merely studied, but embodied.

A Community in Conversation

The lectureship fostered a strong sense of communal learning. Students, faculty members, pastors, and guests actively engaged during question-and-answer sessions, reflecting a shared hunger for theological depth and spiritual vitality. Many participants noted how the lectures affirmed the value of Pentecostal scholarship that speaks both to the academy and to the Church.

As one attendee shared, "Does this mean that we should fuse all hermeneutical horizons into a single, ultimate interpretive framework? Certainly not. Rather, engaging other hermeneutical traditions invites us into deeper reflection—where we may learn to appreciate, refine, or even expand our own horizons," a sentiment echoed by many throughout the event.

Carrying the Menzies Legacy Forward

More than an academic gathering, the William W. Menzies Lectureship continues to serve as a sacred space where faith and intellect meet. The 2026 lectures reaffirmed the importance of thoughtful, Spirit-led theology for a Church called to bear witness in a complex and changing world.

As Chalice readers reflect on this year's lectureship, we are reminded that Dr. Menzies' legacy lives on, not only in books and classrooms, but in ongoing conversations that shape faithful leaders for today and tomorrow.

Writer: Roko Isikeli Vakasausau



INSIDER STORIES

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FACULTY & MISSIONARY STORY

DR. ROLI DELA CRUZ



Teaching with the Spirit: A Missionary Calling Rooted in Faith and Formation

Dr. Roli dela Cruz's journey in ministry is marked by a deep love for God, the Church, and the formation of future ministers. Originally from Taytay, Rizal (East of Manila), Dr. Roli is married to Rev. Amy (Beers) dela Cruz (of Campbell, New York), and together they are blessed with a beautiful daughter, "Katie". As a family, they embody a shared calling to serve God faithfully through ministry and education.

Dr. Roli's connection with Asia Pacific Theological Seminary runs deep. He was once a student of the institution when it was still known as FEAST. He belonged to one of the pioneering batches who began their studies in Manila and later moved to Baguio in October 1986, becoming part of the early community that helped shape what APTS is today.

A Call to Missions

Dr. Roli first sensed God's call to missions during a Youth Camp at Bethel Bible College in Valenzuela City, Metro Manila, where he experienced the desire to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. That defining life commitment to Christ ignited a lifelong passion for ministry, teaching, and dependence on the Spirit's leading. After a few months, he experienced baptism in the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. From that moment on, he understood that his calling would always be anchored not merely in knowledge, but in the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

Equipped to Teach, Called to Serve

Dr. Roli pursued advanced theological training with excellence. After doing MDiv from APTS, he completed his Master of Theology (ThM) in Biblical Studies (Old Testament) at the Asia Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary in Baguio City and later earned his PhD in Theology (New Testament Textual Criticism) from the University of Birmingham in England. He also taught at the University of Valley Forge in Pennsylvania and Vanguard University of Southern California while doing ministry in the United States. Today, he serves as a missionary faculty member at Asia Pacific Theological Seminary, where he combines academic rigor with spiritual formation.

What drew Dr. Roli's heart to the APTS community is a burden not simply to teach, but to teach students how to learn. His passion is to see students move beyond studying for grades and instead develop a deep love for learning that transforms both their thinking and their ministry. For Dr. Roli, teaching is never an end in itself—it is preparation for faithful service in the Church and the mission field.



Invited as a Sunday service speaker during younger years.



APT's faculty homegroup pose for a souvenir photo.



Depending on the Holy Spirit

One of the key lessons God continues to teach Dr. Roli is the importance of depending on the Holy Spirit in teaching and ministry. While APTS is committed to academic excellence, it also intentionally creates space for the Holy Spirit to speak and move in the classroom.

Dr. Roli shares a story that illustrates this truth vividly. While preaching at a youth gathering in Baguio, he felt led to give an altar call, similar to one he had successfully conducted at an earlier event, where many came forward in response. This time, however, no one responded. Later, when the district presbyter gave the altar call, many young people came forward. Reflecting on the moment, Dr. Roli realized that God works in ways beyond our expectations and methods. Ministry, he learned again, is not about repeating past experiences but remaining sensitive to how God chooses to move in each moment.

A Vision Beyond the Classroom

Dr. Roli’s prayer is that God will continue to use his students to carry forward the work of the Kingdom—whether through teaching ministry like in APTS, serving in their local churches, or strengthening Bible colleges in their own contexts. His vision extends far beyond his own classroom; it is rooted in multiplication, faithfulness, and long-term impact.

A Scripture that has continually motivated Dr. Roli in life and ministry is Galatians 2:20, a verse that captures his deepest conviction: that Christ lives in him. This truth shapes how he teaches, serves, and ministers—seeking always to reflect Christ in both word and action.

Through his life and work, Dr. Roli Dela Cruz exemplifies what it means to be both a missionary and a teacher: grounded in scholarship, led by the Spirit, and committed to forming lives for God’s mission.

Writer: Roko Isikeli Vakasausau



Dr. Roli’s prestigious Greek class of school year 2025-26.



New Testament Introduction class during 1st Trimester 2025.



Dr. Roli’s APTS Class with students from different parts of the world affectionately featuring Katie as community baby.



Dr. Roli’s APTS class picture with his small daughter Katie.



Early years of seminary teaching for APTS Onsite in Olongapo City, Zambales, Philippines.



Dr. Roli teaching at APTS learning how to use PowerPoint.



REV. DEBRA ELAINE “DEBBIE” JOHNSON



Following Jesus Step by Step, Led to APTS

Writer: Ayano Yasumoto

Debbie Johnson’s life and ministry have been shaped by a commitment to follow Jesus wherever He leads. That commitment has taken her across nations and cultures and ultimately brought her to serve at APTS.

Originally from the United States, Debbie grew up near Seattle, Washington. Her first mission experience took place in South Korea in 1982, where she served under her uncle’s ministry. Three years later, she sensed God calling her to China, where she taught English and shared the gospel.

After returning from China, Debbie studied Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) at the University of Washington. Although she expected to serve in Russia, God redirected her path. In 1989, she moved to Israel, where she ministered among Russian-speaking Jewish immigrants. She later served Jewish communities in Ukraine before God led her to the Philippines in 1996.

Debbie did not originally plan to become a missionary. From her teenage years, however, she sensed a call into ministry. That calling became clear after her return from China, when a conversation with a close friend confirmed that she could not live an ordinary life and must continue following God overseas.

Her journey to APTS began unexpectedly in 1996. During a church service in the United States, Debbie sensed that God was sending her somewhere, though she did not yet know where. Soon afterward, she received a call inviting her to teach English in a summer program at APTS. What began as a one-month commitment soon extended to a full year, during which she met her future husband. What she once viewed as temporary became a lifelong calling.

One of Debbie’s most meaningful experiences at APTS came in 2013, when she returned and saw many Chinese students freely receiving theological training—something that had seemed impossible during her earlier years in China. Another defining moment came through Psalm 2:8, which affirmed God’s calling for both her and her husband.

From 2017, Debbie served as Dean of Students for more than six years. The role stretched her through leadership responsibilities and student care, shaping her growth in patience, humility, and love.

Today, Debbie continues to serve as a teacher at APTS, mentoring students and assisting with the English Language Program. Though ministry is not always easy, she treasures the privilege of devoting her life to a calling rooted deeply in her faith, trusting God’s leading each step of the way.



REV. BOB WINE



Rev. Bob Wine blessed the APTS community through his session on conversations on discipleship, "Apprenticing the Human Spirit" on March 2, 2026 at the coffee bar.

"A Significant Time and Impact in APTS"

Writer: Ayano Yasumoto

Bob Wine has served faithfully in Christian ministry across the United States for several decades, most notably in Nebraska, where he pastored the same church for 33 years. Alongside his pastoral ministry, he also supported churches and pastors through denominational leadership.

Throughout his ministry, the church experienced steady growth and the expansion of its ministries. At the heart of Pastor Bob's work has always been discipleship, a conviction that shaped his teaching, writing, and commitment to spiritual formation.

Reflecting this lifelong passion, his message at the APTS 48-Hour Prayer Chain (Third Trimester) focused on how believers grow as disciples of Christ. He presented three guiding principles—expectancy, prayer joined with action, and spiritual alertness—encouraging believers to wait attentively for God's direction, respond in faith, and remain watchful in order to preserve unity and love within the body of Christ.

Aside from blessing the community with his pulpit sharing, he also offered his time to counsel students for free. He also joyfully shares his time to engage with the students in the cafeteria, listening to their stories and sharing his as well. His presence thus greatly impacts the next generation of leaders in APTS.



GRADUATE STUDENT STORY

DO SIAN LANGH

From Chin State to APTS: A Journey of Faith and Perseverance

At 24 years old, Do Sian Langh—affectionately known as Langh No—has already demonstrated a remarkable commitment to God's calling. Hailing from the small village of Gamngai in Chin State, Myanmar, he grew up in a pastor's family where faith was lived daily. Today, Langh is completing his Master of Divinity in Biblical Studies at Asia Pacific Theological Seminary (APTS), following a vision to equip himself academically for ministry among his people.



A Calling to Study and Serve

Langh's journey to APTS was marked by clarity of purpose. Even before finishing his bachelor's degree in Yangon, he felt called to deepen his knowledge of biblical languages—particularly Greek and Hebrew.

Encouragement from two APTS alumni, Pastor Kham Khai and Pastor Thang Khai, convinced him that APTS was the right place to pursue this calling. His goal has always been to serve God in Myanmar through academic ministry, producing resources such as books and articles to reach young, educated people for Christ.

Transformative Experiences at APTS

Langh describes several experiences at APTS as particularly meaningful. Among them, the William Menzies Lectureship presented by Dr. Wolfgang Vondey stood out, deepening his understanding of Pentecostal traditions and theology. Academically, Greek II, taught by Dr. Roli Dela Cruz, was transformative. Through translating and analyzing the Johannine letters in their original Greek, he learned to engage Scripture deeply and translate it thoughtfully within his cultural context.

Yet, his journey was not without trials. Financial constraints and emotional struggles, compounded by the civil war in Myanmar, tested his faith. In 2024, he lost contact with his family for a month and faced immense academic pressure, even doubting God's presence. Through these hardships, he experienced God's faithfulness through the prayers of his family, support from APTS, and the steadfast truth of Scripture. Romans 8:28 became a living reality for him: "God works all things together for those who love Him."

Faith and Personal Growth

Langh's time at APTS has strengthened his reliance on God through prayer and Scripture. He drew inspiration from Abraham's unwavering faith, learning to trust God even without seeing the full path ahead. A particularly testing season involved his visa extension, which required multiple trips between Baguio and Manila, financial sacrifice, and navigating bureaucratic challenges. Yet, he witnessed God's provision and protection, calling Him his Jehovah Jireh and Ebenezer.

Looking Ahead

As he prepares to graduate, Langh envisions serving academically in Myanmar, writing a simple book about the life of Jesus in his native Zomi language to equip his people with accessible Christian resources. While the ongoing civil unrest presents challenges, he plans to continue his studies at APTS before returning to serve in Bible schools, churches, and other ministries.



Family photo



Extended Family Photo.



Teaching Basic Guitar and Piano Lessons at Solid Rock AOG, Salcedo, Ilocos Sur.



Gratitude and Encouragement

Reflecting on his journey, Langh expresses deep gratitude to God, his family, and APTS for their unwavering support. He encourages incoming students to rely on God in times of crisis and to apply theological knowledge practically, echoing J. I. Packer: true knowledge of God comes not only intellectually but also through personal experience. A quote that has guided him throughout reads:

"Have no doubt—God is also faithful to those who have faith in Him."

Langh's story is a testament to perseverance, faith, and God's sustaining grace. His journey from a small village in Myanmar to the halls of APTS demonstrates the power of God's calling and the transformative impact of theological education for His kingdom.

Writer: Roko Isikeli Vakasausau



Preaching at his home church, Ebenezer Assemblies of God, Gamngai, Myanmar.

FULL-TIME STUDENT STORY

ROKO ISIKELI VAKASAUSAU



Vakasausau family photo at Philippine Bethel Church in Shilan attending a Filipino wedding.

"Trusting God's Leading"

Isikeli's journey to APTS is shaped by faith, perseverance, and trust in God's guidance. Originally from Fiji in the South Pacific, Isikeli is pursuing a Master of Arts in Theology together with his wife and three children, who are now living with him on campus.

Before coming to APTS, he served in pastoral ministry in Fiji. From 2021 to 2023, he was the senior pastor of Peceli Assembly of God Church, and in 2024, he continued serving as an associate pastor at Naqio Assembly of God Church. Through preaching, pastoral care, and leadership responsibilities, during these years deepened his desire to study God's Word more immensely and prepare for long-term service.

APTS was familiar to Isikeli, as his father is also a graduate of the seminary. He had spent his childhood in this seminary while his dad was doing his studies. After a season of prayer and discernment, he felt led to come back—not to follow family tradition, but to strengthen his biblical foundation and grow spiritually and academically.



His late Father's Graduation in APTS in 1995 with the McKinney's.



Picture of his mom and dad in front of Esperanza building apartment in 1993.



During their ordination as pastors (with his wife Grace) at Peceli AOG in Fiji.



A verse that has guided Isikeli's life and ministry is 1 Timothy 4:12, which encourages believers to live as examples in character and faith. As a young pastor, this passage has reminded him that effective ministry flows from integrity and a life shaped by God's Word.

His first year at APTS brought significant challenges. Academic pressure and separation from his family led to loneliness and doubt. At times, he considered returning home. Yet through prayer and encouragement from the community, God reminded him that his place at APTS was part of His purpose. What once felt like weakness became a season of preparation that strengthened his faith.

Through his studies, Isikeli has come to sense more clearly the calling God is shaping within him. He believes he has been gifted for teaching and hopes to serve in Fiji through Bible schools and theological education, helping train future church leaders.

Life at APTS has broadened his perspective through interaction with faculty and students from many cultures. His involvement with Epignosis Leadership International College has further taught him the importance of contextualization—communicating God's Word meaningfully within local cultures.

As Isikeli continues his journey, his story reflects a growing conviction that trusting God's leading is not always easy, but always purposeful. With faith strengthened through challenge and learning, he looks forward to returning home prepared to serve the next generation for God's glory.

Writer: Ayano Yasumoto



With his students of Epignosis leadership International College in Shilan.



with his students of the Sophomore class of South Pacific Bible College in Fiji on Zoom.

STAFF STORY

GRACE CHERYL GAPUZ

A Testimony of Faith

For nearly twenty-three years, she has served the Asia Pacific Theological Seminary community with faithfulness, humility, and quiet strength. At 50 years old, married and blessed with two children, she serves as the Accounting Supervisor of APTS, a role she carries not only with professional diligence but with a deep sense of calling. She and her family live at Teachers Camp in Baguio City, where her life of service continues both at home and within the APTS community.

Her faith story began early. As a child raised in the Catholic Church, she learned to praise God and recognize His presence in her life. Over the years, as she encountered other Christian denominations, her understanding of the Lord deepened. Through these experiences, her faith became more personal—rooted not in tradition alone, but in a living relationship with God who is actively involved in daily life.

Her journey to APTS was never simply about employment. When she joined the seminary, She believed she was stepping into a place where Christlike values were not only taught but practiced. Serving at APTS allowed her to grow spiritually while using her gifts to support the formation of future ministers.





Her photo in her office here in APTS (Business Office).



Family Photo: Her sons, John Domenic (eldest child), and Emil John (youngest child) and her husband, Percival.

As Accounting Supervisor, she faces daily pressures and responsibilities. She admits that challenges are part of the work, but she has learned not to allow distractions or discouragement to overwhelm her. “When you commit your work to God and stay focused,” she reflects, “things become smooth, and your tasks are done.” Though financial rewards have never been great, she testifies that God’s provision has always been enough. Over the years, she and her family have survived—not by salary alone, but by the unseen blessings of the Lord faithfully meeting their needs.

Serving in a multicultural seminary environment also shaped her deeply. Working with leaders and students from different nations, she admits that in her younger years, adjustment was difficult. There were moments of frustration and even thoughts of quitting. Yet instead of leaving, she chose to trust God’s plan. With time came maturity. Today, when challenges arise, her response is prayer—lifting people and situations to God and trusting Him to bring peace and understanding.

She believes her role at APTS contributes to the formation of future ministers not through perfection, but through faithfulness. “We are not perfect,” she says, “but God’s Word must be lived out in action.” Even in mistakes, she believes that God’s presence gives strength to continue.

One of the most defining chapters of her life came through a recent life-threatening health crisis. Faced with sudden illness, fear overwhelmed her. Questions filled her heart: Why me? What will happen to my family? Yet even in fear, she chose to hold on to God’s goodness. During this season, her faith deepened. She prayed more, turned to Scripture, and slowly found peace replacing fear. What once felt uncertain became a testimony of God’s sustaining grace.

Throughout her recovery, she felt surrounded by God’s love through the APTS community. Financial help mattered, but even more powerful were the prayers offered by leaders, missionaries, students, staff, and friends around the world. She realized she was not walking alone. God, she believes, revealed His presence through the people who stood with her.

Looking back, she reflects on the lessons God taught her: to value life, to care for oneself without guilt, and to trust God’s perfect timing. She learned that preparation must be emotional and spiritual, not just financial. God remains in control, and His plans unfold with purpose. To students preparing for ministry, Mam Grace offers this encouragement: give thanks to God always. Appreciate every blessing—big or small, joyful or painful. “When I asked for help, it was given,” she testifies. “Through faith, I was healed.” Her life stands as a reminder that with God, all things are possible.

Anchoring her life are Scriptures that continue to guide her. Ephesians 6:18 calls her to fight life’s battles through prayer and faith, while James 1:12 reminds her that those who remain steadfast under trial will receive the crown of life.

With deep gratitude, she gives glory to God for granting her another chance to live with renewed purpose. She thanks her family, the leaders and administrators who supported her, and the entire APTS community and friends worldwide who prayed and gave generously. Her testimony is simple yet profound: God is faithful—and His grace is more than enough.

Writer: Roko Isikeli Vakasausau



APTS MISSIONS REPORT

MISSION IMPACT TEAMS



As a seminary committed to shaping leaders for the global Church, Asia Pacific Theological Seminary (APTS) stands firmly on three pillars: international, missional, and Pentecostal. These are not merely words that describe our identity; they are lived realities that shape how we form our students. At APTS, theological education goes far beyond the classroom. We intentionally prepare our students for the mission field by immersing them in real contexts where faith is tested, compassion is practiced, and the power of the Holy Spirit is experienced firsthand.

The Global Mission Centre (GMC) brings APTS's vision to life through training, mentoring, and field immersion. This year, the launch of Mission Impact Teams (MIT) marked a milestone, weaving missional formation into the weekly rhythm of student life. MIT connects students with communities every weekend. The fruit is seen both in communities—stories of healing and hope—and in students themselves, where they witness lives touched by Christ through healing, deliverance, and restoration. Just as powerful are the transformations within the students themselves—their faith strengthened, their calling sharpened, and their dependence on God renewed.



ILOILO MISSION TRIP



Beyond local engagement, APTS also emphasizes broader missional exposure through short-term mission trips, two of which took place during the recent school breaks. These trips, led by Dr. William and Rev. Tina, offered students the opportunity to serve in diverse contexts and capacities while learning directly from experienced leaders in mission.

The Iloilo mission trip focused on leadership training for pastors, emerging leaders, and young professionals, while also reaching out to the next generation—youth and children. Reports from this trip spoke of healing, deliverance, and baptism in the Holy Spirit, bringing renewed encouragement to local churches and deep spiritual impact on the students who served. It also became a practical classroom for learning cross-cultural communication, an essential skill for any missional leader in today's interconnected world.



CEBU MISSION TRIP



The Cebu mission trip, led by the GMC, took a different yet equally vital form. In response to severe flooding caused by a typhoon, our students participated in relief work among affected communities. Partnering with local churches, APTS became the hands and feet of Christ—offering practical help, compassionate presence, and hope in a time of deep loss and uncertainty. This experience profoundly shaped our students, teaching them that mission is not only proclamation but also presence; not only words, but sacrificial love expressed through action.

At APTS, we rejoice in seeing our students transformed as they participate in God’s mission. Their growth is a testimony to the enduring value of integrating rigorous theological training with intentional, Spirit-led missional practice.

Writer: Krushna Labade



MINDANAO MISSION TRIP

“Beyond Borders: A Mission of Love in Mindanao and the BARMM Region

Every meaningful mission has a beginning, and for this journey to Mindanao and the BARMM region, it began not in the field but in a classroom. What started as casual conversations among classmates during the IIS summer class slowly grew into a shared vision for service. As stories, prayers, and burdens were exchanged, a sense of calling took shape. It was through these moments that Kuya Jun and Ate Marriane Mozar invited us to join and become part of their ongoing ministry in Mindanao—an invitation that led to a deeply transformative experience.

From December 8–23, 2025, our team, composed of Sophia Wengisu, Esther Zhang, Joan Milo, and me, Jupiter Matnao, traveled through various cities, schools, and communities across Mindanao, including areas within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). One of the central expressions of our mission was gift-giving to schools and communities. We distributed school supplies, food packs, and simple gifts, especially to children, as tangible expressions of care and encouragement. These moments were filled with smiles and gratitude, reminding us how small acts of generosity can carry deep meaning.

Our engagement with Muslim children and youth became one of the most joyful highlights of the trip. We spent time chatting with teenagers about their lives, studies, and dreams, while playing games with younger children. Adding to this joy was a puppet show we performed, a skill the three ladies learned from MCAP summer class, which delighted children and adults alike. Laughter filled the space as the team danced with the children, turning the gathering into a celebration of shared joy and friendship.

Beyond community activities, we experienced worship and learning across cultures. We spent Sunday worship with the mountain tribe of the Tedurays, joining them in fellowship and thanksgiving. Despite travel risks and challenges along the way, the team embraced the journey with gratitude, even visiting mosques to better understand and appreciate the faith context of the communities we served. The mission concluded with a retreat for scholars, an experience we believe deeply impacted the students, just as it profoundly shaped us. Through reflection, sharing, and prayer, lives were encouraged and renewed. This journey affirmed that mission often begins with simple conversations, but when surrendered to God, those conversations can grow into bridges of hope, understanding, and lasting transformation.

Writer: Jupiter Matnao



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Campus Sneak Peek

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BUILDINGS & FACILITIES



ACADEMIC RESEARCH CENTER (ARC)



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BETHESDA BLDG.



GLOBAL MISSIONS CENTER (GMC)



ASIA PACIFIC RESEARCH CENTER (APRC)



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SAMPAGUITA BLDG.



DUPLEXES



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MAINTENANCE



APTS LIBRARY



MAIN LIBRARY



The APTS library currently houses 75,000+ volumes, including print and media holdings, in an open stack system and a reference/study area, which provides 36 open table seats for study, and 24 individual study carrels. Facilities available for student use include access to online journals, wireless internet access (WIFI – along with most of the campus), 5 computers with 40+ installed software resource packages such as Logos, encyclopedias, atlases, and digitized reference books.

Through the use of an electronic subscription to EBSCO (including ATLA journals), which consolidates over 20,000 e-journals from major publishers, researchers and students are provided access to thousands of periodical resources online as well as hard copy journals. Many of the journals go back either online, or in hard copy for more than 60 years. Access to these periodicals helps keep the library current, especially in the Pentecostal and Charismatic activity of the church as well as in theology, missions, and education.

The library serves the APTS community with a full-time Seminary Librarian, three full-time staff members, and student assistants. Students interested in learning the overall operations of the library may serve while earning credits toward their degree. The APTS library is a member of the American Theological Library Association (ATLA) and the Philippine Theological Library Association (PTLA), as well as local chapters of the Baguio-Benguet Library Association. We have access to periodical holdings of more than a dozen libraries within the Philippines and limited access to other holdings. The APTS library includes more than 967 dissertations, and over 2000 items in the Vertical File system. We also have access to a large collection of works in Chinese and Korean.



CHINESE LIBRARY

APTS also offers a Chinese Library for the Chinese Program students.





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New Projects

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APTS NEW PROJECTS

HURST CHAPEL SOUND SYSTEM & ELECTRONIC DRUMSET



The Student Body Council, together with the Worship & Tech Team, collaborated on a project proposal to upgrade the sound and tech system at Hurst Chapel. Before 2025 ended, the President and the Administration Committee approved and provided a budget to finally realize this project. Lo, before a brand-new trimester (third) comes, a brand-new Sound system was installed in Hurst Chapel with the following components: digital mixer, iPad, speakers, subwoofers, and electronic drums. Not only that, the Livestream set-up was upgraded too! A brand-new set of PC was also provided for Chapel services livestream.

Courtesy: Voltaire Pelmino



KID'S PLAYGROUND

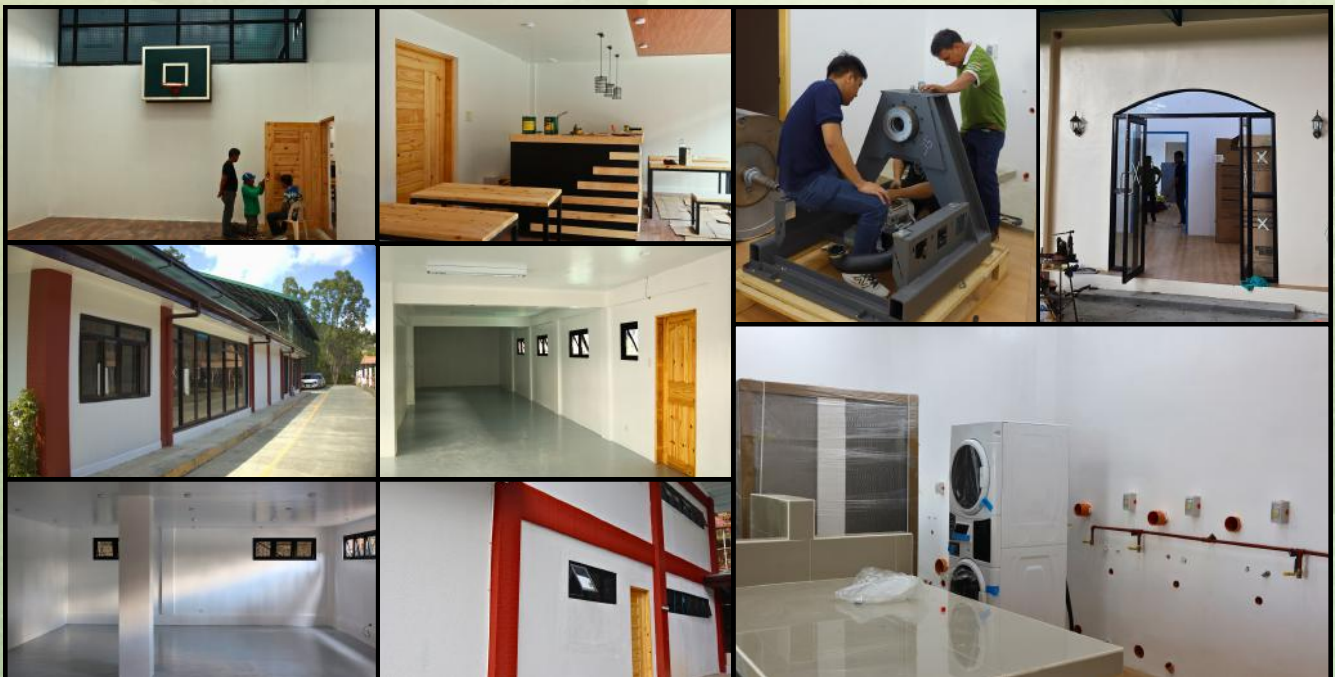


On the 12th of January 2026, APTS had a soft opening for the Kid's playground, specially dedicated for the kids in the APTS community.

ONGOING PROJECTS

NEW RECREATION CENTER

NEW LAUNDRY AREA



As of February 24th, the Recreation Center and New Laundry Area in GMC ground floor are still ongoing and ready for launching in March.

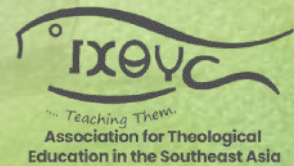


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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

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Accredited by Organizations in the Philippines and Abroad:





INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE CENTER

APTS ILC aims to linguistically (and culturally) empower missionaries and their families to spread the good news even more effectively. Language classes can be customized according to the student's preference and schedule. Other classes can also be tailored for other purposes such as tourism, employment, etc.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM

The English Language Program (ELP) is an immersive curriculum which offers personalized instruction, interactive learning experiences, and unparalleled support to help achieve fluency and confidence in English in preparation for theological studies. Our program is designed to help students attain the level of English competency necessary to perform academic reading, writing, speaking, and listening tasks at a satisfactory level for graduate-level APTS courses.



GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

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GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN MINISTERIAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Designed with the layperson in mind, these programs are formed for individuals with non-ministry degrees to further train their ministerial skills enhancing their services to their churches.

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GRADUATE CONCENTRATION CERTIFICATES

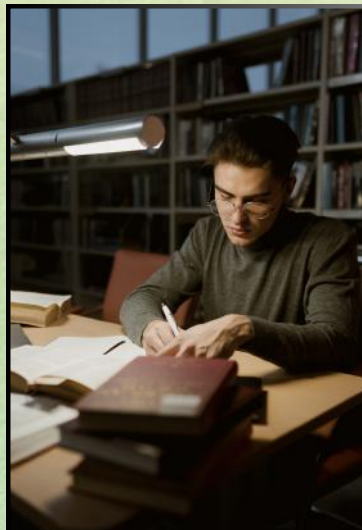
Graduate concentration certificates are offered in several subject areas. These graduate certificates require 15 credits and can be pursued as an individual academic award or as a concentration in a degree program.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS AS MISSIONS

Bachelor of Business as Missions is operated by Asia Pacific Theological Seminary. A new opportunity we are offering to innovatively combine the best of Business and Ministry to meet the vital needs in developing and supporting Christian leaders for 21st century.

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YEARS



GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

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MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY

The Master of Arts in Theology is a 48-credit graduate degree designed to provide advanced training in theological and biblical studies. This program is especially valuable for Bible school teachers, administrators, and those who wish to go on to doctoral studies.

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UNITS

MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

The Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies is a 36-credit graduate degree designed to enable individuals in the Asia Pacific region to develop a balanced missions philosophy for effective cross-cultural missionary service, and leadership.



GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS



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MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES (ISLAMIC COCENTRATION)

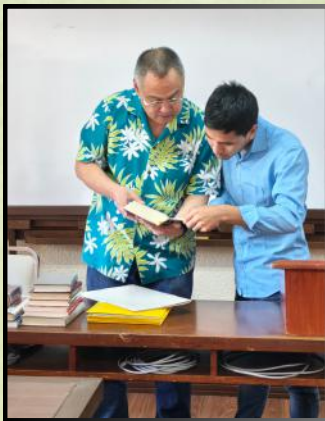
The Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies-Islamic Studies Concentration is a 48-credit graduate degree designed to enable individuals in the Asia Pacific region to develop a balanced missions philosophy for effective missions in Islamic regions.



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MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION

The Master of Arts in Intercultural Education is a 36-credit graduate degree. This degree empowers students to deepen their theological knowledge and develop excellent teaching skills and methodologies for use within diverse cultural settings. It equips students to apply for education jobs in many different contexts.



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MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY

The Master of Arts in Ministry is a 36-credit graduate degree. It is designed to provide advanced training for those called to ministry. It may also be of value for Bible school teachers who wish to specialize in the practical ministry area.

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MASTER OF DIVINITY

The Master of Divinity program provides advanced knowledge and training in theological and ministerial studies. It is designed as a "professional" degree for baccalaureate graduates who desire a more thorough biblical education at the graduate level.

POST-GRADUATE PROGRAM

THE MASTER OF THEOLOGY (M.TH.)

The Master of Theology (M.Th.) is a postgraduate level program designed to provide quality education and training. The program aims to prepare potential scholars and qualified Christian workers for teaching positions, pursuing higher level studies, and for engaging in reflective research, particularly in the student's own context.

THE DOCTOR OF MINISTRY (D.MIN.)

The Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program is intended for persons who are actively engaged in full-time Christian ministry. The main purpose is to enhance the participant's personal growth towards maturity and professional competence in the practice of ministry. The program focuses on issues facing Pentecostal & Charismatic ministries in Asia today.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

The Ph.D. is a graduate-level program designed to provide quality education and training in interest areas of the candidate's current ministry or future ministry goals. The program aims to enhance the candidate's personal growth toward maturity and professional competence in the practice of ministry.

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CHINESE PROGRAM



4 YEARS

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MINISTRY

is a 120-credit undergraduate degree. It is designed to provide formal biblical, theological and ministerial training for those who are called to enter full-time ministry. All the courses offered in this program are taught in Mandarin with the aim to train the future Christian leaders to minister in a Chinese context.



36 UNITS

MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY

is a 36-credit graduate degree. It is designed to provide advanced training for those called to ministry in the church or a related context. All the courses offered in this program are taught in Mandarin with the aim to train the future Christian leaders to minister in a Chinese context.

DISTANCE EDUCATION

The purpose of the Distance Education Program is to provide Asian and Pacific Leaders a continuing education opportunity leading eventually to the Master of Arts in Ministry degree. The Distance Education Program covers two different types of distance learning. (1) APTS extension sites operate in other countries and provide block courses of 2 to 3 weeks taught by APTS regular, or adjunct faculty. The courses for the full MA in Ministry are offered in regular cycles at these extension sites. (2) APTS also offers the online courses required for the Graduate Certificate in Ministerial and Theological Studies.



GLOBAL MISSIONS CENTER PROGRAMS



MINISTRY TO CHILDREN ASIA PACIFIC (MCAP)

MCAP is a ten-day intensive training program designed to equip key children's ministry leaders from across the Asia Pacific to teach the next generation to know and put their hope in God.



CHINA LEADERS AND WORKERS TRAINING PROGRAM (CLWTP)

This program is APTS' partnership with the Chinese Church that features 3 weeks of intensive training to develop leadership for China. The programs allows 20 student and 70 leaders to study at APTS under a special scholarship.



INSTITUTE OF ISLAMIC STUDIES (IIS)

Conducted for six weeks each year from April through May in cooperation with Global Initiatives and the Center for Ministry to Muslims (CMM) in the USA. Instructors are outstanding Islamic scholars and missionaries from around the world.



INSTITUTE OF CHURCH ACTION ON POVERTY STUDIES (ICAPS)

The Institute of Church Action on Poverty Studies is a one-week intensive training that empowers community development workers, NGOs, and church approach of ministry toward the transformation of individual and communities.



ASIA PACIFIC WORSHIP SUMMIT (APWS)

The summit seeks to educate, equip and inspire worshippers to be a blessing to the worship of the church resulting in the fulfillment of the mission of God to draw worshippers back to him through worship of the church





ALPHA CRUCIS COLLEGE PHILIPPINES

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS/MINISTRY (BBus/BMin)

The Bachelor of Business / Bachelor of Ministry (BBus/BMin) innovatively combines the best of Business and Ministry to meet the vital need of developing and supporting Christian leaders for 21st-century ministry.

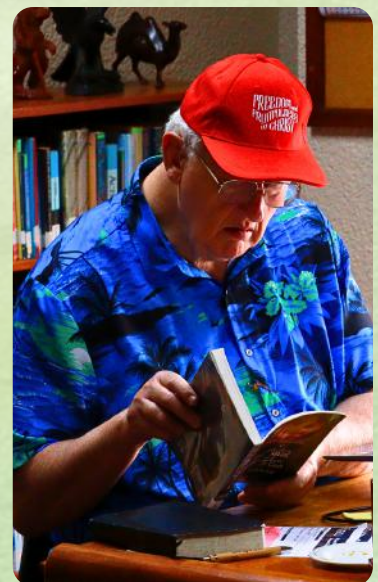
APTS PRESS

(SINCE 1998)

The mission of the APTS Press and the Asian Journal of Pentecostal Studies (AJPS) is to mentor Asian pastors and church leaders through publishing as well as giving Asian authors and others who work in Asia a forum for publishing their work. Since its inception in the 1990s, the Press has published twenty-eight books as well as reprinting or publishing a second edition of four more. Since 2013, more than 18,000 books have been sold domestically and internationally through Amazon.com.

Since its launch in 1998, fifty-five biannual editions of the Asian Journal of Pentecostal Studies have been published, with at least an estimated 40,000 print copies made and distributed throughout Asia and other parts of the world. The Journal is now available online on several sites.

Faculty member Dr. Dave Johnson is the current Director of the Press and Managing Editor of the Journal, Mr. Larry Brooks is the senior editor and Ms. Alpha Magno is the marketing assistant.



40,000 Published AJPS printed copies

Dr. Dave Johnson
Director for APTS Press & AJPS



STUDENT BODY COUNCIL MESSAGE

The theme for this year's Chalice, "Unleashed: Spirit-breathed, commissioned to the nations," amazingly encompasses the vision and what we prayed for the APTS Community in this term as inspired by Galatians 5:22-26. This year, we did not merely talk about being Spirit-led—we contended for it. We sought not only excellence in academics but depth in character. As we wrestled with Scripture and theology, lingered in worship together as tears were shed and burdens were lifted, and shared the simple everyday rhythms of community life, the Spirit was shaping us. Leadership was refined not in platforms but in the breaking, we buried ourselves in God's presence. Unity was tested, yet strengthened. Differences in culture and background became testimonies of grace learning to live together as one body.

As we conclude our term for Student Council, it has been our deep privilege to serve alongside each of you—to be mentored and loved by our leaders, to champion a vision of a community that is spiritually alive, missionally ready, and relationally anchored in love. We witnessed fellow students step into leadership and mobilized teams that serve tirelessly: worship and media teams pressing into authenticity and excellence, ushers serving round-the-clock with humility, and missions teams catalyzing hearts for the nations. We experienced classmates carry one another through seasons of emotional strain, financial difficulty, health battles, and academic pressure. In those moments, the fruit described in Galatians was not theoretical, it was embodied.

To our graduates: you have not merely completed requirements; you have been forged. You carry more than a diploma, you carry impartation. You have been trained to handle the Word faithfully, to think critically, to preach responsibly, to lead ethically, and to shepherd compassionately. But beyond competencies, you carry something far more powerful, the mark of a Spirit-shaped life.

As you step into your next assignments: whether in local churches, cross-cultural missions, or to the unreached, please remember this: The same Spirit who sustained you through your APTS Journey will empower you so much more to make Jesus known. Do not shrink back. Do not allow fear to silence obedience. The nations are not reached by the talented alone but by the yielded. Preach Christ boldly! May you love people deeply and guard your character fiercely. May you build communities, not platforms. May you choose faithfulness over fame, holiness over applause, endurance over convenience. Let the fruit of the Spirit be your loudest sermon. And as you go, remember that you do not go alone. Your APTS family stands behind you and will always be a covering, a sending base, and a place you can return to and anchor on for strength and encouragement. Our cheers do not fade at graduation—they intensify as you step into the field.

You are Spirit-breathed. You are commissioned. You are unleashed. Now go and fulfill your call. It has been a privilege and joy to serve God with you,
Student Council 2025-2026.



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CHALICE TEAM MESSAGE



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This year's Chalice Theme, "UNLEASHED: Spirit-breathed, Commissioned to the nations," is a response to the heart of the Father who loves all people, all races, and all nations. His Spirit that is breathed and poured out on us is meant to unleash us to go and reach out to the world for whom the Lord Jesus Christ died. Our training and equipping in this institution is to radiate His glory to the ends of the earth. We are here for a season, and we pray that we maximize our time here to prepare for what God called us to "be," to finally "do" the work He has entrusted us, and to "go" where He leads us. May we be receptive to what His Spirit is instructing us to do, and be willing to be interrupted from our personal plans, and allow His plan to carry on instead. May we joyfully partake in the unfinished task He has commissioned the church to fulfil while awaiting His return. The Holy Spirit "unleashes" us all!



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