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GREETINGS!

Dear Alumni!

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we enter a New Year, we extend our warmest greetings and prayerful best wishes to our AIGS alumni around the world. We are delighted to share the Fall 2025 AIGS Alumni Newsletter with you. As we look back with gratitude and look ahead with hope, we thank God for the many ways He continues to work through you in churches, seminaries, schools, and mission fields across different nations.

In this edition, you will read stories of worship and mission on campus, faithful service in local churches, teaching and leadership in seminaries, and pastoral care among young people and communities in need. These testimonies show how the vision of ACTS continues to bear fruit through your lives and ministries.

As the Apostle Paul encourages us, "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9). May this promise strengthen and encourage you as you step into the New Year, continuing to serve the Lord with perseverance, faith, and hope. We are deeply grateful for each of you and for your partnership in God's mission. We continue to pray for you and your families, asking the Lord to grant you renewed strength, wisdom, and joy in the year ahead.

With gratitude and prayers,

Prof. Cho Hwi
Dean, AIGS

Prof. Jeevan Vemagiri
Editor, AIGS Alumni Newsletter

AIGS SPIRITUAL RETREAT - FALL, 2025

“All Things to All People: Diaspora Identity and Ministry in a Hybrid World” (1 Corinthians 9:22)

AIGS began the Fall 2025 semester with a Spirit-filled Spiritual Retreat held from September 3–5 at the Upper Room on ACTS Campus. This retreat was especially meaningful because, for the first time in our history, an alumnus served as our keynote speaker. We welcomed Rev. James Kang-McCann (M.Div. 1997, formerly ISA), whose presence brought warmth, wisdom, and deep spiritual encouragement to our community. With the retreat theme, “All Things to All People: Diaspora Identity and Ministry in a Hybrid World” (1 Corinthians 9:22), Rev. Kang-McCann guided students through Scripture, testimony, prayer, and missional reflection, creating an atmosphere where God’s voice could be heard clearly.

In the opening session, “Called Across Cultures,” Rev. Kang-McCann invited us to consider Paul’s diasporic identity and missional calling. He unpacked Acts 9, Galatians 1, and Philippians 3 to show how Paul’s multicultural background, language abilities, and hybrid formation equipped him for cross-cultural mission. He encouraged students to recognize that their own cultural stories—especially those marked by hybridity—are not barriers but gifts that God shapes for His global mission.

The second session, “The Gospel in Between,” shifted our attention to Paul’s theology of unity and hybridity within the church. Drawing from Galatians 3:28, Ephesians 2, and Romans 11, Rev. Kang-McCann described the church as a reconciled and hybrid community where differences are not erased but transformed in Christ. Students were reminded that AIGS itself is such a space, where diverse backgrounds, languages, and cultures come together to form one body in Christ.



In the third session, “Bearing the Cross in the Borderlands,” the retreat moved into deeper spiritual territory as Rev. Kang-McCann explored the role of suffering in Paul’s mission. Using 2 Corinthians 4 and 11 and Philippians 1, he shared that diaspora identity often involves hardship, misunderstanding, and marginality. Yet, like Paul, these experiences become part of our missional calling. Rev. Kang-McCann’s own testimony of pain, endurance, and God’s sustaining grace brought many students to tears and renewed their courage to serve Christ despite challenges.

The fourth session, “From Antioch to the Nations,” invited students to look outward and consider the movement of the Gospel across cities and cultures. Tracing Paul’s missionary journeys in Acts 13–20, Rev. Kang-McCann highlighted how diaspora communities become natural mission hubs and how cities serve as crucial centers for church planting and leadership development. His message reminded students that God often begins global movements through ordinary believers in multicultural spaces.



Finally, in the last session, “Living the Gospel Between Worlds,” Rev. Kang-McCann brought the retreat to a climactic conclusion with a commissioning message based on Acts 17, 2 Corinthians 5, and Matthew 28. He called students to embrace their identity as ambassadors of reconciliation—people already sent into schools, cities, workplaces, and nations. Many students expressed afterward that this session awakened in them a renewed sense of purpose and calling.

Throughout the retreat, moments of powerful preaching were woven together with heartfelt testimony, corporate prayer, and warm fellowship. The Upper Room was filled with worship, reflection, and the joyful unity of the AIGS family. Rev. Kang-McCann’s sermons and life experiences deeply challenged students to listen to God’s voice and to step boldly into their calling. His ministry reminded us once again that the vision of ACTS—to equip leaders who impact the nations for Christ—is not merely an ideal but a living reality embodied in lives like his.



REV. JAMES KANG-MCCANN: A STORY OF IDENTITY, CALLING, AND MISSION

Rev. James Kang-McCann's life story is as moving and compelling as the sermons he shared during our Spiritual Retreat. His journey begins with a childhood marked by deep struggle. Born biracial—half Korean and half Black—he grew up in Korea carrying wounds he could not understand at the time. He remembers being teased, bullied, and excluded simply because he looked different. “Not being accepted into society is painful, no matter how young you are,” he reflected. When his family immigrated to Milwaukee in 1978, he hoped life would finally make sense. Yet, even in the Black community where his father came from, he found himself again on the outside. He did not feel fully Korean nor fully American. The question that shaped his early life was simple but heavy: “Where do I belong?”

His encounter with Christ came through a gentle and unexpected invitation. One day, his family visited a small Asian grocery store in Milwaukee, where the Korean owner, a deaconess in a newly planted church, invited them to worship. They went mainly to meet other Koreans and enjoy familiar food, but it was there that he first heard the Gospel. During his high school years, the burden of identity became overwhelming. At an overnight prayer meeting, he cried out to God in desperation: “Who am I? Am I Korean? Am I American?” In that moment of brokenness, God spoke to his heart: “You are not Korean. You are not American. You are My child. You belong to Me.” That night, he met Jesus Christ, and for the first time in his life, he discovered the identity he had long searched for. This encounter shaped everything that followed.

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Years later, God placed a calling in his heart to return to Korea, specifically to reach fatherless biracial children near U.S. military bases, children who were experiencing the same wounds he had carried for years. He began serving through short-term mission trips to Dongducheon in 1990, 1991, and 1992, leading English camps and VBS programs for children who were often overlooked by society. Each trip strengthened his conviction that God was calling him to minister to these young lives. His home church in Chicago, Alliance Holiness Church (Christian and Missionary Alliance), affirmed his calling and planned to send him out as a missionary after three years of seminary in the United States. Yet that meant waiting longer while his fiancée was already serving in Korea. Then God opened an unexpected door, through his pastor he learned about a seminary in Korea, ACTS, that welcomed international students and offered theological training in English. This allowed his church to officially send him out as a missionary in 1993 while he pursued his M.Div. at ACTS.



His years at ACTS (1994-1997) became a crucial turning point. He often recalls how the professors grounded him in evangelical theology and ignited a greater passion for missions. But it was the international student community that shaped him most. Studying, praying, and sharing life with classmates from many nations gave him a broader and more compassionate understanding of global ministry. The cross-cultural environment helped him recognize that his own hybrid identity, once a source of pain, was part of the unique way God was preparing him for mission. The relationships formed during those years later became partnerships in ministry, confirming that the calling God had given him was meant to be lived out in community.

In 1999, Rev. Kang-McCann founded Amerasian Christian Academy, a Christian international school in Dongducheon dedicated to serving multicultural and migrant children. What began as a small vision has grown into a remarkable ministry with students representing fourteen nations today. Many of these children come from Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, or non-religious backgrounds, yet through daily discipleship and relational ministry, they encounter the love of Christ.

One of the most moving testimonies is that of a girl from Pakistan, from a Korean and Pakistani multicultural family. She was baptized by Rev. Kang-McCann during a school revival. After graduating from the school, she pursued higher studies in the United States. Upon completing her studies, she returned to serve at Amerasian Christian Academy, no longer only as his student but now as a coworker in ministry, serving as a missionary teacher. She faithfully served for four years in both the school and the church. Last year, the church Rev. Kang-McCann pastors officially sent her out as a missionary. Stories like hers remind us how God multiplies the seeds planted in the lives of young people and raises former students to serve as partners in His kingdom.



Alongside the school, Rev. Kang-McCann also pastors a local Korean church in Dongducheon. Through this church's mission outreach, they have helped build eleven churches in the Philippines, partnering with local leaders and strengthening communities through annual Vision Trips every January. This overseas work began through a partnership with one of his ACTS classmates, revealing once again how God uses relationships formed in the seminary to expand His kingdom.

His entire family shares in the vision and mission God has given him. His daughter, after graduating from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, returned to Korea as a missionary teacher at the school. His son taught there for three years and is now serving as a missionary in the "P" region. For more than a decade, his whole family has joined short-term mission trips and their church's Global Outreach (GO) ministry. Their lives echo a profound truth: mission is not merely an individual calling but a family legacy shaped by God's grace.

Today, Rev. Kang-McCann's ministry continues to bear fruit—through education, church planting, discipleship, and cross-cultural partnership. His life embodies the very heart of AIGS: forming leaders who impact the nations for Christ. From a child searching for identity to a missionary shaping the next generation, his story testifies that when a life is fully surrendered to God, the impact stretches far beyond borders and generations.

AIGS GRADUATION

- A Celebration of Calling and Commissioning

The vision of ACTS has always been to equip and empower international students to serve Christ with biblical conviction, spiritual maturity, and global missional passion. Rooted in the heartbeat of God's Great Commission, ACTS exists to prepare men and women from many nations to be sent into the mission fields of the world as ambassadors of Christ's kingdom. This vision continues to flourish year after year as ACTS graduates return to their countries, or move into new lands, carrying the Gospel with faithfulness and courage.



ACTS President, Dr. Chung Hong Yul delivered sermon

"Just Do It"

Luke 10:25-28



Prof. Cho Hwi presided and shared an academic report



Prof. Jung Sung-kook led in prayer

This vision was beautifully displayed on August 18, 2025, when the ACTS community gathered in the ACTS Auditorium for the 51st Graduate School Commencement Service. Presider Prof. Cho Hwi opened the ceremony by inviting the congregation to join in the hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," lifting grateful hearts to God. Prof. Jung Sung-kook led in prayer, asking the Lord to guide and sustain the graduates as they step into new seasons of ministry. The Scripture reading from Luke 10:25-28 prepared the congregation for the message brought by ACTS President Dr. Chung Hong Yul, who preached a stirring sermon titled "Just Do It." His exhortation reminded graduates that their calling must move beyond academic accomplishment into active obedience—loving God wholeheartedly and serving others sacrificially.

With joy and applause, ACTS conferred degrees on graduates representing nations across Asia and Africa. The Ph.D. recipients included Dr. HongWei Sun (China, Old Testament), Dr. Aluwe John Konyi (Uganda, Systematic Theology), Dr. Inatoli Aye (India, Historical Theology), and Dr. Thanakrit Akkarapairin (Thailand, Systematic Theology).



Dr. Aye with her mentor Prof. Jeon Hee Joon and Dr. Chung Hong Yul



Dr. Akkarapairin with his mentor Prof. Kim Hak Bong and Dr. Chung

The ceremony also recognized Th.M. graduate Jeon Gyeong-ok and M.Div. graduate Lee Young-chan (Korea). Rev. Lee Keon-Ho offered warm congratulations and encouragement, and valedictory remarks from Dr. HongWei Sun testified to God's faithfulness throughout their years of study. The ceremony concluded with the congregation singing the doxology before receiving President Chung's benediction—marking not an ending, but a commissioning into God's global mission.

Among the graduates, Dr. HongWei Sun stands as a testament to the power of biblical scholarship shaped by deep devotion. Mentored by Prof. Han Young Lee, she completed her dissertation titled "Towards a Theological Significance of the Sabbath in the Creation Narrative (Genesis 1:1-2:3)." Her research argues that the Sabbath is not a mere closure to creation, but its theological crown, expressing divine harmony, covenant, and eschatological hope. Through rigorous Hebrew exegesis and theological reflection, she demonstrates that the Sabbath embodies God's relational purpose for creation and points forward to final restoration.



Dr. Sun with her mentor Prof. Han Young Lee and Dr. Chung

Dr. Sun's academic journey is deeply connected to her ministry as an Old Testament Lecturer. Her dissertation sharpened her exegetical and theological skills, enabling her to guide students in China to interpret Scripture faithfully and meaningfully. Her calling is to nurture a generation of pastors and Christian leaders who will embrace Scripture with reverence, clarity, and conviction—continuing the mission of ACTS far beyond its campus.



Dr. Aluwe John Konyi, supervised by Prof. Kim Hukbong, pursued a profound theological exploration in his doctoral dissertation titled “A Comparative Analysis of Thomas F. Torrance and Jürgen Moltmann’s Works on Kenotic Christology and Trinitarian Praxis.” Centered on Philippians 2:5–11, his research examines how Christ’s self-emptying (*kenōsis*) reveals the depth of God’s redemptive love. Torrance emphasizes Christ’s redemptive descent—fully assuming humanity without relinquishing divine identity—while Moltmann highlights God’s radical solidarity with human suffering through the cross. Dr. Konyi’s study affirms that, within the Nicene–Chalcedonian tradition, Torrance’s Reformed realism more coherently preserves Christ’s full divinity, while also recognizing the rich theological insights both theologians offer in illuminating the self-giving heart of God.

Since returning to Uganda, Dr. Konyi has continued to embody the vision of ACTS through both pastoral and academic ministry. He currently serves as Chaplain at the Africa School of Intercultural Studies and

Institute of Music, where he mentors students in worship, discipleship, and Christian leadership. Alongside this role, he teaches theology across several institutions and is prayerfully preparing to establish a leadership, pastoral, theological, and missional training center dedicated to equipping the next generation of servant-leaders. His life and ministry stand as a compelling testimony to how faithful theological scholarship can nourish the church, strengthen mission, and shape transformative leadership for the glory of God.

As ACTS looks toward the future, stories like these remind us why God raised this institution—to train faithful, humble, and Christ-centered leaders who will shine the Gospel into every corner of the world. We give thanks for each graduate and pray that the Lord who called them will continue to guide their steps. May all AIGS alumni—whether newly graduated or long established in ministry—remain steadfast, serving with integrity, compassion, and Spirit-empowered boldness as they participate in God’s mission among the nations.



AIGS Graduates and ACTS Faculty

THE 47th ACTS MISSION CONFERENCE

- Neighbors from Afar

The 47th ACTS Mission Conference was held on October 30, 2025, at the ACTS Chapel, under the theme “Neighbors from Afar.” The conference served as a meaningful reminder of ACTS University’s commitment to God’s global mission in a rapidly changing world. The service was presided over by Dr. Chung Hong Yul, President of ACTS University, who guided the gathering with thanksgiving and directed the community’s focus toward God’s mission. The conference opened with an opening prayer by Rev. Ah Jae Hong, Vice President of the ACTS Graduate School Alumni Association.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. Jung Noah, Executive Director of the Korea International Mission Association (KIMA), on the theme “Be the Person God Uses in Your Generation,” based on Acts 13:36. Reflecting on how David served God’s purposes in his generation, he challenged the ACTS community to live faithfully as those God desires to use in the present age.

A special highlight was the participation of the AIGS students. Dressed in their colorful cultural attire, students from different nations stood together and sang in one voice, expressing the unity of God’s people and the urgency of mission in today’s world. This was followed by a time of prayer for the Evangelization of Asia and the World, led by Kot Phanith (Th.M., Cambodia), reaffirming ACTS’s long-standing vision and commitment to global evangelization.

The conference also included congratulatory remarks and the conferral of an Honorary Doctoral Degree upon Elder Kang Sa Don of Hanbatjeil Church, in recognition of his faithful and continued financial support and partnership with ACTS University. The 47th ACTS Mission Conference reflected ACTS’s vision to form leaders who faithfully serve neighbors from afar, strengthening the university’s role in equipping the Church for mission in Asia and beyond.



ACTS Mission Forum



AIGS Students sang a special song



AIGS Students marched with national flags

THE 12th AIGS THEOLOGICAL COLLOQUIUM: - A Platform for Student Scholarship



The 12th AIGS Theological Colloquium (2025) was held with the vision of creating a meaningful academic platform where current AIGS students could present their research topics, methods, and findings. The colloquium continues to serve as an important space for intellectual exchange, critical engagement, and academic formation at AIGS.

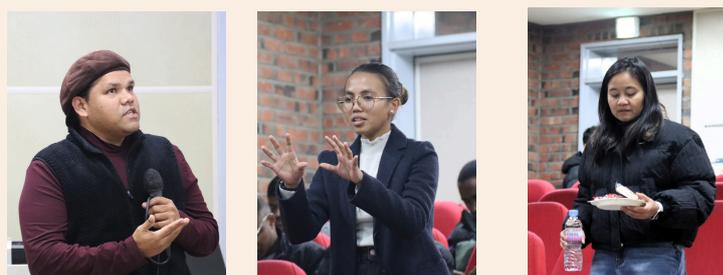


This year's colloquium was led by a student facilitation team: Junlapat Panakriangkrai (President, Th.M. + Ph.D. in New Testament, Thailand), Diana Zabelich (Secretary, Ph.D. in Old Testament, Russia), and Siriphan Terkae (Treasurer, Th.M. + Ph.D. in New Testament, Thailand), with Prof. Jeevan Vemagiri serving as the faculty advisor.



Prof. Cho Hwi presented Honorary Gifts to the Speakers

The event was honored by the presence of Prof. Cho Hwi, Old Testament Professor and Dean of AIGS, and Prof. Kim Han Sung, Professor of Missiology, whose participation and encouragement strengthened the academic atmosphere of the colloquium.



Q & A Session

Two student researchers presented their academic works. Japhet S. Agcol (Th.M. program, Old Testament, Philippines) presented a paper titled “The Cyclical and Linear Concepts of Time in Ecclesiastes 3: A Study of Temporal Frameworks.” His study explored how Ecclesiastes 3 holds together cyclical patterns of time with linear movement, offering a nuanced theological reading of temporality that contributes to Old Testament wisdom studies. His paper was followed by a scholarly response from Anoosh (Ph.D. program, Old Testament, Pakistan), who engaged critically with the exegetical and theological dimensions of the study.

The second presentation was delivered by Lungthanguang Gonmei (Th.M. + Ph.D. program, Missiology, India), titled “The Perception of Baptists in Northeast India on Their Cross-Cultural Missions: A Grounded Theory.” Drawing from his Ph.D. dissertation research, Gonmei examined how Baptists in Northeast India perceive both promoting and hindering factors in cross-cultural missions. His findings highlighted cultural adaptability, geopolitical advantages, and mission impetus as key strengths, while identifying fragmented organizational systems as a major hindrance. His grounded theory demonstrated how mission organizations and missionaries developed adaptive strategies to sustain global mission engagement. The response was offered by David Hirome (Th.M. + Ph.D. program, Missiology, Uganda), fostering thoughtful dialogue on mission practice and theory.

The 12th AIGS Theological Colloquium once again affirmed AIGS’s commitment to forming reflective scholars, faithful ministers, and globally engaged leaders, encouraging students to integrate rigorous academic research with the mission of the Church.



Presenter: Japhet S. Agcol (Th.M., Old Testament)



Responder: Anoosh (Ph.D., Old Testament)



Presenter: Lungthanguang Gonmei (Th.M.+Ph.D., Missions)



Responder: David Hirome (Th.M.+Ph.D., Missions)

A GROWING CHORUS OF AIGS ALUMNI'S TESTIMONIES

Across nations and ministry contexts, we continue to rejoice in how God is faithfully at work through AIGS alumni. Through recent emails, reports, and newsletters shared with the school, we have been deeply encouraged by testimonies of perseverance, faithful service, and gospel witness. These stories affirm that the vision of ACTS continues to enrich, equip, and strengthen our alumni, enabling them to serve Christ with courage and hope in diverse and often challenging settings.

WALKING WITH THE BROKEN

Rev. Julian Vincent (M.Div., 2008) — Sri Lanka



In Sri Lanka, Rev. Julian Vincent continues to embody a ministry shaped by compassion, theological depth, and faithful presence. Serving in contexts marked by social unrest, natural disasters, and widespread human suffering, Vincent ministers among young people and marginalized communities who carry deep wounds of loss, trauma, and uncertainty. Rather than offering quick solutions, his ministry is marked by walking alongside people: listening attentively, praying faithfully, and reminding them of God's nearness.



Recent floods in Sri Lanka



Rev. Vincent Ministering Youth

Through youth ministry, pastoral care, and theological teaching, Vincent integrates faith with lived experience, helping others discover that grace is present even amid devastation. His ministry reflects the ACTS emphasis on holistic theological formation, where sound theology fuels compassionate action. His life and service continue to bear witness that Christ's gospel brings hope precisely where pain is most profound.

PROCLAIMING CHRIST WITH PERSEVERANCE

Rev. Dr. Saleem S. Younas (Ph.D. OT, 2017) — Pakistan



Despite ongoing personal and ministerial challenges, Rev. Dr. Saleem S. Younas testifies to the enduring faithfulness of God. Serving as Vice Principal of Gujranwala Theological Seminary, he plays a vital role in shaping future pastors and leaders through teaching, mentoring, and academic leadership. His commitment to theological education is matched by a deep pastoral heart for the Church in Pakistan.



Rev. Dr. Younas ministering the Word of God in various regions of Pakistan.

Beyond the seminary, Dr. Saleem travels widely to preach the gospel at revival conventions, youth seminars, and pastors' conferences. Preaching Christ remains his greatest passion and joy, and the Lord continues to use him to spread the Good News throughout Pakistan. He gratefully acknowledges the invaluable contribution of ACTS in shaping his theological vision, resilience, and ministry identity. His perseverance stands as a powerful testimony that faithful proclamation and theological depth can flourish even in demanding contexts.



PLANTING WITH FAITH AND OBEDIENCE

Rev. Cornellious Bhatti (M.Div., 2021) — Pakistan



Rev. Cornellious ministering the Word of God .

After completing his studies at ACTS, Rev. Cornellious returned to Pakistan with a clear sense of calling to local church ministry and evangelism. Trusting God with limited resources, he took a courageous step of faith by opening his rented home as a place of worship and fellowship, beginning a church-planting ministry in Lahore. What began humbly has gradually grown through consistent preaching, discipleship, and pastoral care.



Rev. Cornellious' outreach ministry of preaching the gospel and prayer.

His ministry journey reflects a deep trust in God's provision and timing. By beginning with what God had already placed in his hands, Cornellious demonstrates how ACTS' mission-oriented training equips alumni to step forward in obedience, even when circumstances are uncertain. His story continues to encourage others to serve faithfully where God has planted them.



SHEPHERDING THE YOUNG AND FORMING LEADERS

Rev. Absolom Gumoshabe (M.Div., Spring, 2025) — Uganda

Among recent graduates, Rev. Absolom Gumoshabe offers a compelling testimony of God's ongoing work through ACTS alumni. After completing his Master of Divinity, he returned to Uganda and now serves within the Anglican Church (Church of Uganda), South Ankole Diocese. He is currently teaching at Muntuyera High School-Kitunga, a government-aided boys' school founded by the church, with a student population of over 1,250 young men.



Rev. Gumoshabe with his students

In addition to teaching academic subjects, Rev. Gumoshabe is deeply involved in pastoral care, discipleship, and spiritual guidance for students facing social, familial, and personal challenges. We rejoice to share that he was ordained as a Reverend Deacon on December 7, and from January 1, 2026, he will formally serve as an ordained chaplain at the school. His ministry reflects ACTS' vision of forming servant leaders who combine education, pastoral care, and spiritual formation to nurture the next generation.



Gumoshabe was ordained as Reverend Deacon

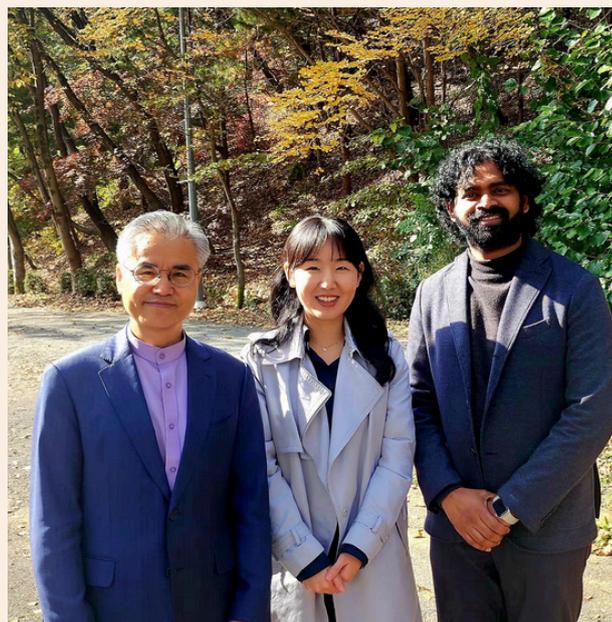
As we reflect on these testimonies, we give thanks to God for each of our alumni who faithfully serve Him across Asia and Africa. Their lives and ministries stand as living witnesses to the mission and vision of ACTS. We praise God for what He is doing in and through our alumni, and we pray that He will continue to strengthen them, guide their steps, and use their ministries for His glory.

ALUMNI VISIT TO ACTS CAMPUS

- A Time of Fellowship and Mission Sharing

ACTS University was recently blessed by visits from several alumni who returned to campus during their time in Korea, offering moments of fellowship, prayer, and encouragement that reflected the enduring bond between ACTS and its global alumni.

Ju Young Kim (M.Div., 2018; Th.M. in New Testament, 2021) visited ACTS on November 6 while in Korea for visa processing. After her graduation, she served as a missionary in Thailand, where she continues to carry a strong passion and vision for Thai mission work. During her visit, she met with Prof. Hur Ju, Professor of New Testament and Director of the Mission Institute of Thailand at ACTS, and shared a meaningful time of fellowship, prayer, and a shared meal. She also joined the chapel service, where Prof. Hur Ju preached, and her presence and missionary calling were warmly introduced to the congregation. Those who studied with her remember her as a person of deep mission commitment and Christlike character.



Ju Young Kim with Prof. Hur Ju and Prof. Jeevan



Dr. Kewal with Prof. Han Sung Kim

Dr. Kewal Bahadur Khadka (Ph.D. in Historical Theology, 2019, Nepal) visited the ACTS campus on November 13 and met with Prof. Kim Han Sung, Director of the Mission Institute of Nepal. He also met with his Ph.D. supervisor, Prof. Pak Ung Kyu, and shared a meaningful time of fellowship, prayer, and updates on his mission work. Dr. Kewal is the Founder and President and Principal of Evangelical Christian College-Nepal (ECC-N), established in 2020 with a vision to develop servant leaders for the Church and society in Nepal. The college currently serves students from diverse regions and denominations, equipping them through biblical education, spiritual formation, and practical ministry. ECC-N continues to train leaders who are actively serving across Nepal, embodying ACTS's vision of theological education rooted in discipleship and mission.



Dr. Ceu and his wife Mary with Dr. Chung Hong Yul



Dr. Ceu with his Ph.D. mentor Prof. Han Sang Hwa

Dr. Tan Ceu Thang (Ph.D. in Systematic Theology, 2018, Myanmar) and his wife Mary (Th.M. in Missiology, 2013, Myanmar) visited ACTS on November 24. They met with Dr. Chung Hong Yul, President of ACTS University, and Dr. Tan also reunited with his Ph.D. mentor, Prof. Han Sang Hwa. Their visit included a meaningful time of prayer and fellowship at the Dr. Han Chul Ha Memorial Park. Dr. Tan currently serves as the Founder and Principal of Logos Theological Seminary and pastor of Grace Evangelical Church in Myanmar. Despite significant political and social challenges, his ministry continues to equip pastors and leaders, integrating theological education with active church and community ministry. Their work stands as a testimony to God’s faithfulness and the fruit of ACTS’s missional training .

AIGS warmly welcomes alumni whenever they visit Korea—whether for mission, study, or personal reasons. Alumni are encouraged to inform the school in advance through official email so that, depending on availability, times of fellowship, prayer, student interaction, or small-group theological forums may be arranged. We value hearing your missional journeys and rejoice in how God continues to work through the AIGS alumni family across the nations.

IN LOVING MEMORY AND PRAYER

Sister Le Thi Sao and Family

It is with deep sorrow that we share the news that Pastor Khanh Vinh (45), the beloved husband of our alumna Sister Le Thi Sao (M.Div., 2017, Vietnam), entered into the glory of our Lord on November 2, 2025. During this time of loss, we invite the AIGS alumni community to join together in prayer for Sister Sao and her two young daughters. May the Lord, who is near to the brokenhearted, surround them with His comfort, strength, and abiding peace. As Scripture reminds us, “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit” (Psalm 34:18). Let us uphold our sister and her family in prayer, trusting that our risen Lord will sustain them with His grace and hope, and that His unfailing love will carry them through this season of grief.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

AIGS Alumni Newsletter: The AIGS Alumni Newsletter is published twice a year, at the end of each semester. The newsletter highlights major events at ACTS/AIGS and shares ministry updates from our alumni around the world. Through this publication, we seek to stay connected as an alumni family, exchange resources, pray for one another's missional needs, and rejoice in how God continues to work through ACTS and its alumni.

Alumni who are interested in sharing their missional stories or ministry updates are kindly requested to send their submissions by the end of May for the Spring Edition and by the end of November for the Fall Edition.

AIGS Admissions: AIGS admissions open once a year, with online applications accepted from August 15 to September 15. Applicants are kindly reminded that all required documents must be submitted within the application period, as ACTS strictly adheres to its admissions policies.

Department of Religion and Culture: ACTS University has opened a new undergraduate department in Religion and Culture. This program is designed to equip students with a strong foundation in religious studies and cultural engagement. For more information, please contact admission@acts.ac.kr or visit: <https://int.acts.ac.kr>

We encourage our alumni to share this information with prospective students and continue to pray for ACTS as it equips leaders for the Church and God's mission.

God Bless You!

We Wish You A Happy New Year

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