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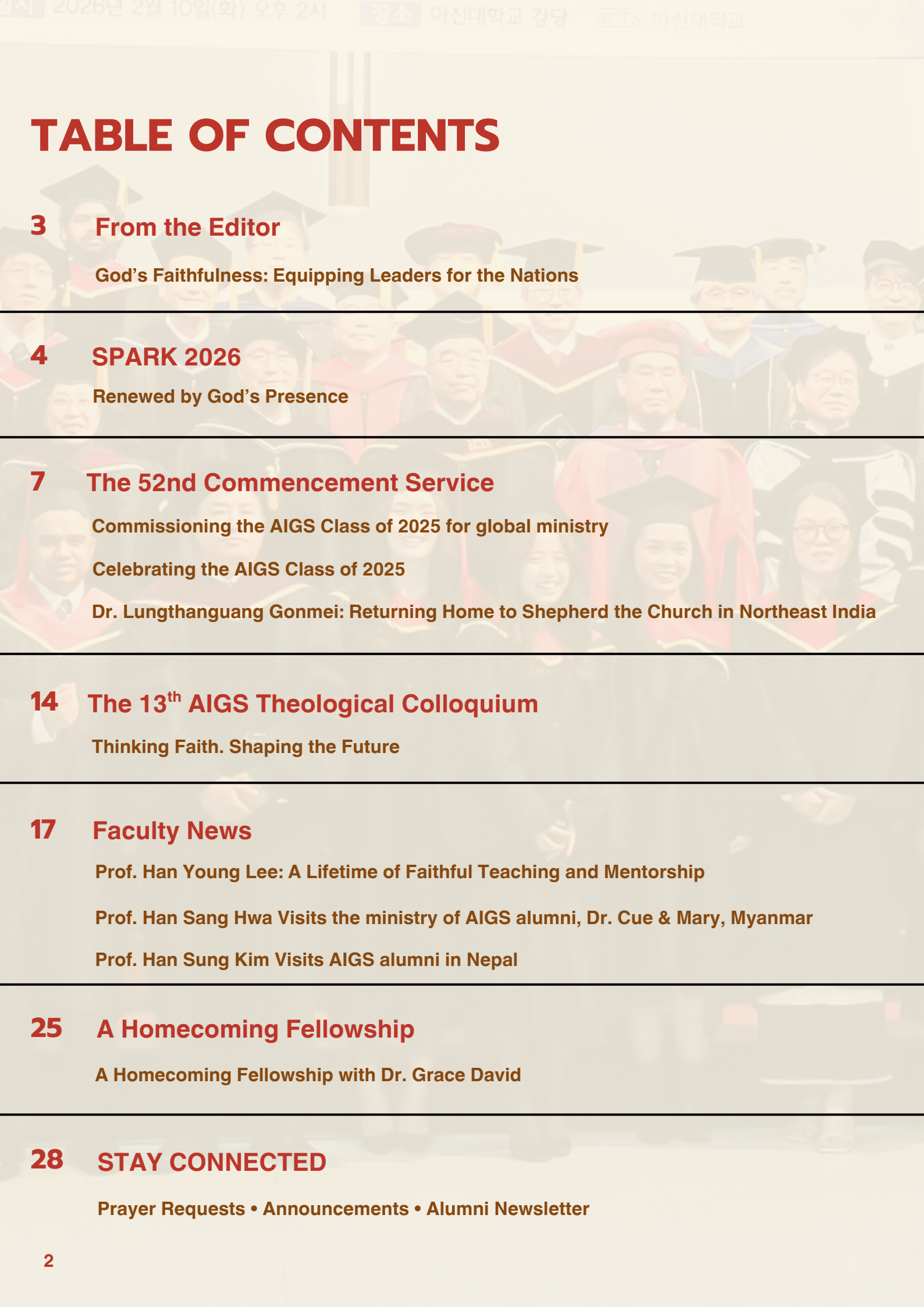


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FROM THE EDITOR



God's Faithfulness: Equipping Leaders for the Nations

Dear AIGS Alumni, Students, and Ministry Partners,
Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is my great joy to welcome you to the Spring 2026 edition of the AIGS Alumni Newsletter. As we reflect on the past semester, we are reminded once again of God's unfailing faithfulness to the ACTS International Graduate School and to our alumni serving faithfully across the world.

This semester has been filled with many reasons to rejoice. We witnessed spiritual renewal through the SPARK Retreat, celebrated the graduation of another group of international leaders, strengthened our commitment to theological research through the 13th AIGS Theological Colloquium, and rejoiced to see the remarkable ministries of our alumni in Northeast India and Myanmar.

Behind each event is one common story—God continues to equip men and women through AIGS and send them back to their churches, communities, and nations to proclaim Christ and serve His Kingdom. From classrooms in Korea to churches in Asia, Africa, the Americas, and beyond, the fruit of theological education continues to multiply.

This issue also marks an exciting season for AIGS as we prepare to expand our academic initiatives through biannual theological colloquia and the launch of an annual AIGS Student Journal. These developments reflect our desire to cultivate faithful scholarship that serves both the Church and the academy.

Whether you are serving as a pastor, missionary, educator, scholar, or church leader, you remain an important member of the AIGS family. We thank God for your faithful ministry and invite you to continue partnering with us through your prayers, encouragement, and fellowship.

May the Lord richly bless you as you continue to serve Him among the nations.

Prof. Jeevan Prakash Kumar Vemagiri
Editor, AIGS Alumni Newsletter
AIGS Coordinator

SPARK 2026:

RENEWED BY GOD'S PRESENCE

One of the highlights of the Spring semester was the SPARK Retreat, held from February 23–25, 2026, at Crown Haitai Resort. Students, faculty, staff, and families gathered for three days of worship, biblical teaching, fellowship, prayer, and personal reflection.

For many international students who spend long months balancing academic study, ministry responsibilities, and family life, SPARK became more than a retreat—it became a place of renewal. Students repeatedly expressed how refreshed they felt spiritually and emotionally. Many described SPARK as “one of the most memorable experiences” of their time at AIGS and were deeply touched by the sacrificial service, genuine hospitality, and love shown by the SPARK organizing team.

The retreat name, SPARK, was introduced by Rev. Ken Choe, who encouraged participants to build their lives around five biblical commitments:

S – Stand Alone Before God

P – Prepare to Hear God

A – Anticipation of God’s Calling

R – Recognition of God’s Presence

K – Kneel Before God

Throughout the retreat, participants were reminded that effective ministry begins with a deep and personal relationship with Christ.



SPARK Team Warmly Welcomes AIGS Family



Rev. Ken Choe inaugurates SPARK Retreat

Messages that Encouraged and Challenged

The worship sessions challenged students in different ways. Rev. Dr. Moses Chung preached from Ephesians 2:1–10 on “The Beauty of God’s Redemption.” He reminded participants that every believer’s story moves from brokenness (vv. 1–3) to redemption by God’s grace (vv. 4–9) and finally to God’s calling for good works (v. 10). Emphasizing Ephesians 2:13, 16, he encouraged students to live as people reconciled to God and to one another through Christ.



Rev. Dr. Moses Chung Recalls God’s Grace

The evening worship was led by Rev. Woolim Ma, who spoke from Romans 8:28 about the unchanging love and sovereign purpose of God. He encouraged students to trust God’s providence even through uncertainty and suffering, reminding them that God works all things together for those who love Him.



Rev. Woolim Ma Reminds God’s Sovereign Purpose

The first day concluded with a memorable challenge from Rev. Ken Choe, who declared a “Silent Night” for the entire AIGS community. He invited every student, faculty member, staff member, and family to enter a time of silence before God and reflect on one simple but profound question: “Who am I?” Throughout the night, participants set aside conversation and distractions as they sought God’s presence through prayer, Scripture meditation, and personal reflection. The silence created space for each person to examine their identity in Christ, listen to God’s voice, and renew their relationship with Him. The following morning, before dawn, Rev. Ken Choe gently broke the silence by inviting the community to gather in joyful praise and worship. Songs of thanksgiving filled the retreat center as participants celebrated God’s faithfulness and welcomed a new day with renewed hearts. Many students later recalled the Silent Night and dawn worship as one of the most meaningful and transformative experiences of the entire retreat.





The second day included small-group discussions where students from many nations openly shared their testimonies, struggles, and God's calling upon their lives. During worship, Prof. Lee Myeong Soek challenged students from Hebrews 5:5–14 to pursue spiritual maturity through commitment to God's Word. Later, Prof. B. J. Jun preached from Acts 1:1–11, encouraging students to remain faithful to Christ's message, depend upon the Holy Spirit's power, embrace God's mission, and remain motivated by Christ's promised return.



The retreat concluded with a powerful message from Rev. Ken Choe on Matthew 28:18–20, calling every participant to know their identity in Christ, walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, and live a life devoted to making disciples of all nations. Creative team-building activities, worship, fellowship, and cross-cultural friendships made SPARK 2026 a truly unforgettable experience. Students returned to campus spiritually refreshed, united as one community, and recommitted to God's mission.





THE 52ND Commencement SERVICE



Commissioning the AIGS Class of 2025 for global ministry



Celebrating the AIGS Class of 2025



Dr. Lungthanguang Gonmei: Returning Home to Shepherd the Church in Northeast India.

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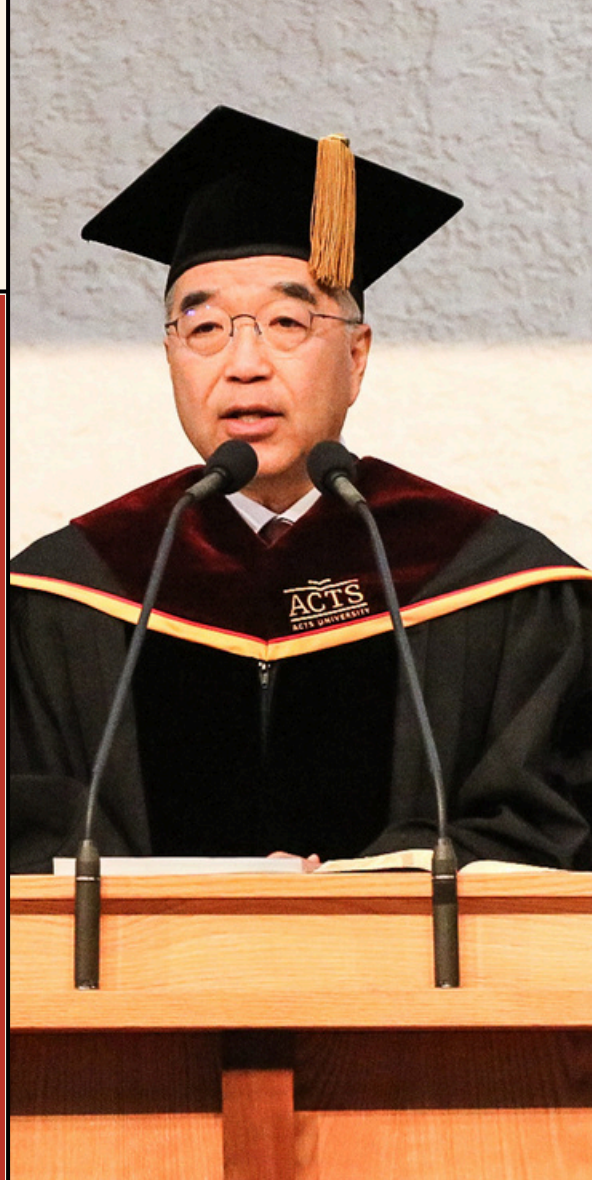


The ACTS International Graduate School (AIGS) joined the ACTS University community in celebrating the 52nd Commencement Service, held on February 10, 2026 in the ACTS Auditorium.

The commencement service was presided over by Dr. Cho Hwi, Dean of the AIGS, who welcomed graduates and guests to this significant occasion. The congregation joined together in singing “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,” followed by the opening prayer offered by Dr. Jung Sung Kook, Dean of the Graduate School of Theology.



The commencement sermon, “In Its Time,” was delivered by ACTS President Dr. Chung Hong Yul. Drawing from Ecclesiastes 3:11, he reminded graduates that every season of life is under God’s sovereign care. Although the future often appears uncertain, God continues to guide His people according to His perfect plan. Graduates were encouraged to trust God’s timing, remain faithful to their calling, and serve wherever He leads them.



**“He has made everything
beautiful in its time.”**

Ecccl. 3:11





Celebrating the AIGS Class of 2025

The ACTS International Graduate School (AIGS) celebrated the graduation of thirteen international students during the 52nd Commencement Ceremony on February 10, 2026. The graduates came from Myanmar, India, Uganda, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, the Philippines, and the United States. This graduating class included one Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) graduate, two Integrated Master of Theology and Doctor of Philosophy (Th.M.+Ph.D.) graduates, three Master of Theology (Th.M.) graduates, and seven Master of Divinity (M.Div.) graduates. The class reflects the international character of AIGS and its mission to prepare Christian leaders for the global Church.



Dr. Mang Ceu Lian with his Mentor Prof. Lee and ACTS President Dr. Chung

President Dr. Chung Hong Yul conferred the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree upon Mang Ceu Lian of Myanmar. He completed his dissertation, “Food as a Motif of Life and Death in Numbers 11: A Narrative Analysis,” under the supervision of Professor Han Young Lee in the Department of Old Testament.

President Chung also conferred the Integrated Th.M+Ph.D. degrees upon Lungthanguang Gonmei of India and David Hirome of Uganda. Dr. Gonmei completed his dissertation, “The Perception of Baptists in Northeast India on Their Cross-Cultural Missions,” under the supervision of Professor Han Sung Kim in the Department of Missiology. Dr. Hirome completed his dissertation, “The Perceptions of Diaspora Ugandan and Kenyan Anglican Clergies Living in the United States about Their Cross-Cultural Missions to the Host Population,” under the supervision of Professor Han Sung Kim.



Dr. Lungthanguang Gonmei (India)



Dr. David Hirome (Uganda)

President Chung conferred the Master of Theology (Th.M.) degree upon Lohit Naidu Paluri of India, Chishi Toinali of India, and Daud Ashir of Pakistan.



Lohit Naidu Paluri (India)



Chishi Toinali (India)



Daud Ashir (Pakistan)

President Chung also conferred the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree upon MD Mezbaul Islam of Bangladesh, Telemos Gagebo Mena of Ethiopia, Ashok Naik K of India, Jemimah Kamei of India, Sai Zaw Htet Aung of Myanmar, Omairah Cataytay Cumayog of the Philippines, and Sarah Eunhae Kim of the United States.



MD Mezbaul Islam (Bangladesh)



Telemos Gagebo Mena (Ethiopia)



Ashok Naik K (India)



Sai Zaw Htet (Myanmar)

The commencement ceremony marked an important milestone in the lives of these graduates. Some have returned to serve as pastors and church leaders, others have entered theological education, and still others continue to prepare for missionary service. Wherever God leads them, they carry the vision of AIGS to proclaim the gospel, strengthen the Church, and make disciples among the nations.



Jemimah Kamei (India)



Omairah Cataytay Cumayog
(Philippines)

The AIGS family rejoices with each graduate and gives thanks to God for His faithfulness throughout their academic journey. We pray that the Lord will continue to guide, strengthen, and use every member of the Class of 2025 for His glory and for the advancement of His Kingdom around the world.



Sarah Eunhae Kim (USA)

Dr. Lungthanguang Gonmei: Returning Home to Shepherd the Church in Northeast India

One of this year's graduates, Dr. Lungthanguang Gonmei from Northeast India, completed the Integrated Th.M.+Ph.D. program with his dissertation entitled "The Perception of Baptists in Northeast India on Their Cross-Cultural Missions."

Soon after graduating, Dr. Gonmei returned to his hometown of Tamenglong, Manipur, where he now serves as pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, shepherding a congregation whose members come from approximately 60 surrounding villages.



Reflecting on his years at ACTS, Dr. Gonmei shared that his doctoral studies were among the most formative seasons of his life, preparing him academically, spiritually, and missionally for ministry. He noted that ACTS strengthened his missiological foundation, equipped him to think critically and conduct meaningful research, and gave him a deeper understanding of God's mission that now shapes his preaching, teaching, leadership, and pastoral ministry.



Although he is currently serving as a local church pastor, Dr. Gonmei and his wife, Lunganliu, continue to prepare prayerfully for future cross-cultural mission opportunities, trusting God to open the right doors in His perfect timing.

During this new chapter of ministry, God also blessed their family with a baby boy, Giangai Gonmei, born on May 30, 2026. His name, meaning “A Good Encounter,” expresses gratitude for the many people God brought into their lives—including professors, pastors, classmates, and friends at ACTS—who have profoundly shaped their spiritual journey and ministry.



Looking back, Dr. Gonmei expresses deep appreciation for the ACTS community, whose education, mentorship, friendships, and spiritual encouragement continue to bear fruit in his ministry. His prayer is that God will use what he has learned to strengthen the Church and advance His mission among the nations.



As AIGS celebrates the Class of 2025, Rev. Gonmei’s story beautifully reflects the mission of ACTS University—to equip servant leaders who faithfully return to their communities, strengthen local churches, and participate in God’s global mission. We congratulate all of our graduates and pray that the Lord will continue to guide them as they proclaim Christ and serve His Kingdom throughout the world.

The 13th AIGS Theological Colloquium



The 13th AIGS Theological Colloquium was successfully held on May 21, 2026, at the N101 Auditorium. The spring colloquium provided a vibrant platform for doctoral and master's students to present their research, engage in scholarly dialogue, and strengthen the academic community of AIGS.

The program began with an opening prayer by Gilbert Miwornunyuie Yao, Chairman of the Organizing Committee. It concluded with a closing prayer by Prof. Jeevan Vemagiri. During the two-and-a-half-hour program, participants engaged in thoughtful presentations, constructive responses, and meaningful discussion that enriched the academic life of the AIGS community.

The colloquium welcomed 45 participants, including Professor Jeevan Vemagiri, Professor Myeong Seok Lee, six presenters and respondents, and an audience of 37 students and scholars. The strong attendance reflected the growing interest in theological research and demonstrated the value of creating regular opportunities for academic exchange within AIGS.



The program featured three research papers representing the major academic disciplines of AIGS:

Ebenezer A. Obeng, a Ph.D. candidate in Missiology, presented his paper entitled “The Cross-Cultural Experience of Ghanaian Pastors Ministering to Second-Generation Ghanaian-Americans in the United States.” He examined the opportunities and challenges that Ghanaian

immigrant pastors encounter as they minister across cultures and generations. Z. Mepingthu, a Ph.D. candidate in Missiology, served as the respondent and offered thoughtful observations that enriched the discussion.



Ebenezer A. Obeng along with his respondent Z. Mepingthu



Anoosh Michael and his respondent Richard A. Boateng

The second presentation came from Anoosh Michael, a Ph.D. candidate in Old Testament, who presented “The Witness-Transmission Hypothesis: Agur, Lemuel, and the Sages as Authenticated Transmitters of Solomonic Wisdom in the Book of Proverbs.” His research explored the literary and theological role of these wisdom figures and their contribution to the transmission of Solomonic tradition. Richard Adjei Boateng, a Ph.D. candidate in Old Testament, responded to the paper and provided valuable scholarly interaction.

The final presentation featured Amer Sharif, an Integrated Th.M.+Ph.D. student in Systematic Theology, who presented “The Incarnation of the Logos: The Necessity of the Incarnation in Redemption.” His paper examined the theological significance of Christ’s incarnation and its central place in God’s redemptive work. Jemimah Kamei, a Th.M. student in Systematic Theology, served as the respondent and contributed constructive theological insights during the discussion.



Amer Sharif and his respondent Jemimah Kamei

The colloquium also highlighted the important role of scholarly research in theological education. AIGS believes that faithful ministry requires careful study of Scripture, thoughtful engagement with contemporary issues, and a commitment to academic integrity. Events such as the Theological Colloquium allow students to refine their research, receive constructive feedback, and prepare for future publication and ministry.

The success of this year's colloquium also reflects the dedication of the student organizing committee. Gilbert Miwornunyuie Yao served as Chairman, Amer Sharif served as General Secretary, and Jemimah Kamei served as Treasurer. Under the supervision of Prof. Jeevan Vemagiri, the committee devoted months of careful planning and coordination to ensure the smooth execution of the event. Faculty members and participants expressed their appreciation for the committee's professionalism, hospitality, and servant leadership, all of which contributed to a memorable and well-organized colloquium.

The Spring 2026 Colloquium also marked an important milestone in the continuing development of AIGS's research culture. Beginning this academic year, AIGS plans to organize one theological colloquium each semester, with research presentations representing the school's major academic disciplines. The school also plans to launch an annual AIGS Student Journal, which will provide students with opportunities to publish outstanding research. In addition, faculty members will recommend selected colloquium papers for revision and submission to recognized theological journals. These initiatives will encourage academic excellence while equipping students to contribute to biblical, theological, and missiological scholarship.

The AIGS family gives thanks to God for the success of the 13th AIGS Theological Colloquium. We also express our sincere appreciation to the presenters, respondents, faculty members, organizers, volunteers, and participants who made the event possible. Through these academic gatherings, AIGS continues to equip Christian scholars and servant leaders who will faithfully serve the Church and advance God's Kingdom throughout the world.



Faculty News

Prof. Han Young Lee: A Lifetime of Faithful Teaching and Mentorship

The Spring 2026 semester marked the retirement of Professor Han Young Lee, whose faithful service has left an enduring legacy at the ACTS International Graduate School (AIGS). For many years, Professor Lee devoted himself to theological education, spiritual formation, and academic leadership. His ministry has shaped the lives of countless students who now serve Christ in churches, seminaries, and mission fields throughout the world.

Professor Lee served AIGS in many important capacities during his tenure at ACTS University. He faithfully carried the responsibilities of Director of AIGS, Academic Dean, and Dean of AIGS. Among these roles, he served as the longest-serving Dean of the ACTS International Graduate School, providing stable leadership during periods of growth and transition. His vision, wisdom, and steady leadership strengthened the academic programs of AIGS and helped establish its reputation as a community that combines academic excellence with spiritual formation.



Throughout his years of service, Professor Lee viewed education as more than classroom instruction. He believed that theological education should shape the whole person. He invested his time in mentoring students, encouraging them in their ministries, and helping them discern God's calling. Students sought his counsel not only on academic matters but also on personal challenges, ministry decisions, and family concerns. His office door remained open to anyone who needed guidance, prayer, or encouragement.



Prof. Lee and his wife, Dr. Sook Lim

Professor Lee often went beyond the responsibilities of his office to care for students. He quietly met practical needs, visited students during difficult times, and extended hospitality to those who lived far from home. International students especially appreciated his fatherly care and genuine concern for their well-being. Many alumni recall that he listened patiently, prayed faithfully, and encouraged them to trust God's providence during seasons of uncertainty. His acts of kindness often remained unseen by others, yet they left a lasting impression on the lives of those he served.

His wife, Dr. Sook Lim, also played a significant role in the life of the AIGS community. Although she did not hold an official administrative position, she generously shared her time, wisdom, and resources to support international students. Together, Professor Lee and Dr. Lim welcomed many international students with warm hospitality and demonstrated Christian love through practical acts of service. Their home became a place of fellowship, encouragement, and prayer for many members of the AIGS family.



ACTS Chairman Dr. Lee Jang Ho honors Prof. Lee.



Prof. Cho Hwi, Prof. Lee, Dr. Lim with AIGS OT Dept.



Prof. Lee and Dr. Lim with ACTS Undergraduate Students



AIGS Students presents a special song for Prof. Lee



ACTS President and Chairman Honors Prof. Lee and Dr. Lim



ACTS Faculty Honors Prof. Lee and Dr. Lim



ACTS Staff Honors Prof. Lee and Dr. Lim

On behalf of the entire AIGS community, we express our deepest gratitude to Professor Han Young Lee and Dr. Sook Lim for their faithful service and enduring commitment to God's Kingdom. Their lives remind us of the words of Daniel 12:3: "Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever." Through their years of sacrificial service, they have faithfully invested in the lives of students, pastors, missionaries, and Christian leaders who now serve throughout the world. We praise God for the legacy they have built at AIGS, and we thank Him that Professor Lee continues to serve the ACTS community with the same humility, wisdom, and devotion that have marked his life and ministry. We pray that the Lord will grant Professor Lee and Dr. Sook Lim good health, abundant joy, and many more fruitful years of service for His glory.

Professor Han Sang Hwa: Visits the ministry of AIGS alumni, Dr. Cue & Mary, Myanmar



Prof. Han Sang Hwa delivers the commencement sermon



Prof. Han Sang Hwa awards diplomas to the graduates

In February 2026, Professor Han Sung Hwa traveled to Myanmar at the invitation of AIGS alumnus Rev. Dr. Tan Ceu Thang, founder and president of Logos Theological Seminary and senior pastor of Grace Evangelical Church in Yangon. From February 13–17, she served as the guest speaker for the seminary's commencement ceremony and preached at the Sunday worship service, where she encouraged graduates, students, church members, and ministry leaders with God's Word.

Beyond the privilege of preaching, the visit gave Professor Han the opportunity to witness firsthand how God continues to work through AIGS alumni. Seeing Rev. Dr. Tan Ceu Thang faithfully lead a growing

seminary and church in the midst of many challenges brought great joy and thanksgiving. His ministry stands as a testimony to the transforming impact of theological education at ACTS University and the faithfulness of God in equipping leaders for His Kingdom.

Professor Han also expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to witness the fruit of AIGS ministry through its alumni. She praised God for allowing her to see how ACTS University has equipped graduates to return to their home countries, establish ministries, train future Christian leaders, and faithfully proclaim the gospel. Her visit reaffirmed the mission of AIGS: to prepare servant leaders who will strengthen the Church and advance God's Kingdom among the nations.

Dr. Cue & Mary, Myanmar: From AIGS Graduates to Ministry Leaders

Dr. Tan Ceu Thang and his wife Mary Hniang have established two ministries that are making a significant impact in Myanmar: Logos Theological Seminary and Grace Evangelical Church. Founded in 2019, the seminary was established to provide sound biblical and theological education for those called to pastoral and missionary ministry, while the church serves as a practical training ground where students develop hands-on ministry experience.



Despite the severe challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic and Myanmar's ongoing political instability, Logos Theological Seminary resumed its ministry in 2023 after a three-year closure. Since then, God has continued to bless the ministry. The seminary currently enrolls 40 students from various ethnic backgrounds—including Burmese, Chin, Kayin, and Rakhine—and offers Bachelor of Ministry (B.Min.), Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.), and Master of Divinity (M.Div.) programs. Four AIGS alumni now serve among its eight faculty members, multiplying the impact of theological education in Myanmar.



Dr. Cue with his faculty and students at Logos Theological Seminary



Alongside the seminary, Grace Evangelical Church has grown from a small family gathering into a vibrant congregation of 70–80 worshippers. The church is actively engaged in biblical preaching, discipleship, evangelism, youth and children’s ministries, and community outreach while providing ministry training opportunities for seminary students.

A Continuing Mission

Dr. Tan Ceu Thang shares that his vision is to train faithful men and women who will rightly handle the Word of God and impact Myanmar and beyond for Christ. Although the ministry continues to face challenges—including political instability, financial limitations, expanding facilities, and increasing educational needs—he remains confident in God’s faithfulness and requests continued prayer for protection, provision, and the growth of both the seminary and the church.





Prof. Han Sang Hwa and Dr. Cue with the faculty and graduates at Logos Theological Seminary



Professor Han's visit not only encouraged students and church members but also reaffirmed the enduring relationship between ACTS University and its alumni. It stands as a testimony to the mission of AIGS: equipping servant leaders who return to their nations to establish churches, train future Christian leaders, and faithfully advance the gospel. We thank God for Dr. Tan Ceu Thang's ministry and pray that Logos Theological Seminary and Grace Evangelical Church will continue to be instruments of hope, theological education, and gospel transformation throughout Myanmar.



Professor Han Sung Kim: Visits AIGS alumni in Nepal

Professor Han Sung Kim visited AIGS alumni in Nepal on January 24, 2026. The alumni gathered at Nuri 91 to welcome Professor Kim for a time of fellowship, encouragement, and meaningful discussion. The meeting strengthened the relationship between ACTS University and its graduates and renewed the alumni's commitment to serving Christ together in Nepal.

During his visit, Professor Han Sung Kim also led the Nepali Christian Journal Seminar, which brought together pastors, scholars, and Christian leaders for theological discussion and academic exchange. Rev. Kamal Thapa, an AIGS alumnus and faculty member at Evangelical Christian College, presented a research paper during the seminar and demonstrated the continuing contribution of AIGS graduates to theological education in Nepal.

The alumni expressed their sincere gratitude for Professor Kim's continued love, care, and concern for their lives and ministries. His visit reminded them that the ACTS family extends far beyond the university campus and continues through lasting relationships between professors and alumni. Professor Kim encouraged the alumni to remain faithful in their ministries, support one another, and continue the vision they received during their years at AIGS.



Prof. Han Sung Kim Meets AIGS Nepali Alumni Members



Prof. Kim conducts Seminar, Rev. Kamal Thapa presents a paper



Prof. Kim enjoys fellowship with AIGS alumni

A Homecoming Fellowship with Dr. Grace David, AIGS Alumna

The AIGS community had the joy of welcoming back Dr. Grace David (Th.M., 2002) to the ACTS University campus on July 9, 2026. During her visit, she met with Prof. Jeevan Vemagiri, AIGS Coordinator, and several current students from India, Pakistan, and Uganda for a



warm coffee fellowship at ACafe. The gathering provided a wonderful opportunity for alumni and students to share experiences, encourage one another, and reflect on God's faithfulness through the ministry of ACTS graduates.



During the fellowship, Dr. Grace reflected on her years at ACTS and shared how the Lord used her theological education to shape her vision for Christian counseling. She encouraged the students to make the most of their years at AIGS, reminding them that God uses theological education not only to increase knowledge but also to prepare His servants for lifelong ministry. Her testimony encouraged the students to remain faithful to God's calling and to trust His guidance in every season of ministry.

After completing her Master of Theology (Th.M.) at ACTS University in 2002, Dr. Grace returned to Kerala, India, where she established the Grace Counselling Center. Since then, she has served as its Director and has devoted her life to Christian counseling, pastoral care, and the training of pastors, counselors, and Christian workers. Through this ministry, she has brought biblical hope and healing to individuals and families who struggle with trauma, emotional wounds, and personal crises.



As her ministry continued to grow, Dr. Grace pursued further theological education and earned a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) from the Senate of Serampore College, India. Her doctoral research strengthened her counseling ministry and later appeared in the published volume *Sexual Abuse & Counselling of Victims with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: Intervention & Prevention through Church & Society*, published by Christian World Imprints in the Christian Heritage Rediscovered series. During her visit, she presented a copy of this important work to the ACTS University Library, where it will serve as a valuable resource for future students and researchers.



In addition to her counseling ministry, Dr. Grace has contributed to Christian literature through her writing. She has authored two books in Malayalam—*Labourers in the Vineyard* (2013) and *Challenges of Life* (2025). Through her counseling, teaching, and writing, she continues to equip believers to face life's challenges with biblical wisdom, compassion, and confidence in God's grace.

Dr. Grace's visit encouraged AIGS students as they listened to her ministry experiences and personal testimony. Her life demonstrates how God continues to use AIGS graduates to serve the Church through faithful ministry, lifelong learning, and scholarly contribution. Her journey also reminds current students that theological education does not end at graduation but continues to bear fruit through decades of faithful service.

The AIGS family gives thanks to God for Dr. Grace David's ministry and rejoices in the fruit of her faithful service. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless the Grace Counselling Center, strengthen her ministry of counseling and training, and use her writings to bring hope, healing, and the love of Christ to many. Her life beautifully reflects the mission of AIGS to equip servant leaders who faithfully serve Christ and His Church throughout the world.

Join Us in Prayer

1. International Student Dormitory Renovation

Pray for the ongoing renovation of the ACTS international student dormitory. Ask God to provide the financial resources needed to complete the project and to bless AIGS students with safe, comfortable, and welcoming living facilities.

2. Pray for Dr. Sook Lim

Pray for Dr. Sook Lim, the wife of Professor Han Young Lee, Executive Vice President of ACTS University. Her scheduled surgery was canceled because of complications caused by a contrast agent, and she is experiencing severe pain due to inflammation in her nerves. Pray for God's healing, strength, comfort, and wisdom for the medical team as they determine the best course of treatment.

3. Pray for AIGS Students

Pray that every AIGS student will grow in faith, deepen their relationship with the Lord, and faithfully prepare for the ministry to which God has called them during their time at ACTS.

4. Pray for AIGS Alumni

Pray for our AIGS alumni and their families as they serve Christ around the world. Ask the Lord to strengthen their ministries, protect them, grant them wisdom and good health, and use them to proclaim the gospel and build His Church.

5. Pray for Spring 2027 Admissions

Pray for the upcoming admissions for Spring 2027. Ask the Lord to lead those whom He has called into ministry to apply to AIGS and to provide them with the opportunity to receive theological education and training for His Kingdom.

Announcements

AIGS Admissions – Spring 2027

Applications for the Spring 2027 semester at the ACTS International Graduate School (AIGS) will be open from August 15 to September 15, 2026. The entire application process is conducted online. We encourage alumni to recommend prospective students who have a clear calling to theological education and ministry.

For AIGS admission details, please visit: <https://aigs.acts.ac.kr>

New English Undergraduate Program

ACTS University has launched a new English-medium undergraduate program, the Department of Religion and Cultural Contents (B.A.), for international students. The program integrates K-Religion, K-Culture, and K-Welfare to prepare globally minded Christian leaders who can engage Korean society and culture with biblical values while developing practical skills in cultural content and community service. The department offers both English- and Korean-medium study options for eligible international students.

For more information, please visit: <https://int.acts.ac.kr>

Alumni Visiting Korea

We are always delighted to welcome AIGS alumni who visit Korea for ministry, study, conferences, or personal travel. If you plan to visit the ACTS campus, we would be happy to arrange a time of fellowship with faculty members, current students, and the AIGS community. We also welcome opportunities for visiting alumni to share their ministry experiences through student forums, chapel messages, or small-group gatherings. Please contact us in advance so that we can prepare a meaningful visit.

Stay Connected

We would love to hear from you! Please share your ministry updates, publications, prayer requests, testimonies, and photographs for future editions of the AIGS Alumni Newsletter.

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