

APTS-PAST AND PRESENT

The Asian Journal of Pentecostal Studies has been blessed over the last 13 years to have relationships with many schools in the Asia Pacific area. A primary partner has been the Asia Pacific Theological Seminary (APTS) found in Baguio, Philippines. In fact, the editors since the journal's inception have come from this institution. As an expression of our gratitude for this relationship, this issue will be set with the theme 'APTS past and present'. All the essays are by former and current faculty of APTS. The earliest faculty members stem from early on (Charles Clauser) to the present (Paul Lewis). It is hoped that this issue will both honor the relationship and demonstrate the longevity of the school over the last 46 years.

The first essay by Charles Clauser focuses on the will of God in missions looking through the lens of the term 'predestined.' This essay, originally written 3 decades ago and updated, reflects a Pentecostal missiological understanding of the time. The following essay is by Gary Long who looks at the cognitive sciences to see the 'brain-mind-soul' problem. The discussion is within the context of his life growing up and later teaching in the Philippines.

Narciso Dionson delineates the development of the Assemblies of God in the Cebuano area of central Philippines. The author bases his writings on his own experience and the histories of various pioneering ministers of the area. This essay is the first of its kind documenting the initial development of the Assemblies of God in this area of the Philippines. The following is an exhaustive bibliography of C. M. Ward compiled by a former librarian of APTS, Gary Flokstra. C. M. Ward was a very influential minister of the Assemblies of God in the USA as the voice of 'Revival Time' radio program for 25 years. This is the first compilation of the works of its kind.

The following essay is by David Hymes on the topic of Numbers 11 a noted passage that has drawn attention from Pentecostals. He looks at this passage with a Pentecostal perspective within a strong exegetical analysis of the passage in its context. The author develops a

fully orbed discussion of the passage, correcting, expanding and suggesting a reading of Numbers 11. Christopher Carter wrote the essay on the theme of 'Reputation' in the books of 1st and 2nd Thessalonians. The author formulates the theme first looking at 'reputation' with the 1st century Greco-Roman world. Later he looks at 'reputation' in Thessalonica and finally within 1st and 2nd Thessalonians within the Pauline perspective. The final essay by Paul Lewis is entitled "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit as Paradigm Shift." This essay functions in two parts with the first part discussing Thomas Kuhn's concept of 'Paradigm Shift' and how it can describe the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The second part suggests what this Pentecostal Paradigm should look like.

Editors