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## FROM THE APTS ADMINISTRATION

We are once again in a time of transition and change. After ably serving as the Academic Dean and managing editor of *AJPS* from 2006, Dr. Paul Lewis and his family felt that the Lord was leading them to resign their positions at APTS and serve a one year term as a missionary in residence at our sister school, the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in Springfield, MO, before taking a year to visit their supporting churches in the United States. On behalf of the APTS leadership, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Lewis for his excellent work on the *AJPS*.

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Dave Johnson has accepted our invitation to replace Dr. Lewis. Dave's wife, Debbie, has also joined the editorial team. Dr. Johnson joined APTS in 2007 as an adjunct member of the faculty and, in 2012, along with his wife, upgraded his status to non-resident, regular faculty, meaning that they will be teaching on campus or at an extension site at least once a year. He has also accepted appointment as the director of the APTS Press.

Dr. Johnson is passionate about doing theology in context and is committed to reflecting on how the gospel of Jesus Christ can be articulated, understood, and acted upon in Asia. He brings a wealth of ministry background to this position. Ordained by the Assemblies of God (USA) in 1986, he traveled for a number of years in the States as an evangelist after making several short term trips to the Philippines, he moved here as an appointed missionary with the Assemblies of God World Missions (USA) in 1994. He and his wife met on the APTS campus in 1996, when she was serving the seminary as the English teacher, and they were married the next year.

Since coming to the Philippines, Dr. Johnson has been serving in evangelism and church planting. He has had the opportunity to lead people to the Lord and help plant dozens of churches. He served for six years as the country moderator for the Assemblies of God Missionary Fellowship (AGMF USA). He has also directed the translation of the *Full Life Study Bible* commentary and notes into both the Tagalog and Cebuano languages of the Philippines. In 2009, he published his first book Led by the Spirit: The History of the American Assemblies of God Missionaries in the Philippines (Manila: ICI Ministries), which can be viewed at <u>www.daveanddebbiejohnson.com</u>. His second book, Theology in Context: A Case Study in the Philippines will be published by APTS Press in 2013. The Johnsons continue to serve in the Bicol region, located in the southern part of Luzon, the Philippines' main island, and visit the Baguio campus as needed.

A native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, he was raised in a Christian home and came to know Christ at an early age. He was baptized in the Holy Spirit, called into the ministry, and directed by the Lord to join the Assemblies of God all in one three month period when he was 18 years of age. He earned a B.A. in Bible from Central Bible College in Springfield, MO, in 1984, his masters of divinity from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, also in Springfield, in 1987, and a doctorate in missiology from the Asia Graduate School of Theology—Philippine campus in 2004.

Apart from the ministry, he enjoys dinner out with Debbie, fellowship with friends, weightlifting, basketball, walking, reading, and playing with Sam, his purebred Doberman.

Sincerely,

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