



MS 503 | Biblical Theology of Missions

“The Bible actually begins with missions, maintains missions as its central theme throughout, and then climaxes in the Apocalypse with spontaneous outbursts of joy because the missionary mandate has been fulfilled!”

- Ralph Winter

Welcome to Biblical Theology of Missions!

Course Information

Course Description	This course proves the mandate for world evangelism encompasses the entire Bible. It traces the biblical theology of missions throughout God’s Word and establishes missions as a central theme.
Instructor	Rev. Jim Poitras
Instructor’s Assistant	Rev. Dominic Kassner

Course Learning Outcomes

This course seeks to partially fulfill the Continuing Missionary Education objectives through a careful study of mission, vision, and planning to facilitate organizational success and fulfill the mandate of Scripture. This further augments continuous personal development, development of others, and organizational development.

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1.) Define and describe what is meant by a biblical theology of missions.
- 2.) Articulate a biblical theology of missions throughout all of Scripture.
- 3.) Analyze the connection between Pentecost, Gentiles, and witnessing in Acts.
- 4.) Describe the Pentecostal emphasis on global evangelism and church planting.
- 5.) Evaluate evangelistic efforts of UPCI, national, and local churches.
- 6.) Justify the need for regional missionaries and their role in global missions.
- 7.) Address barriers to church involvement in missions and develop a mission strategy.
- 8.) Discuss the importance of missionary training and its implementation.



Course Design Intentions

Continuing Missionary Education courses are designed for missionaries' educational development no matter their location or technology access. With a basic device and internet connection, missionaries can access their course materials, complete the assignment requirements, and submit their work via email.

Course Materials and Tools

Text/Readings/Other Material

Primary Textbooks | *Theology of Missions* | Jim Poitras

Technology Requirements

Continuing Missionary Education courses require a basic computer or device such as a smartphone, tablet, or PC. These devices can use either Windows or Apple operating systems. To access the course content, students will need a basic internet connection to download or purchase course materials. Students will need a basic word processor such as Microsoft Word or Google Docs for the completion of required assignments.

Grading Procedure and Feedback

Students will be graded in accordance with the assignment requirements. Upon completion of a required assignment, students are expected to submit their assignment via email to the instructor's assistant. Your assignment will be reviewed and graded by the instructor's assistant and then reviewed by the instructor. Students will then be notified on whether they pass, fail, or are asked to resubmit their assignment with notes from both the instructor and instructor's assistant.



Instructional Team: Who Are My Instructors?

Instructor



*Rev. Jim Poitras, M. A.
Director of Education & Short-Term Missions*

Served as a career missionary to West Africa for 28 years. The Poitras family returned from the field in 2012 to take up his current role in UPCI Global Missions. Jim and his wife Linda, have two wonderful daughters, a great son-in-law, and the very best grandkids they could ask for.

Support Team



*Rev. Dominic Kassner, B. A.
Administrative Assistant to the Director of Education*

Dominic and his wife Shayna have been called to education and global missions for many years. In pursuit of that call Dominic is wrapping up his time in Seminary. His passion lies in creativity, storytelling, and educational development.

Please contact dkassner@upci.org with any questions, comments, or concerns.



Course Policies

Course Completion Requirements

The following assignments are required to be completed in full to pass the course. They are to be completed at the student's pace and should be submitted to the instructor's assistant via email. Each GATS course, including the Continuing Missionary Education courses, requires two methods of evaluation in order to be following the academic expectations of the program. The assignments are as follows:

1. *Complete Reading of Course's Required Textbook*
Theology of Missions | Jim Poitras
2. *Textbook Study Questions*
 - a. Students are expected to read and answer the study questions in the primary textbook.
 - i. ***Theology of Missions*** | Jim Poitras
3. *Personal Statement of Faith*
 - a. This assignment is a 750 to 1000-word statement of faith when it comes to your personal theology of missions.
 - i. Excellence in biblical interpretation, appropriate use of academic theological resources and language, and proper use of English grammar and spelling are all expected. Avoid colloquialisms, slang, or filler words and phrases that have no place in academic papers. All claims as to what Scripture teaches must be supported by specific and contextually appropriate biblical texts.
 - b. The assignment's rubric is posted on the course page.