



## LEGACY

“Go and make disciples...” – the final words of Jesus in Matthew’s gospel.

What are you doing to ensure the gospel keeps reaching the lost, and disciples are still developed and deployed, after you are promoted to heaven?

On a midwinter night, January 12, 1925, that is the question Fred Hornshuh Sr. and Helen Harrison were wrestling with when they launched Bible Standard Theological School in Eugene, Oregon. Their vision and faith ultimately changed our lives, and marked us forever! Thank God for them, and the leaders, teachers, boards, and alumni of our school, who for nearly 100 years have continued the legacy of disciple-making.

The writers of this letter are former presidents, faculty, and students of our school. They desire to continue the legacy of training new generations of leaders for Christ-centered, Word-based, Spirit-empowered ministry. They want to be, and hope you want to be - “keepers of the flame,” Lev. 6:12.

Yet preparation for ministry has changed. Not all students study in a traditional program. Many study online, or in geographical cohorts, or at a church campus, or as interns. We believe Holy Spirit is asking us...leading us...in this late hour, to ACT on behalf of the words of Jesus. Our alma mater was birthed in the wake of the 1906 outpouring of the Spirit at Azusa Street. A holy fire ignited our founders. We want to keep the fire burning and honor their sacrifice of faith.

## ACTS - A NEW WINESKIN:

- To celebrate the coming 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our school, we are creating the ACTS Fund (ACTS is an acrostic, meaning Alumni Centennial Trust Scholarship).
- The purpose of ACTS is to endow a perpetual, untouchable, scholarship fund to assist and support individuals training for Christ-centered, Word-based, Spirit-empowered ministry. Funds cannot be spent on land, buildings, vehicles, churches, promotion, or capital projects. They are restricted for ministry training scholarships.
- At no time may the corpus of the fund be disbursed. Scholarships will come from the earnings. Annually the interest and/or dividend income will be calculated, and 80% of the earnings given to deserving students who apply for a scholarship, while 20% will be reinvested in the fund to insure its perpetual growth.
- There is no restriction on the specific college, school, program, church, or ministry where the student is studying, as long as he or she is training for Christ-centered, Word-based, Spirit-empowered ministry.
- The custodian of our fund will be Pacific Open Bible Churches. The fund will be invested at Sapiient Wealth Management in Eugene, OR. Disbursement of the funds will be guided and directed by a scholarship committee that includes alumni, and people both internal and external to OBC.

## CHARTER & CLASS DONORS

In January 2025, our alma mater will be celebrating its centennial anniversary – 100 years! Through an initial group of 20 charter donors we have already raised over \$100,000. But this is a faith initiative, and we are believing that we can get over \$200,000 by our launch in 2025. In this stage we are looking to classes from our bible colleges and asking if former alumni would band together and make a donation on behalf of their class. So maybe you can give \$50 or maybe you can give \$5000 on behalf of your class – every contribution makes a difference!

We want to thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration. Here is how to become a donor:

1. Give online at <https://pacificopenbible.com/resources/acts-scholarship-endowment> , or make your check payable to Pacific Open Bible, and write “ACTS FUND” on the memo line [mail checks to 2320 Warren St., Eugene, OR 97405]. If you are giving on behalf of a Bible College class, please put your class year (i.e. “Class of 1985”) on the memo line as well.
2. Your gift will be acknowledged, and you will be kept updated with the progress of the fund.
3. Your gift is tax-deductible.

## INQUIRIES & CONTACTS

Please pray about joining this endowed harvest legacy fund. Jeff Farmer, Don Bryan, David Cole, Jan Hornshuh Kent, and Chris Hansler have all prayed about the importance and the benefits of this vision and are on board as Charter Donors. You are welcome to contact any of them. Together they have launched this vision and serve as a temporary start-up committee. Members of the final scholarship committee have not yet been determined. Thank you, again, for your prayerful consideration and support. We hope to hear from you soon.