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(Spanish program). By the end of this year, we will have graduated 64 students from 17 nations, all trained and ready to serve Christ around the world.

5. Strategic leadership for a global future: To help lead this exciting new chapter, we welcomed Dr. Robert Carrillo as our new Vice President. Dr. Carrillo brings vision, passion, and experience in global ministry. He is spearheading efforts to expand our visibility, grow our student body, build sustainable financial support, and chart a dynamic course for the future.

6. Strengthening our faculty: We are thrilled to introduce Dr. Kareema Gray, our newest faculty member. She brings a wealth of experience and expertise and will teach Cultural Competence in Christian Counseling in our newly revamped M.A. program.

7. Embracing the cohort model: We've launched a cohort model for both our English M.A. in Christian Ministry and Spanish M.A. in Biblical Studies. This collaborative approach allows students to grow, learn, and serve side-by-side throughout their journey—building lasting bonds and deep spiritual formation.

8. A brand-new digital home: Visit us at our new website: www.mtsem.org. It's more than a site; it's a window into the heartbeat of our mission and a hub for global connection.

9. Celebrating a decade of impact: This year marked our 10th anniversary—a moment to honor our past, celebrate our present, and look forward to the future with renewed faith.

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> **Equipping Disciples Through Biblical Teaching in Africa** > **Women's Prayer Time on Aug. 30th**
June 4, 2025 • Vida Li Sik – Johannesburg, South Africa
Nine months into his role as the first biblical teacher for the family of churches in Zimbabwe, Thabani Mashava is embracing his calling to foster spiritual growth among believers in Harare and across the Southern...

> **Call for Papers: 2025 North American Church Builders Teachers Conference**
June 5, 2025 • Kathy Rosario – St. Louis, MO, USA
The planning team for the 2025 North American Church Builders Teachers Conference invites teachers and aspiring teachers to submit proposals for breakout classes. This year's conference, "Understanding the Times: Faithful..."

We are grateful for the faith and vision of founders Dr. Glenn Giles, and Dr. Steve Kinnard.

10. Launching a global voice: We are launching a global outreach initiative to strengthen and inspire our worldwide fellowship. This includes:

- Our new "Mountain Tops" podcast (launching June 2025)
- A growing YouTube Channel
- Global cohort programs
- And a vibrant online presence designed to connect and equip leaders across continents

Looking ahead: A vision worth building: At MTS, we believe the church is called to be a city on a hill, radiating light to the nations. Our mission is to train, empower, and spiritually form leaders, influencers and counselors around the world so they can build strong, healthy, gospel-centered communities that reflect the light of Jesus. This is more than education. It's kingdom transformation.

Whether you are a student, church leader, donor, or friend, we invite you to join us in this sacred mission. Let's raise up the next generation of preachers, teachers, counselors, and church builders together.

Strategic question and answer sessions will be hosted on Zoom. Discover a future of spiritual growth and maturity on one of our following Zoom sessions on June 21st, July 19th, and August 9th at 8:00am (PST).

June 5, 2025 • ICOC Women's Service Team
Sisters around the world, The Prayer Task Force of the Women's Service Team warmly invites you to join us in our 2025 prayer initiative as we lift up petitions to God Almighty and present the various needs of our youth ministries across our family of churches...

> **DT Heart & Soul Upgrades and Updates**
May 21, 2025 • DT Heart & Soul
On April 29, 2025 after approximately 1000 hours of part-time and volunteer technical development work, DT Heart & Soul moved to a completely new UI framework. Although most of the changes are "under the hood," some will be immediately apparent...



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Kingston, Jamaica
June 19-22, 2025
DT Travel: Alaska
July 6-13, 2025
Mexican University Conference
Tijuana, Mexico
July 25-27, 2025
ICMC
Los Angeles, CA, USA
July 31-August 3, 2025
LA Jubilee
Los Angeles, CA, USA
July 31-August 3, 2025
Heartland Jubilee
Kansas City, KS, USA
August 29-31, 2025
DT Travel: South Africa
September 20-October 2, 2025
ICOC Delegates Meeting
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
October 22-24, 2025
InsideOut Counselors Conference
St. Louis, MO, USA
October 24-25, 2025

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June 9, 2025 • Mountain Theological Seminary

Warm greetings from Denver, Colorado!

As we reflect on 2024, we are filled with gratitude and awe at all that God has done through Mountain Theological Seminary (MTS).

It has been a year of transformation, growth, and bold new beginnings—milestones that mark the unfolding of a greater vision. Here are just a few highlights from this extraordinary season in our journey:

1. A new name, a renewed mission: This year, we embraced a significant change: our name. What was once the Rocky Mountain School of Ministry and Theology (RMSMT) is now Mountain Theological Seminary (MTS). This new name reflects our identity and calling: to be a training ground where men and women are equipped to rightly handle the Word of God, preach with clarity, teach with conviction, and live exemplary lives of faith and integrity.

2. Honoring the legacy of Dr. Timothy Sumerlin: We also experienced a great loss this year with the passing of our beloved brother and Dean of Christian Counseling, Dr. Timothy Sumerlin. His pioneering work in launching the School of Christian Counseling and his global impact through the Grief Journey and InMotion Counseling programs have touched countless lives. His legacy continues to inspire our mission.

3. A new era for Christian counseling: Rising to carry this torch is Dr. Jennifer Konzen, our new Dean of Christian Counseling. Dr. Konzen has not only stepped into this vital role but has already begun a full revitalization of the Master's in Christian Counseling, ensuring it becomes one of the most effective and transformative training programs available today.

4. Global graduations, global impact: In September 2024, we celebrated our fourth in-person graduation alongside the ICOC Teachers Church Building Workshop. This summer we saw two individuals graduate at a conference in India, and in the fall, we will hold two more historic graduations: one in Kansas City (English program) and—for the first time ever—one in Mexico City



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