

Making Disciples and Building the Kingdom of God through the RTS/Atlanta Scholarship Fund

Jesus says to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." - Matthew 9:37-38

Every man or woman called by God into Christian Ministry faces the daunting challenge of how to fund their preparation. Students at RTS/Atlanta are feeling the effects of the downturn in the economy. Some have lost jobs and need assistance to continue taking classes. Others have a desire to increase their course load but are financially unable. Even with part-time work and employment for their spouse, it is still an extraordinary challenge to meet all their financial obligations. Without some level of financial aid, many students are forced to cut back on classes, while others are simply unable to enroll.

Our goal at RTS/Atlanta is to keep tuition low and give as much financial aid to our students so we may be a part of the Lord's work as he builds His kingdom.

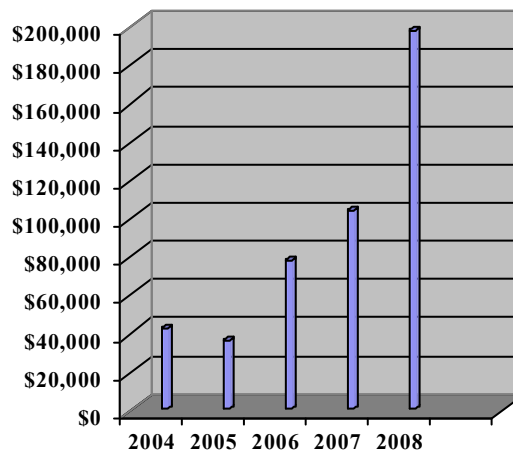
God has called our students into ministry and they come to RTS/Atlanta seeking the sound theology they need to be well equipped. While they have willing and eager hearts, tuition alone does not cover all the costs of their education. At RTS/

Atlanta two-thirds of the actual cost of tuition is already underwritten by generous friends and supporters of the seminary. This makes the cost of RTS/Atlanta extremely affordable. But what about the remaining expense? How can seminary students complete graduate work without incurring debt?

RTS/Atlanta has increasingly provided scholarship assistance to students in need. During the 2008-2009 academic year, RTS/Atlanta has provided \$196,000 toward scholarship assistance. Since 2004, 23% of all RTS/Atlanta operating expenses have been set aside for scholarships.

RTS/Atlanta has offered graduate classes in theological studies since 1996 and serves nearly 200 students every year. Our mission is to serve the Church by equipping Christ's laborers – missionaries, educators, counselors,

Increased Scholarship Assistance Available at RTS/Atlanta



■ Scholarships Awarded to Atlanta Students

and church leaders, with a priority on pastors – through a program of graduate theological education, based upon the authority of the inerrant Word of God. The consequences of the seminary’s efforts today will endure for generations as our graduates shape churches, families, and decision makers – by the thousands. Our desire at RTS/Atlanta is to saturate the church with a new generation of pastors who are deeply committed to the Reformed faith and have a great enthusiasm for guiding their people into wise application of Scripture for all of life.

Scripture is the heart and foundation of every degree at RTS/Atlanta. With four fully accredited degrees there are wonderful opportunities for students to complete graduate theological programs in Atlanta. Students can choose from four fully-accredited degree programs – the Master of Divinity, which focuses on pastoral preparation, two Master of Arts degrees, which engage in the study of Biblical Studies and Religion, and the Doctor of Ministry. RTS/Atlanta is ideal for students whose work schedules require a flexible schedule with classes offered through short-term intensive classes, nights and weekends, and traditional semester-long courses.

Christ charges His Church in the Great Commission to make disciples and to build the Kingdom of God. Today, you can invest in the lives of future pastors, missionaries, counselors and church leaders by making a gift to support scholarships for students by partnering with RTS/Atlanta. Is the Lord of the harvest calling you to prepare to be a laborer in the harvest? Your financial support is vitally needed to meet the challenge of preparing students for service in His church.

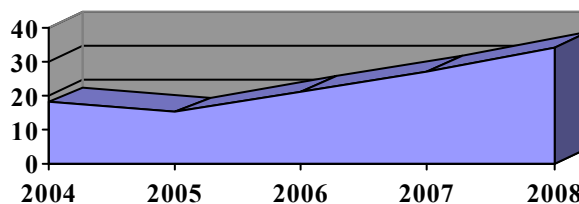
With a rising number of students at RTS/Atlanta our ability to provide help to our students depends on the gifts we receive from generous supporters.

Would you prayerfully consider a gift to the RTS/Atlanta Scholarship Fund to help support our students? Your support will enable RTS/Atlanta to continue providing scholarships to students who have a financial need. Scholarship funds invest directly in the student’s preparation for ministry and your gift will allow RTS/Atlanta to place the scholarship funds with the students who need it the most. Gifts can be large or small but the effect is the same – students are being assisted in a beneficial way that allows them to complete their present calling to be equipped theologically at RTS/Atlanta.

We are daily dependent on the support of the Lord’s people to provide for the theological preparation of those called into ministry. Mindful of the spiritual truth that we reap what we sow, we believe an investment in the life of RTS/Atlanta students will yield tremendous dividends as they are used by the Lord to win people to Christ. It is very likely that the lives of your children or grandchildren will at sometime be touched by the ministry of an RTS/Atlanta graduate.

As we consider the turbulence of our current society and the effects of cultural forces upon it, we are all too aware of the effects of sin and the need for the Gospel. Only the Gospel of Christ can pierce the hearts of men. In light of this, the need has never been greater for the faithful preaching of the Word of God.

Scholarships at RTS/Atlanta - A Greater % of Annual Budgets



Writing to the believers at Philippi, the Apostle Paul referred to their relationship as a partnership in the Gospel. Please prayerfully consider partnering with RTS/Atlanta in support of our scholarship fund. Thank you!