



Yes! I would like to honor Otis Gatewood by helping train future church leaders.



Otis Gatewood Endowed Graduate Bible Scholarship

Rochester College Rochester Hills, Michigan

Dr. Otis Gatewood Missionary ~ Pioneer College President ~ Teacher ~ Author

Honoring a Leader

Rochester College plans to initiate a graduate degree program in Bible in the fall of 2002. The Otis Gatewood Endowed Graduate Bible Scholarship will help provide funds for deserving students in that program.

The scholarship will honor Otis Gatewood, a noted leader in the church of the twentieth century. Dr. Gatewood had a lifelong passion for missions and evangelism. As founding president of Rochester College, he left a remarkable legacy for future generations.

Early Mission Efforts

Following graduation from college in 1936, Otis Gatewood and his wife, Alma, served churches in Nevada and Utah. In 1946, the Gatewoods entered Germany as the first American missionaries after the war. Before returning to the states in 1957, they assisted in the establishment of about forty congregations and distributed about one million dollars worth of food and clothing.

Years in Christian Education

In 1958, one year prior to the opening of Rochester College, then known as North Central Christian College, Dr. Gatewood accepted the presidency of the institution. Many of the early faculty

at the college were former missionaries. Numerous students were inspired to become missionaries because of the influence of Dr. Gatewood and early faculty members.

After the death of Alma, Dr. Gatewood left the presidency of the college in 1964. He then served as a professor of missions at the Harding Graduate School of Religion from 1964 until 1970. During that same time period, he also assisted Columbia Christian College as chancellor.

European Efforts and Writing

In 1971, Dr. Gatewood began serving as director of the East European School of Evangelism in Vienna, Austria. He continued in that capacity until becoming the founding president of International Christian University in 1978. He retired ten years later and moved to Michigan with his second wife, Irene. He continued to write and preach until shortly before his death in 1999.

Gatewood Scholarship

The Otis Gatewood Endowed Graduate Bible Scholarship will honor the decades of service Otis Gatewood committed to the cause of Christ. It also will serve to inspire future generations as they serve as evangelists and as missionaries for the cause of Christ.