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To the Dover Baptist Association,

On behalf of the Pastoral team as well as our mission team at Cool Spring Baptist Church, thank you to our Dover Baptist Association Churches for awarding New Work funds last year to the Appalachian School of Theology (AST). Those funds, combined with other donations, have enabled AST to train and equip pastors and church leaders locally and abroad - including some from our own association.

In September, Dover launched the first Virginia satellite campus of AST. The accredited course *Formation for Ministry* runs through December and includes participants from eight Dover churches serving as students, adjunct professors, and coordinators. Former Dover pastor Joe Reeves, now serving in Liberia, is observing the course for possible expansion there.

Given AST's success and growth, Cool Spring is submitting another request to Dover's Church Extension Council to grant additional New Work funds—this time to support AST's new campus in Uganda, Africa.

Construction began in June 2025, and already more than 500 pastors and church leaders have enrolled. The facility cost is projected at \$195,000, with \$39,000 still needed. The school offers affordable, accredited theological training across all four regions of Uganda, serving pastors, teachers, and small-group leaders.

In September 2025, AST-Uganda hosted its first graduation, awarding 50 certificates and one bachelor's degree. Our Africa coordinator, Apio Sarah, will complete her Master's and Doctorate in 2026. The school operates under AST's U.S. accreditation and 501(c)(3) charitable status, ensuring academic and financial accountability.

If Dover provides this next grant, funds will assist with:

- Bibles and curriculum materials (AST projects a need for 1,000 Bibles at \$10 each)
- Technology for remote learning and outreach
- Continued construction and mission support

AST-Uganda also hosts short-term missions, including a 17-day trip this fall by a U.S. team focused on training, medical outreach, and evangelism.



Please pray for AST's ministry in both the U.S. and Uganda. Cool Spring is honored to champion this partnership and looks forward to continued collaboration as the Church Extension Council considers our funding request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Dupuis", written over a horizontal line.

**Bryan Dupuis**  
Mission & Discipleship Minister  
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