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NEWSLETTER

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Have you ever heard the expression, “*Jack of all trades, but a master of none*”? It is a quip used to describe someone with an apparent variety of skill sets, yet those skills tend to be somewhat underwhelming. Another expression often heard is, “*They know just enough to get themselves into trouble.*” Perhaps we all know of individuals who fit those descriptions?

In most instances, our lack of mastery in many skills can be excusable and even permissible since no one can be “good” at everything. But there are some things that we do need to be good at. One of those things is our relationship with Christ and the journey we take in getting to know Him. Getting to know Jesus well doesn’t happen by accident, just like becoming good at something doesn’t - *just happen*.

There is a very predominate thread that runs through any acquired skill set. That thread is, *intentionality*. It is the conscious, “on purpose” engagement with a specific activity. In the case of our relationship with Christ, it is being deliberate in taking the time to get to know Him.

Aboriginal Bible Academy exists for that very purpose. To assist in the intentional engagement of God’s Word. We resource the believer with the tools to help them grow in Christ so that they might become more effective in their everyday expressions of Christian faith.

One of our students recently found themselves presented with a ministry opportunity that left them with very little time to prepare. Had it not been for their concurrent intentional engagement with their studies, they would have been ill-equipped for the occasion that God had presented before them. But due to deliberate time spent in study, this student had the confidence to step up into a realm of service that would have otherwise been lost. As a consequence, family and friends were comforted and encouraged. Not only that, but an open door to share further words of hope & life was created.

It is not very difficult to know just enough about something to get ourselves into trouble, but our world is already too full of misinformation. That makes it all the more imperative for us to become masters at knowing the Master.

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Greetings From Our Board

Dear Friends:

Many years following the birth of Jesus, John the Baptist, introduced Him as “the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.” That was the very reason Jesus came into the world! What an amazing celebration we have at Christmas. But, it is not just a celebration at a certain time of the year – it is a celebration every day because of the price Jesus paid for our redemption. He came into the world to save the lost. His birth, death and resurrection make eternal salvation available to all who will call upon His name!

It is a delight to extend Christmas greetings to you! As each year passes it is a reminder of the faithfulness of God. We are abundantly blessed and we thank God for His unspeakable gift! The message of Christmas is one of mercy and grace – God has extended the gift of salvation to the whole world. Whoever believes can be saved. This continues to be our mission at Aboriginal Bible Academy (ABA), particularly to the more than 1.5 million indigenous peoples across this great land of Canada.

ABA continues to provide quality training resources to enhance the leadership skills of students and church leaders. Global University Berean School of the Bible studies are excellent tools, offering ministerial training and personal discipleship. During 2017 many new students have enrolled and are enjoying the study courses. We are grateful to God for new additions to our student body. New regions in the far North are opening to us as we endeavor to reach those who have never heard the good news of Jesus Christ.

Such ministry is possible because of your partnership! Thank you for your faithfulness. Your prayers, words of encouragement and financial support translate into active leadership training across this entire nation and in the far North. Your tangible gifts to this ministry make all of this possible! Would you consider making another investment in this ministry at this Christmas time! Your help is such a blessing!

During 2017 Rev. Jason Luscombe joined our Board of Governors. Jason is the Assistant to the Superintendent – Ministry for the Eastern Ontario & Nunavut District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. Along with Jason our other Board members, Bill Rendell, Rev. Stewart Hunter and Rev. John Maracle join me in extending Christmas blessings to you and your family! We are grateful for each of them and their encouraging support of ABA. Rev. Dan Collado (ABA’s Academic Director) and his wife, Belinda, join us too in greeting you at this Christmas season. Their ministry is deeply appreciated.

May the Lord’s abundant blessings be upon you during this season and beyond in 2018! Let us be encouraged to faithfully serve the Lord as His coming draws near.

Thank you again for all you do in partnering with us! Your prayers and support are integral to making a difference!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Board of Governors,



Cal Anthony (Rev.)

Board Chair

What's Been Happening?

The fall of 2017 has been quite the eventful set of months! Ministry travel for our Academic Director became quite busy with the onset of September, having numerous speaking engagements at various churches across Ontario.

Early fall also saw the annual trek to Chicoutimi, QC for the Native Women's Retreat. It is always a wonderful time to connect with so many ladies from across northern Quebec and to have opportunity to encourage them in their personal study and journey with Christ.



Mid-October Dan and Belinda made a connection with Pastor Virginio Mateo of Christ for Life Church in Toronto who had a number of children's backpacks filled with school supplies. They gave them to ABA knowing of our northern connections.



In November we had the privilege of presenting those backpacks to the Sunday School Superintendent of Living Waters Assembly in Mistissini, QC. They will distribute them where most needed. What a blessing!

While in Mistissini, a one day seminar on Sunday School teaching was offered to current and potential leaders of the local church. How exciting it was to witness the eagerness of volunteers desiring to be equipped for service in God's Kingdom!



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