

# Aboriginal BIBLE ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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If you have ever taken the time to look into Aboriginal culture you would notice that much of the oral history that is passed down from generation to generation served three main purposes. In some instances story telling was used as a form of entertainment and distraction on those long cold winter nights. A second function was to teach the younger generation about their people's history and supposed origin but a third and probably most significant purpose was when the story's intention was primarily to teach an ethical truth or life principle.

Although a fairly comprehensive effort was made (to no avail) to verify the origin of the story below, the narrative does serve to illustrate the common practice of using culturally significant items and/or characters to carry home the intended meaning. "

*A Grandfather from the Cherokee Nation was talking with his grandson. "A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy. "It is a terrible fight between two wolves." The young grandson listened intently. "One wolf is evil, unhappy, and ugly: He is anger, envy, war, greed, selfishness, sorrow, regret, guilt, resentment, inferiority/superiority, false pride, coarseness, and arrogance. He spreads lies, deceit, fear, hatred, blame, scarcity, poverty, and divisiveness."*

*"The other wolf is beautiful and good: He is friendly, joyful, loving, worthy, serene, humble, kind, benevolent, just, fair, empathetic, generous, honest, compassionate, grateful, brave, and inspiring resting wholeheartedly in deep vision beyond ordinary wisdom." The grandson paused in deep reflection of what his grandfather had just said. Grandfather continued; "This same fight is going on inside you, and inside all human beings as well." The grandson paused in deep reflection and recognition of what his grandfather had just said. Then he finally cried out deeply; "Grandfather, which wolf will win this terrible war?" The elder Cherokee replied, "The wolf that you feed. That wolf will surely win!"*



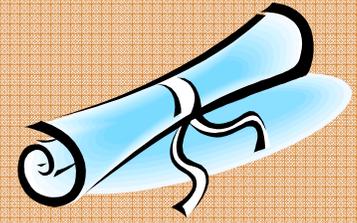
As you reflect upon the above story, the "truth" it contains is certainly self evident.....and it is precisely the "Truth" that Aboriginal Bible Academy aspires to propagate by helping to equip indigenous leadership across Canada throughout our Aboriginal community.

# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WITH ABA?

## \* Curriculum Update \*

Some exciting events have transpired since the time of our last writing. In late April we were able to finalize the details of expanding our curriculum base. With that endeavour brought about the fruition of now being able to offer four diploma programs: **Ministerial Studies, Doctrine, Specialized Ministries and Christian Service.**

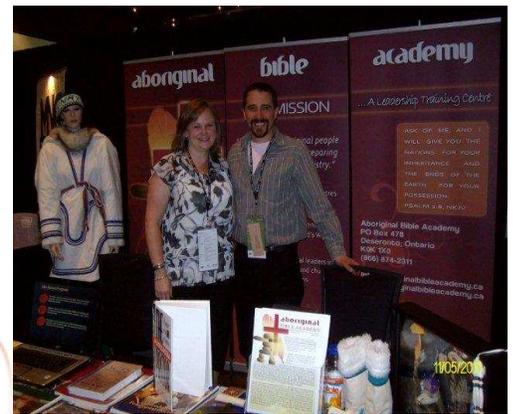
For a more comprehensive description on any of the courses and diploma programs we offer, please visit our website.



On the heels of the last newsletter we were well into the throws of preparation for the PAOC General Conference held in Edmonton, AB from May 9-13. While there we hosted a breakfast for key PAOC leadership across our nation. Some vital connections were forged that made the way for potential ministry opportunities that span from Newfoundland & Labrador all the way to BC, as well as our nation's north!



Dan addressing the gathering at the General Conference breakfast



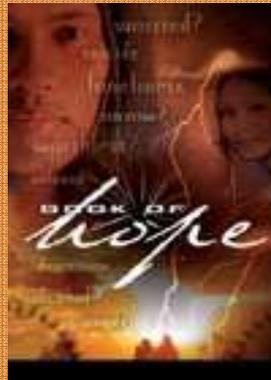
Dan with his wife, Belinda manning the display booth at General Conference

Some of the General Conference breakfast attendees



While at General Conference we were also able to distribute 1,000 copies of the Native Book of Hope. Many who have had an opportunity to peruse the book have been excited as to its potential use as an evangelism tool in their ministry context.

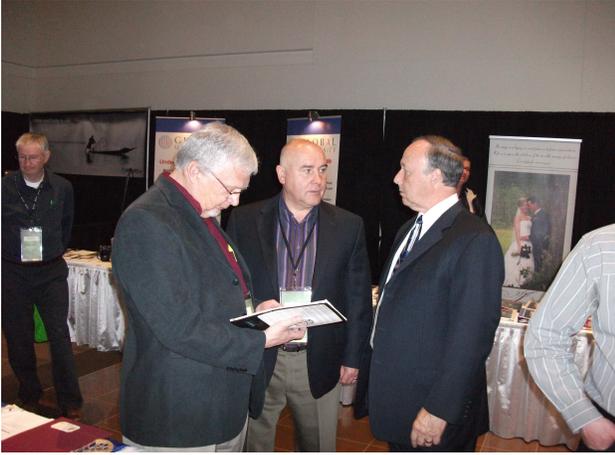
A Pastor from the province of BC gave a couple of copies to one of his congregants.



After reading a couple of the stories the individual corresponded through email to our office saying, *"I have started to read the book, and I know that I will be reading this one over and over again. I want to share this with my family and friends both here in BC and Quebec. Will it be at all possible to receive more copies of the book so that I may send them out to people I know need the Lord?"*

Our plan has been to make the Native Book of Hope as available and affordable as possible, in order to get it into as many hands as possible. The latest edition which includes a couple of Canadian Aboriginal testimonies has been delayed in its readiness but we trust it will be available in early July. For a more detailed description of the Native Book of Hope and its availability, please visit our website.

## \* Another Curriculum Update \*



Rev. Cal Anthony with Rev. John Maracle & Rev. Keith Parks discussing First Things First

During General Conference excellent inroads were made in regard to one of the discipleship programs that we utilize. Rev. Keith Parks' First Things First (an exceptional 29 lesson Bible study on Christian growth for new believers) is being updated including a customized cover that will reflect the ministry and mandate of Aboriginal Bible Academy.

This is an exciting development as it will permit ABA to offer an introductory level course to those who are just beginning their relationship with Jesus Christ as well as those who are in need of foundational teaching.

At the time of this writing it is nearing the end of June. It appears (at least for much of Ontario anyway) that summer is well on its way! As many will be thinking of holidays and times of refreshing, please do keep in your prayers our board (see photo) as they help cast vision and direction for Aboriginal Bible Academy. As well, our director, Dan Collado solicits your prayers as he continues to journey across Canada throughout the summer helping to bring awareness of Biblical leadership training to the Aboriginal community. Over the past 3 months he has continued to service the ministry of ABA through Church presentations as well as participating in missionary Q&A sessions across the District of Ontario. This summer he'll be at a couple of summer camps in south eastern Ontario during their mission's emphasis days giving exposure to the ministry of ABA as well as fulfilling some speaking engagements. Somewhere in there he's also determined to find time to go camping with his boys as well as squeeze in a couple rounds of golf!



ABA Board of Directors

From left back: Rev. John Maracle, Bill Maracle, Rev. Jeff Hillier  
From left front: Bill Rendell, Rev. Carl Brant, Rev. Cal Anthony (Chair)  
Missing: Ken Brant

We are so appreciative of those who have been consistently lifting this ministry up in prayer and financial support. God has truly been faithful. But with a national scope for ministry as our vision, and a mandate to reach the whole of our Aboriginal population (over 1.2 million) certain financial challenges still lay ahead.

Would you consider partnering with us as we endeavour to assist in developing indigenous leadership that will literally stretch from sea to sea to sea? Your gift, whether a one time or monthly commitment, is a great encouragement to us and so please be assured that it will provide essential ministry to many!

**Many blessings and have a great summer!**

# ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BIBLICAL STUDIES?

## Here's How ABA can Help:

- Simply contact our office via phone, email or through our website. (Anyone is eligible to take the courses we offer)
- A "New Student Registration Form" along with a "Pastor's Recommendation Form" will need to be filled out and returned to our office (by mail or fax)
- Included with the submitted forms needs to be a cheque for all appropriate academic fees made out to Aboriginal Bible Academy
- Once all forms and payment have been received by our office the process takes about 10 days by which time you can have your curriculum and study materials in your hand! If you choose to take your course online.....you can be well into your studies in 3-5 days!

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## SOME COURSE SYNOPSIS

### **SYNOPTIC GOSPELS**

- A study of the life and teachings of Christ based on Matthew, Mark, and Luke. After a brief introduction to the world into which Jesus was born, it provides a chronological study of His life. Emphasis is given to the context of His teachings and miracles. The content is arranged to help students apply the principles of the study to their own lives and to use them in their preaching and teaching.

### **EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP**

- A biblical approach to the principles of leadership. This course applies those principles in the church setting, giving the student the practical skills needed to serve in a leadership role in the local church

### **ESCHATOLOGY: A STUDY OF THINGS TO COME**

- A biblical study of end-time events written from a Pentecostal perspective. The course studies the Rapture, plus various views of the Tribulation and the Millennium. It provides excellent material for teaching and preaching on the second coming of Christ.

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