



# aboriginal BIBLE ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations”* (Matthew 28:19a NKJV). That was the instruction Christ left with his followers before He ascended to heaven. In Christian circles we call it the, “Great Commission”. To make disciples of Christ has been the Christian’s “mission” for some 2000 years now.

Aboriginal Bible Academy’s mandate has long been to come along side those efforts being made in making disciples and assist in helping develop Christians for effective ministry.

Now, someone once asked the question, “How can one convey the sense of need for trained ministerial leadership within the aboriginal community?” That same individual went on to suggest that, “In spite of years of effort on the part of many denominations and fellowships the growth and stability of the aboriginal community has for the most part remained fragmented and underdeveloped.” Dare it be suggested that even within non-aboriginal church congregations there exists a lack of basic Bible knowledge and the practical application of that knowledge? This is where Aboriginal Bible Academy (ABA) desires to help. ABA offers a theological program that is structured in such a way which allows for those who never thought they could achieve a high standard of learning to do just that.

A perfect case in point is a student currently enrolled in ABA who came to know Christ from the efforts of a street mission work in downtown Vancouver, BC. Before coming to know the Lord he had spent 40 years of his life on the street with 30 of those 40 years never reading or writing – his time was taken up with just getting by. Upon the encouragement of his mentor/pastor he enrolls in ABA’s “Ministerial Studies Diploma” program. He shared how while sitting around the table with the other students – all who seemed to be comprehending and progressing through their studies – he was not “getting it”. 30 years void of exercising one’s cognitive abilities had caught up with him and he spoke of how he would look down at the pages and it not make any sense. He then proceeded to explain how he asked God to help him understand and immediately, he begins to comprehend! He has now finished level 1 of the Ministerial Studies Diploma program and has already begun his studies in level 2.

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Our dear brother is living proof: that you're never too old, nor is it ever too late to become a disciple. When asked what his favourite course has been, he responded with a grin, "The one on evangelism." He said he really enjoyed learning how to tell others about Jesus.

That's why Aboriginal Bible Academy exists: "To serve all Aboriginal people with the purpose of preparing them for Christian ministry."



MICHAEL

Vancouver Training Centre Stu-

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WITH ABA?

Well, here we are a quarter of the way through 2010 and what a year it has been already. Having picked up significant momentum from happenings in 2009, efforts continued to show themselves fruitful, as this past January allowed for a trip to Global University headquarters in Springfield, MO to take place. It is from Global University that we acquire our curriculum.



Dan at the front entrance to Global Uni-

What an honour it was to meet, for the first time, some of those whom we have been in relationship with since 2005. We were shown such wonderful hospitality with a clearly marked desire for continued and even increased partnership.



Cal, Rev. Seevers (Global University President), Rev. Szabo (Vice President of GU), Rev. Hedlun (Dean of BSB), & Dan

We were humbled by the leadership's servant attitude and willingness to do whatever they can to assist in the effectiveness of the ministry of ABA and so we returned from the trip greatly encouraged

with the genuine excitement shown by the Global University executive in the efforts being made by Aboriginal Bible Academy.

As an added bonus during our trip to Springfield we were also able to visit the headquarters of the Assemblies of God.

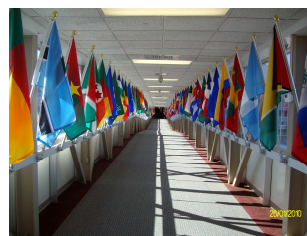


Cal at the entrance to the Assemblies of God Headquar-

We sat in on a chapel session and then were privileged to be taken on a personal tour of the beautiful facility.



Dan & Cal in the Hall of Na-



Hall of Nations

Entrance to World Mis-



January also afforded the opportunity to connect with a couple of Pastors from Toronto who are interested in having something of substance to offer their congregants in the way of Bible study and discipleship programs.



Dan with Pastor Joel Holtz in Kaladar

The month ended off with the occasion to present the ministry of ABA in Bethel Pentecostal Church in Kaladar, Ontario on a Sunday morning.

It was an added bonus to meet in person Terry Conner, a member of the congregation at Bethel who recently enrolled into the Ministerial Studies program.



ABA Student  
TERRY CONNER  
Kaladar

February marked the occasion of being in Marlbank, Ontario for another church presentation while the middle of the month gave rise to a luncheon that the Academy hosted for local pastors and church leadership. It gave opportunity to share with the local and surrounding churches (from Trenton to Kingston) just what ABA had been doing, what we're doing now and what we would like to do. Further opportunities have since arisen from that initial contact and so we praise the Lord for the open doors that continue to avail themselves to us as they have permitted continued

dialogue concerning ABA ministry.

March brought with it some exciting news. Aboriginal Bible Academy now has its own website that is finally up and running! When you have a spare moment, please feel free to check us out at

[www.aboriginalbibleacademy.ca](http://www.aboriginalbibleacademy.ca)

There is plenty to see and do on our site with just one of those things being able to follow us on Facebook!

We are quite excited that we now are able to reach an expanded audience and more efficiently service those interested in furthering their Bible understanding as well as help keep informed those who have a heart for ABA and the ministry that we do.

March has seen us well into the throws of preparation for the PAOC General Conference that will be held in Edmonton in early May. Not only will ABA have a presence through an exhibit table but we will also be making available the latest edition of the book, "One Hope" (please see our website for more details). During the conference we will be hosting a breakfast for key leaders across all the PAOC districts. The breakfast affords us the opportunity to gain an audience that is literally from sea to sea to sea and so we are trusting God that our time at General Conference will bear much fruit.

And so we conclude with a solicitation for your continued prayers and support for Aboriginal Bible Academy?

We thank you for being a friend and partner in this ministry. Gathering the harvest is hard work but your investment, has given us a life line to help play our part in the Great Commission to:

"...go and make disciples of all nations".

# 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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