



aboriginal BIBLE ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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Regardless of whatever stage in life we find ourselves in, there is a God given desire implanted in each of us to want to do *something* that makes a difference. It is certainly this innate longing that drives us here at Aboriginal Bible Academy to continue the pursuit of leadership development. To be playing a role within the lives of believers, assisting them in their journey toward effective and dynamic Christian Living, is exciting and humbling.

Listen to the words of one of our students who expressed her appreciation for the discipleship journey she has currently embarked upon:

Thank YOU!!!! I'm EXCITED, can't wait!!!! God is doing wonderful things in our home. I was raised in a Christian home and even though I did not stop believing God I ignored Him for many years. Like many others, after the death of our son (29 yrs old) things were at their worst, God was all I could think of. He was waiting and picked me out of the pit. My wonderful husband wasn't far behind me - he is totally devoted to God. Thank God for His goodness and mercy.

One pastor, who was initially just involved in inner-city ministry, after seeing the inordinate number of First Nations people in homeless, desperate conditions, began to develop a specific ministry outreach to Aboriginal people through relational and discipleship programs, progressing the new believer through various bible study and training levels. The pastor expressed how utilizing ABA's multiple resources via in class study time as well as group discussion opportunities has helped to enforce the student's understanding and practical application.

"We use this curriculum for teaching and preaching because this is wonderful material that is already well made for this purpose. All our pastors will be greatly blessed as the material can be used for devotion, teaching and preaching."

~ Pastor Deborah Chien (Potter's Place Mission, Vancouver)

What's really exciting is to witness the progression of this effort and to now see those earlier students maturing into not only effective, dynamic Christians but to see them take up the mantle of effective, dynamic leadership!

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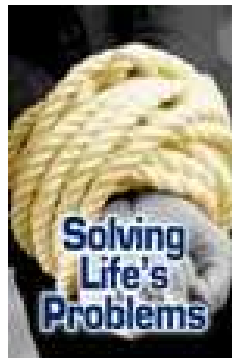
Solving Life's Problems - A Christian approach is a study of the source of problems, methods of problem solving and ways of finding solutions, from a Christian perspective.

Major universal problems are presented, such as problems in social and family relationships, problems of the single person, problems related to human sexuality and other problems related to suffering and death.

Biblical solutions are given for all these problem areas and principles are developed which provide a solid

foundation for the Christian to find solutions for his problems, or to help others who are in need.

Emphasis is given to the Christian's sure hope, which is based on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, his Problem-Solver.



CHECK
OUT EVEN
MORE
RESOURCES
ON OUR
WEBSITE!



YOU'RE INVITED!!

HEY EVERYONE!

As it is with ALL faith based ministries, strength and stability comes through the expressed faithfulness of its grass-roots partners and so, ABA will be hosting a **Dessert Buffet & Silent Auction** event in the new year.

When: Friday, February 22 @ 7pm

Where: Evangel Temple
Napanee, ON (320 Bridge St.
West)

Cost: \$7 per person

There will be great homemade desserts as well as plenty of silent auction items, with all proceeds going towards the ministry of ABA.

Tickets are already available for the event - **just contact our office for details.**



What's Been Happening?



Back in late September our Academy Director, Dan Collado was in Vancouver, BC attending the Native Pastors/Leaders Summit.

While there he had the opportunity to present one of our current students with a Ministerial Studies Level 2

completion certificate.

It is such a pleasure to witness the progress of students as they apply themselves to the Word and to service for the Lord.

Congratulations goes to Michael Hopp on his achievement of excellence!



Pastor George Dodd & his wife, Barbara

What a joy it was to be in New York Mills, NY with the congregation of Calvary Gospel Church back in late October.

For many years Pastor George Dodd has continued to bring faithful leadership through a strong, consistent missions

emphasis.

Being able to be with them during their missions weekend allowed us to personally thank them for their many years of faithful support that they have sown into the ministry of Aboriginal Bible Academy.

Please Pray



Bill Maracle (pictured on the left), who has been serving at the table of our board of directors for over 2 years, was recently diagnosed with cancer.

As we are in the midst of the season of sharing, *“Good will toward men”*, we humbly invite you to agree with us in prayer for complete healing and to believe for a

full restoration to Bill's health.

“Peace on earth, good will to men”

We serve a great God!

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS...

The foundation of our salvation is Jesus Christ, the Son of God! We give our thanks to the Lord for His unspeakable gift! *Aboriginal Bible Academy* exists to teach the good news of this amazing story to students all across Canada. Our Academic Director, Dan Collado, has been travelling extensively throughout the year, enrolling new students and assisting in local training centres. Our goal is to come alongside Pastors, church leaders and others who have a desire to study God's word, developing a strong foundation of faith in their personal lives and those whom they teach.

We are deeply grateful for your sacrificial support during 2012. Without it *ABA* would not have the capacity to operate. Your on-going prayerful and financial gifts enable this ministry to continue. Thank you for your partnership, particularly as we reach out to Canada's Aboriginal peoples.

It is our prayer that you will enjoy God's perfect peace during this Christmas celebration! May the days ahead be filled with many opportunities to share His love with the many lost people around you!

The Board of Governors at *ABA* (John E. Maracle, Carl Brant, Bill Maracle, Bill Rendell and Jeff Hillier) join me in wishing you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

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Board Chair