

# aboriginal BIBLE ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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## WHAT IS GOING ON?

Autumn is upon us! With children having gone back to school many of us are well into the swing of busier schedules: be it home, work, church life....or maybe it is all of the above!

Aboriginal Bible Academy is also ramping up for the autumn and winter months. By the time most of you will be reading this our academic director, Dan Collado will have just returned (or will soon be returning) from BC where he attended the Native Pastors/Leaders Summit in Vancouver. While there, he'll be connecting with one of our training centres and some of their students.

Dan will also be afforded the occasion to fly up to Port Hardy (located on the northern coast of Vancouver Island). Pastor George Ewald of Port Hardy Christian Fellowship has graciously extended an invitation for him to come see the work and vision of the church concerning the training and equipping of believers. Perhaps increased opportunities for Native leadership development can blossom through these preliminary networking efforts. Our next newsletter issue will be certain to contain a full report on the trip out west and so, please pray for these efforts!

October and November bring a handful of missions conventions and church visits. We are always so grateful to churches that see the validity of this ministry and who express their support by sowing financially into Aboriginal Bible Academy (ABA). These visits give us a perfect chance to express our gratitude to those that have been so faithful in standing with us and to convey the deep sense of appreciation that we feel for knowing that others across this country (and the US!) recognize the need for training within not only the Aboriginal setting but for all believers.

ABA is committed to this endeavour and so we invite you, if you haven't already, to contact us to find out how we might be able to assist you in your practical Christian service.

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# Waswanipi Report (Leadership Training Event)

What a great time it was in Waswanipi, QC (a good 7+ hours north of Ottawa) way back in late June of this year.

Breaking new ground, Pastor Allan Ettap had invited our academic director up to his community for 4 days of intensive teaching.

The intent was to “kick off” their summer tent crusade time with focused training upon Christian leadership qualities.

The teaching sessions began

Sunday morning and then continued every evening until Wednesday night. A total of 9 hours was devoted to exploring the qualities and principles at work within an effect Christian leader.

Every session was very well attended (30+) - some had even come from other communities just to sit in on the classes!

Pastor Allan is to be commended for his leadership as well as for his vision casting for his church and community.



Dan Collado with Pastor Allan Ettap



Teaching in Waswanipi

## Time Well Spent in Val d'Or

From September 7th to 9th Aboriginal Bible Academy (ABA) was attending the Native Women's Retreat in Val d'Or, QC which is about 5 hours north of Ottawa.

Well over 200 ladies were in attendance with Native Ministries Director, Minnie Bossum continuing to give excellent leadership.

In one of the morning sessions time was given for ABA to present ministry details of how we can come alongside the ladies and their church leadership in

order to help train them and their church's congregation for more effective Christian service.

Our table (see bottom right photo) saw a steady stream of ladies “checking out” what we had to offer (Thanks Evangel Temple Napanee WM!) and we fielded a number of inquiries about our training methods and resources that we have available.

There is a growing interest within the Aboriginal community to “*Get into the Word*” and ABA is humbled to be playing a part to assist that swelling interest.



Presenting ABA ministry



**We have a variety of resources ranging from new believer development all the way to pastoral preparation.**

**SEE OUR WEBSITE for more information**

## **Check This Out!** (Contact our office to know more)

“About spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant,” 1 Corinthians 12:1 (NIV). Ministry) includes those believers who Christ gives to the church to be its leaders.

Spiritual gifts are very important to the body of Christ. It is exciting to learn about these gifts which God has made available to His children. Without these gifts the church cannot exist or move ahead.

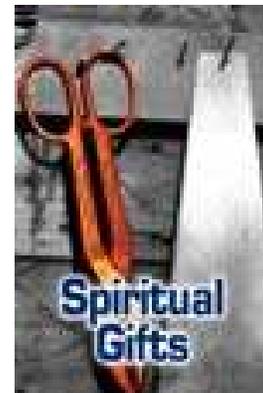
In this course attention is given to three different groups of spiritual gifts.

1. Gifts of Ministry
2. Other Ministry Gifts
3. Gifts of the Spirit

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In the second group (Other Ministry Gifts) we will study gifts which are available to all believers.

And the final group (Gifts of the Spirit) we will learn about nine gifts which the Holy Spirit gives to believers as He wills.



## **The Trials of Traveling - PLEASE PRAY**

A recurring message throughout many of our publications has been the request for prayer while in transit.

The Lord certainly has been gracious to our director, keeping him safe while on the roads. But with so many

Native communities stretching far and wide, the need to get from place to place has been putting a tremendous load upon our aging ministry van.

While returning from Val d'Or, QC the van broke down and

needed over a 200km tow in order to get home!

**PLEASE PRAY** that God will continue to “make the way safe” and that maybe *He would even provide a more reliable vehicle.*



**Just waiting for the tow truck to arrive**

# 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" 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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