



# Aboriginal BIBLE ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2012

**These are exciting days!** Our new year is no longer new anymore and I'm sure that many of you are in the throws of the busy-ness of life and it's no exception here at Aboriginal Bible Academy (ABA).

Please remember the ministry of ABA in your prayers. Opportunities continue to arise for working with Aboriginal leadership regarding the training of indigenous leadership. We'll actually be in Waswanipi (northern Quebec) with Pastor Allan Etapp for a four day training session on leadership development in late June. Those should be excellent days of laying some ground work for lay-leadership development and we look forward to bringing a full report in our next newsletter upon its completion.

Earlier in the month of June will have the ministry participating in the North American Institute for Indigenous Theological Studies (NAIITS) symposium. It is being held in Wheaton, Illinois (just outside of Chicago). It will be an educational endeavour exploring the various teaching and training methods and ideologies being utilized across our continent within Aboriginal settings.

In early May we'll be at PAOC's General Conference, in Ottawa. ABA will be there with an exhibitor's booth as well as having representation within the PAOC's Aboriginal Guiding Group session that will address a renewed emphasis upon establishing a continued healthy working environment between the PAOC and the Aboriginal community across Canada.

The month will also see a trip to the east end of Toronto where Rev. Sam Perriccioli, pastor of Kingston Road Community Church, is giving leadership and venturing to reach out to the substantial Aboriginal population in his area. We pray that by coming along side his efforts a harvest rich with an indigenous flavour will be realized.

Nearing the end of March we embarked on a trip to Alberta and Saskatchewan connecting with key educational, district and Aboriginal leaders. The trip was an endeavour to network and further solidify Aboriginal Bible Academy's operating principle, which is to come alongside existing Aboriginal ministries and assist where appropriate in the equipping and training of indigenous leadership. ABA now has a network that stretches from coast to coast and we are absolutely overjoyed with how God is using Aboriginal Bible Academy to help equip *able ministers of the gospel*.

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## Check This Out! (Contact our office for more information)

*Cornerstones of Truth: A Study of Bible Doctrine* is an introductory systematic study of basic Bible doctrines. Major topics include the nature of God, the acts of God, the activities and limitations of angels, the Creation, the fall of man, God's redemptive plan, the origin of Scriptures, the church and God's ultimate plan for mankind.

The course is a practical, basic study of biblical teaching and its application in the life of the believer with many of the great themes of the Bible being explored.

This independent study textbook is one of 18 courses (subjects) that make up the Christian Service Diploma Program.

This course will help the individual to:

- Understand the basic Bible doctrines concerning the origin, fall and redemption of man
- Recognize that God wants to have a personal, eternal relationship with you
- Desire to make the Bible and its teachings your standard for life and conduct.



## Exciting Days! (continued from page 1)

With 2012 already a quarter of the way completed we are quickly arriving upon spring-time throughout most of Canada. However, keeping in mind that our nation is vast, there are still parts of our country nestled firmly within the grasp of winter.

But be that as it may, we here at Aboriginal Bible Academy trust that with the arrival of spring (whenever it may actually arrive in your area) and the new life and growth that it brings, it would find you within your own

time of spiritual growth and renewal.

***These are exciting days indeed!***

Please continue to pray for us, for safety during travel and that God would continue to open doors. There is no doubt that He goes before us - His ***Word is a lamp unto our feet, a light unto our path.***

We are committed to the task. Will you continue to help us bring that light to ALL of Canada's indigenous people?

**PLEASE  
CONTINUE  
TO PRAY  
for continued  
open doors  
and  
journeying  
mercies!**

# Bible Training in Africa



Academic Director  
(Dan Collado) in  
Kenya,  
at the equator



Boma Church  
congregation in  
Nyang'ori, Kenya

An amazing privilege was afforded to our director, Dan Collado via a recent trip overseas to Africa. Being part of a team that went to observe and learn how the African church is engaging in ministry and the equipping of the church for ministry, was quite a privilege and a remarkable experience.

A significant portion of the trip was spent in sitting down with pastors, teachers, and educational leaders - listening, learning &

witnessing what it is that they are doing to help train and equip their indigenous leadership.

Interestingly enough, one particular area in Africa actually uses the very curriculum, material, and training methods that we here at Aboriginal Bible Academy utilize. It was *very* encouraging to see the success that the local leadership are having within their cultural setting with this type of resource and training method.

The work of God is going forth with boldness and lives are being changed in Africa as men and women determine to set themselves to be adequately prepared for Christian ministry whether it be from the pulpit or from the pew.

And so, we are greatly encouraged here at Aboriginal Bible Academy that a similar result can be achieved here in Canada throughout all of our Aboriginal communities.

## New Training Centre

Not all of those studying with ABA come from an Aboriginal community. One case in point is Northview Pentecostal Church in Peterborough, ON.

What started out as two ministers who enrolled has snow-

balled into 5 full-time enrolments and over 25 who consistently sit in on the classes for their own personal spiritual growth!

They meet together weekly as part of their Sunday evening Bible study.



# 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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