

aboriginal BIBLE ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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I'm sure that many of you are well into the swing of things that this time of year naturally brings and here at Aboriginal Bible Academy it is no different. We've continued to be busy laying the ground work for sustained inroads into the Aboriginal community across Canada.

Our vision for reaching the over 1.4 million Aboriginal people of Canada involves a strategy that requires lifelong commitment (both from the giver AND the receiver). You see, we are talking about disciple making. Jesus told us in Matthew 28:19 to, **"...go and make disciples of all nations..."** Now, it has been said that, "Rome was not built in a day". Well, neither are disciples. And so we continue to embark upon our mission to serve all Aboriginal people with the purpose of preparing them for lifelong Christian ministry and service.

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But it does take time, it takes diligence, perseverance and....discipline. Now, the first part of Hebrews 12:11 makes it quite clear that, **"No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful."** And yet, this is precisely what God has called each and every one of us to be!

You cannot be a true disciple of Christ unless you have discipline and you cannot have discipline unless you have been trained. And this is where Aboriginal Bible Academy comes into play - we assist in this process of being trained. The value is clearly detailed in the second half of Hebrews 12:11 where it promises the benefits of discipline/discipleship: **"Later on however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."**

And so ultimately, that is our goal here at Aboriginal Bible Academy. To be role players in the process that promotes **a harvest of righteousness and peace** within countless indigenous believers all across our nation. But in order to do that it takes partnerships and networking along with a concerted effort between various levels of ministries and their administration. You see, it has always been our mandate to come alongside existing local ministry initiatives and compliment the effort being put forth to assist in the development of indigenous leadership. Our training & equipping resources are not about one hit wonders or weekend flashes in the pan. We are talking about lifelong learning and helping to instill that passion within the believer.

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Trip to Fairford, MB (continued from page 1)



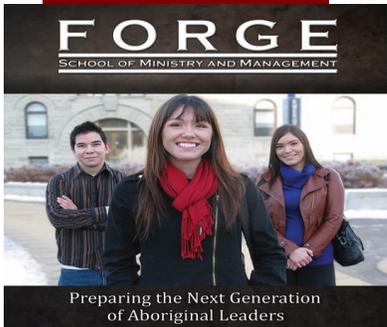
Rev. Robert McLean

That is why it is very exciting to be continuing to work closely with in ministry relationship with key Robert and his efforts to help people like Rev. Robert McLean effectively equip Aboriginal from Fairford, MB. He is the Aboriginal Director for the Manitoba District of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. Robert currently oversees some 30 native churches that stretch across Manitoba and has a passion to make available quality education and training to every one of those churches and their community.

Our Director, Dan Collado recently had occasion to visit with Pastor Robert and hear his vision first hand that he has for his people of Manitoba. It was exciting and greatly encouraging to visit the grounds of Forge School of Ministry and to see the potential and opportunity that exists in Fairford (a strategic gateway to northern Manitoba).

Aboriginal Bible Academy will be

continuing to work closely with Robert and his efforts to help effectively equip Aboriginal believers for Christian service. It is initiatives like brother Robert's and partnering together that will help realize the development of indigenous leadership.



**PLEASE
CONTINUE
TO PRAY
FOR US!!**

What's Coming

The next few months will prove to be quite busy as a trip to BC is in order to attend the Native Pastors/Leaders Summit that will be held in Terrace (northern BC) this year.

As well, a possible trip to northern Quebec to visit some of the native communities still looms on the near horizon where we are working together with Rev. Johnny Dixon to promote training and leadership development opportunities.

Also happening in Quebec coming in mid October is the annual Native Women's Retreat. This year it's being held in Chicoutimi and we look forward to again having a presence with a table display and continuing to forge relationships.

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

Alive in Christ: A Study of Salvation concerns the doctrine of salvation. It presents salvation as both the will and work of God that rest upon the atoning work of Christ. Preliminary consideration is given to the grace of God as the source of salvation. Included in this study are the biblical teachings of repentance, faith, conversion, regeneration, justification, adoption, sanctification and glorification.

This course will help you:

- Point out the main characteristics of each of the doctrines involved in the study of salvation.
- Discover the biblical basis for the assurance of salvation.
- Contrast the method of salvation presented in the Bible with any non-biblical approach
- Appreciate more fully the love, grace, wisdom and power of God that are demonstrated in salvation.



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What's Been Happening

Aside from affording a few days of R&R for our director, the past couple of summer months gave opportunity for ABA to participate in a handful of events that provided continued ministry exposure.

A Sunday early in July saw our Academy up at Ottawa Valley Pentecostal Camp to be a part of their Missions Day event, while later on in the month we were at Lakeshore Pentecostal Camp for their Mission Canada & Global Missions emphasis.

The occasion to make a return trip to Lakeshore presented itself when an invitation was given to participate in the Women's Network Day where many of the ladies visited our table display, took some ABA information, as well as purchased some of our fundraising items.

Many shared how they would be praying for ABA.



Rev. Cal Anthony and
Rev. Dan Collado
at OVPC

THANK YOU LADIES!!

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!

SOME COURSE SYNOPSIS

ACTS: THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK IN BELIEVERS

- A thorough study of the content, purposes, principles, and applications of Acts. The course emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit in the early church and today. Attention is given to the geographical, numerical, cultural, and theological growth of the church from Jerusalem to Rome. The journeys of Paul are examined as the background for his epistles.

LOCAL CHURCH IN EVANGELISM

- The local church is the provenance of evangelism for reaching its community and the world. After a foundational, biblical theology of the Great Commission and the Holy Spirit's role in evangelism, this course proposes a comprehensive and integrated approach to evangelism in the local church that avoids over-compartmentalizing evangelism and discipleship .

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT FOR CHURCH LEADERS

- A biblical approach to conflict resolution. This course offers a scriptural way to deal with the inevitable occasions when conflict arises, particularly in a church setting. It offers practical principles for resolving the conflict in a manner that is pleasing to God.