



# aboriginal BIBLE ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2013

2013 began with a flourish for Aboriginal Bible Academy.

The end of January saw a couple days of meetings for the Aboriginal Guiding Group (a Missions Canada initiative within the PAOC). Strategic planning and conversation was held concerning the national Aboriginal condition and what can be done to further gospel inroads within the Aboriginal community across Canada. Dialogue on various teaching and training methods as well as resource sharing was discussed. Vision casting and laying the ground work for its execution was at the forefront of our time together. Working toward a cohesive national Aboriginal strategy is a lot of work but very rewarding. Please continue to pray for these national efforts.

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Permit me the opportunity to speak very pragmatically. Our nation's future social and economic prosperity (and even our nation's spiritual health, to a certain extent) rests, at least partly, on better results for Aboriginal Canadians within the education system. Not only will improved education outcomes result in better social conditions for Aboriginal peoples, but they will also furnish a source of much-needed skilled workers to fuel future economic prosperity.

The links among better education, jobs and income have been substantially documented. Better education outcomes, implies that improving postsecondary education success among Aboriginal peoples will result in improved socio-economic status and, in so doing, contribute to the social and economic well being of Canada. This is a big "win" for the individuals involved, who can live richer and more fulfilling lives and also contribute more to the growth and nurturing of their own cultures. It is also a big "win" for all of society, which will be better off with more prosperous citizens and no doubt also will enjoy the continuing benefits of cultural and economic innovation arising from the Aboriginal community.

To that end, we here at ABA are fully committed to help establish healthy and productive indigenous leadership across Canada within the First Peoples community.

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# Our Nation's Future (continued from page 1)

Through faith based initiatives, we have intentionally provided highly practical training resources which assist in producing effectual balanced lifestyles. These resources can even open the way for increased postsecondary education competence.

By offering courses that teach on relationships and ethics, effective leadership, conflict management as well as administration and financial management, we provide our students with the properly equipped skill set to succeed, not only in church or business, but in all areas of life.



## THANK YOU!!

Back in late February, ABA hosted a “Just Desserts & Silent Auction” fundraiser.

We just want to express a deep heartfelt, “**THANK YOU!**” to all of you who were able to be a part of this great evening. A special “Thank you” also goes to Pastor Jim Somerville of Evangel



Temple, Napanee who graciously made their church facility available for the event. Having so many of you involved and participating helped make the night a great success! *May the Lord bless you as you have blessed us!*



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

Worship includes praise and service to God. This study introduces us to a new life of prayer and worship. A closer look at the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples shows that Jesus believed we cannot separate prayer and worship from our living. Prayer is never finished; it is part of everything we do.

In this course, prayer is presented as the preparation for worship, and worship is defined as constantly living in a way that pleases God and

fulfills His purposes. The course places emphasis on the priority of God's glory and God's kingdom over man's needs and wants. It also emphasizes that the things needed in life will be provided for the believer who honours this priority.



**CHECK  
OUT EVEN  
MORE  
RESOURCES  
ON OUR  
WEBSITE!**



## What's Been Happening?

Please be in prayer for the ministry of Aboriginal Bible Academy as Dan, ABA's Academic Director, travels over these next few months.

Dan recently returned from a successful trip to Mistissini, QC (about 9 hours north of Montreal) earlier this year. There, Dan spent four days with Pastor Johnny Dixon and the congregation of Living Water Assembly teaching on

Christian Leadership. Between 30 to 40 attended the evening teaching sessions.

What a privilege it was to be with these dear brothers and sisters in the Lord. It's really quite exciting to see how the interest in discipleship and leadership development is continuing to grow across the north with inquiries coming for ongoing training efforts.



# 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

### **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.

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