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NEWSLETTER

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Summertime for us here at ABA usually consists of a slower pace. Although our academy runs year-round, utilizing various distance education methods through which individuals can enrol and engage in their courses at any time, there is a natural propensity for students to “take the summer off” from their studies. We get that. We all need time to “recharge”.

One of the benefits of that slower pace is it allows for some administrative housekeeping that, although subtle and often goes unseen by most, permits us to not only maintain ministry effectiveness and efficiency but hopefully improve upon it. A small case in point - you might note a slight format change in our newsletter in the latter pages. ☺

However, following a fairly quiet summer that included a couple of trips to camps for their missions emphasis Sundays, autumn has arrived. And with its arrival - plenty on the docket for ABA to be a part of.

During Missions Sunday at LPC

Dan about to “represent” Canada in the, Parade of Nations (OVPC)



Dan & Belinda being prayed for by the ladies at the Native Women's Retreat

Native Women's Retreat, Chicoutimi



Our director and his wife have already made a weekend trip this month of September to northern Quebec where they attended the Native Women's Ministry Retreat in Chicoutimi. Along with having a table display, this year Dan was asked to do a workshop for one of the mornings. It was an excellent opportunity to expound on the virtues of reading and studying the Word of God.

Interest in Bible study and discipleship continues to grow and so the prospect of new students and increased church involvement looms on the horizon in northern Quebec.

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What's Coming



Aboriginal Leadership Summit

The closing of September will see a trip to Chilliwack, BC for the annual Aboriginal Leadership Summit. This is always a special time in re-connecting with native pastors and leaders from across BC.

An added bonus this time around is the opportunity

to celebrate the achievement of one of our current students, Michael Hopp. He is closing in on completing the Ministerial Studies Diploma program, which is a comprehensive academic and pragmatic journey that is equipping him for fulltime ministry. But, you'll need to wait until our next newsletter for the bulk of his story.

With the onset of the fall season we've had new students join the fold as well as some previous students re-engaging. Couple that with various church visits this

autumn around Ontario and the lull of summer will soon be forgotten.

Don't forget to pray for us!

Please continue to bring us and this ministry before the Lord. We covet your prayers, both for safety as we travel and for financial provision to help continue moving forward with the vision and mandate that God has laid upon our hearts.



As more and more native leaders are recognizing how vital, consistent scriptural engagement is and how powerfully and dramatically the Word can impact our moral behaviour, values and daily choices, the role that Aboriginal Bible Academy plays will continue to be essential in assisting in the development of effectual indigenous leadership.



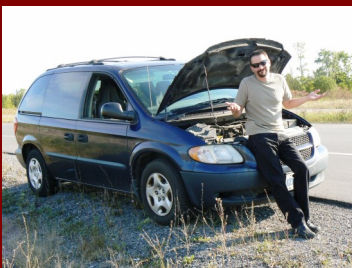
Michael Hopp preaching

What a Blessing!

**THAT
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THEN**



The photo on the bottom left was taken a couple of years ago when our ministry vehicle began showing its age, and breaking down alongside of the road. After a lot of prayers went up and a few requests went out, we are happy to report that God saw our need and chose to meet it through a precious couple from Toronto who have been wonderful friends and supporters of ABA.



PRAISE THE LORD!

**THIS
is
NOW!**



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

In, **The Responsible Christian: A Study in Christian Stewardship**, author Jose R. Silva Delgado shows us how to become faithful stewards. In a parable, Jesus commended two good stewards who had managed their assets wisely and condemned the one who did nothing with what he had been given. This course teaches how to manage and invest what God has entrusted to us, so that one day He will say, "Well done, good and faithful servant.... Come and share your master's happiness!" (Matthew 25:23).

This course will help you:

- Describe the role of God and yourself in relation to stewardship.
- Explain what it is that you are responsible for managing as a steward.
- List ways in which you can fulfill each of your responsibilities as a steward.
- Appreciate the need of dedicating yourself and your possessions to God and of developing your abilities for use in His service.



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