

A large graphic of a cross is the central element. The cross is dark red. To the left of the cross, there is a stack of smooth, dark brown stones. To the right of the cross, there is a large, stylized feather with a gradient from orange to red. The background is a light yellow gradient.

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NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2014

It has been a remarkable journey the past few months. Some of you may have noted that nearing the conclusion of 2013 through our Facebook page we gave a hint as to new developments that were on the horizon. That horizon is arriving!

Since 2006 we have had the expanded mandate to not only help equip those called to pastoral ministry but to assist in the equipping of those in the pew as well. *Not all are called to be pastors....but all are called.* To that end we've been diligent in providing training resources that cover the wide spectrum of God's calling upon people; offering simple discipleship tools for new believers, lay-leadership development for the church as well as fully recognized pulpit preparation for the pastor. Although some things are still in the works and yet to be revealed, we're pleased to announce two new study series' that we'll be helping to make available and more accessible.

For a while now we've been highlighting various disciple and leadership studies from our Christian Service Diploma program through our, "Check This Out!" section of our newsletter but we are excited to announce a new 21st Century Discipleship series as well as the Christian Life series. Both deal with a new journey in Christ and handle the various "first steps" that accompany one's new found faith in Jesus. Both are obviously ideal for new believers but can also serve well in the capacity to supplement even a seasoned believer's journey of faith.

Aside from the fact that we are further fleshing out resources for the whole body of Christ, what is most exciting is the accessibility of these resources. Although the Christian Life series qualifies as a certificate program upon its completion, enrolment is certainly not a prerequisite in order to enjoy all or any part of these studies. Cost is minimal for the printed copies but beyond that.....every study within the 21st Century Discipleship and Christian Life series is *available for free* in pdf format! In this instance you get WAY more than you pay for!

All of this is being done for one primary purpose: To serve the Body of Christ as efficiently as possible to assist in the development of effective ministers of the Gospels in all walks of life.

So, we'd encourage you to take a closer look. Perhaps you or others you know could benefit from embarking on a discipleship journey.

Visit our website or contact our office for further details.

ABA is here to serve.

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What's Been Happening



Rev. Steve Handy



Rev. Tim Teague



Rev. Todd Waggoner

It has been an incredible beginning to 2014. Although winter is desperately trying to hang on and not allow spring to have its say across most of Canada, we're happy to declare that new life is happening within the Aboriginal community across our nation. But this "new life" is not attained in isolation but is being accomplished through various network building and relationship.

One key relationship that has been integral to our ability as a ministry to effectively provide quality bible training material from coast - to coast - to coast, has been the ongoing connection with Global University. ABA and Global's journey together actually began way back in 2005 and has continued to blossom under the leadership and servant hearts of men like Dr. Randy Hedlun (Vice Provost), Rev. Steve Handy (Dean of BSB), Rev. Tim Teague (Dean of SED) and Rev. Todd Waggoner (Director of Enrolment Services).

These men, along with countless

others have played a vital roll in the effectual nature of Aboriginal Bible Academy. We had the privilege in early February to once again visit Global University and these fine gentlemen. Through that encounter steps were made to further our effectiveness in delivering affordable, sustainable, high quality training and discipleship materials.



Dr. Randy Hedlun

What Lays Ahead?

**PLEASE
CONTINUE
TO PRAY
FOR US**

The last few months have been busy for our director (Dan Collado) and the next little while is shaping up to be no different (That's a good thing! ☺).

The latter part of March brings a trip to northern Labrador for some teaching and preaching with Innu brothers & sisters from Sheshatshiu. For ten days our director will be with them.

Then, in late April the trek to Saskatoon, SK will be made for PAOC's General Conference. Here ABA will have a presence with an exhibitors table giving continued exposure to the importance of Aboriginal ministry.

Please continue to lift this ministry up to the Lord as well as journeying mercies for Dan as he travels.

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

Author Ernest Pettry demonstrates how to communicate God's message effectively through preaching and teaching. These two methods of sharing God's Word are alike in many ways.

Yet during the history of the Christian church, each method has developed some distinct characteristics. This course points out the advantages of both methods and helps prepare the reader to use them in the best manner for evangelizing the unreached and providing for the spiritual development and maturity of those that are ministered to.

Preaching and Teaching is a basic study of two Bible methods of communicating God's Word. The student is guided in the understanding and mastery of practical ways to prepare and present lessons and sermons from Scripture.

When a student finishes this course they should be able to:

1. Analyze and explain the need for Christian preaching and teaching.
2. Recognize the qualities of effective preachers and teachers described in the Bible.
3. Develop personally the qualities which characterized the effective preachers and teachers noted in the Bible.



Check out
the
RESOURCES
tab on our
Website for
even more!



What's Been Happening? (continued from page 2)

Following on the heels of our visit south of the boarder at Global University, our director (Dan Collado) was invited to participate in the Aboriginal Pentecostal Ministries conference hosted by the Western Ontario District of the PAOC in Sioux Lookout (about 5 hours drive north of Thunder Bay).

The two day conference gave occasion for Dan to speak into the lives of the Native pastors and leaders regarding education, leadership enhancement & discipleship training.

Our native pastors in northern Ontario are positioning themselves well in relationship with the WOD to best lead their communities. ABA is excited for the opportunity to come alongside and play a role in that process.



Dan with Pastor Colin Kanate



Rev.
Lorrie Gibbons
(WOD
Superintendent)



Rev. Blake Davidson
(WOD Regional Director)

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.