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NEWSLETTER

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We live in an “instant” society today. We want everything – now! Our grocery stores are filled with instant this and microwave that. Did you know, more than 70% of all food consumers in North America are drive-thru patrons? It has become an integral part of the way we eat today. So much so, that one drive-thru window is no longer efficient enough and businesses now use two as the standard.

We seem to be always in a hurry. Even in our journey with Christ. Why? Well, let’s be honest with ourselves. It is very tempting to try and weave that type of instant gratification into our relationship with Jesus. We don’t want to have to linger in hardship. We like it when our problems are met quickly with answered prayer. But we are painfully aware that reality often provides evidence to the contrary. The bottom line is that developing a healthy journey with Christ is a process that takes time.

Hebrews 10:14 says, “*For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.*” Accepting Christ’s sacrifice instantly perfects our condition and readiness to embark on a journey with Him. But how actively we engage in that journey is heavily dependent upon us.

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Michael Hopp (middle)
with Cal Anthony & Dan
Collado

You may recall in our last newsletter that last fall we celebrated our first full graduate of the Ministerial Studies Diploma. It is a comprehensive program designed for full-time ministry preparation. Michael Hopp (seen left), a member of the Sto:lo First Nation community in BC, was honoured in Vancouver for his accomplishment.

In early April of this year Rev. Cal Anthony and Rev. Dan Collado had the privilege of honouring our second graduating student within the Ministerial Studies program! Under the mentorship of Pastor Faustin, Martin Bongwa has now completed his studies and is currently an active member of the church leadership in the Ottawa/Gatineau area.

Both Michael & Martin have made intentional choices to actively engage in their journey to know Christ. They’ve counted the cost and recognized the commitment, dedication and time it takes to effectively follow Him. In an “instant” society, they have chosen a journey of years in the making that continues to this day. ***Because of that resolve, they now are impacting society with the everlasting message of Jesus!***



Martin Bongwa with his
wife, Celine and their
children

Resource Feature (Contact our office for more information)

Would you like to ...

KNOW HOW THE BIBLE CAN HELP YOU?
KNOW WHY AND HOW IT WAS WRITTEN?
KNOW HOW IT WAS INSPIRED?

More Bibles have been bought than any other book in history. However, reading a Bible for the first time can be overwhelming. Where do you start? This study was written to help you learn how to use your Bible. You will also discover why and how the Bible was written.

Believers accept the Bible as the Word of God and believe it is God's personal message to them. Reading your Bible daily can encourage you in your faith and help you be a stronger Christian. The psalmist said it well: "*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path*" (Psalm 119:105).

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What Lays Ahead?

The days before us are filled with wonderful opportunity!

EOND Conference for the PAOC is just around the corner in May. ABA will have an exhibitors table to help bring exposure to the need for indigenous leadership development.

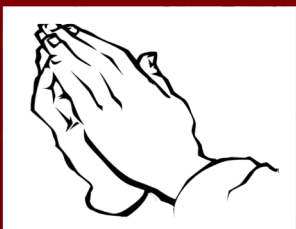
There will also be various church visits throughout Ontario over the coming months that will continue to provide a point of contact for how

churches can participate alongside ABA.

Though still a few months away, please pray for an upcoming trip to Fort Severn. It is Ontario's most northern First Nations community. Doors have opened to bring teaching and introduce some discipleship training!

Exciting days indeed!


**DON'T
FORGET
to PRAY for
ABA!**



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

Since autumn of 2016 we've launched a couple of new campaigns to assist those who are interested in financially contributing to ABA on an ongoing basis.

Our ShopandShare.ca initiative provides you with the opportunity to give to ABA whenever you purchase products that you would normally be buying anyways - at the same price and from the same retailers you know & love!

Contact our office (613-344-1703) for more details on how it works. You can also visit our website (www.aboriginalbibleacademy.ca) and click on the image that looks like this 



We'd also like you to be aware of our **20/20 Vision** campaign. Many of you have already received information regarding this initiative but for those who have yet to hear.....

We are simply providing an opportunity for people who believe in this ministry to commit to give \$20 a month. It doesn't seem like such a small amount would really make a difference.

But consider this.....

If just 20 people gave \$20 a month, in 12 months time \$4,800 will have been raised!

Visit our site for more information or call our office.

Every little bit helps!

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you.
Matt 28:19-20a

Partner With Us!

YES!

I want to support ABA in the ongoing development of Aboriginal Leadership across Canada!

(Receipts are provided for donations of \$10 or more)

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