

# aboriginal BIBLE ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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One of the Founding Fathers of the United States, Benjamin Franklin was quoted as saying, "**Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.**" What a wonderfully succinct way to describe the multi-layered process that is necessary for successful discipleship. Often the concept of "teaching" can conjure up images of our time in school with the familiar teacher/pupil dynamic. Although that type of "teaching" does play a role, as Benjamin Franklin himself attests, discipleship isn't simply the process of lecture consumption.

As a testament to this process, earlier this year the chair of our board, Rev Cal Anthony along with our director, Dan Collado had the privilege to travel to Vancouver, BC and commemorate the accomplishments of some students who have been journeying together in the discipleship process. While engaged in their studies they were given numerous opportunities for practical ministry expressions. What an honour it was to be able to present them with various certificates and diplomas celebrating their achievement!

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A writer once penned, "*To be a disciple is to be a devoted bondservant motivated by love for the Lord Jesus.*" With the courses and resources utilized through ABA, we feel that a student not only benefits from a systematic presentation of sound bible doctrine, but there is also a very intentional, real-world component to the courses that encourages practical ministry expressions within the local setting. It helps to foster everyday acts of ministry that are motivated out of love for the Lord Jesus.

# Greetings From Our Board

Dear Friends:

It is a delight to extend Christmas greetings to you! God has abundantly blessed us with eternal life made possible through the sacrificial work of Jesus, the Lamb of God. He came to seek and to save those who are lost. The message of Christmas is one of mercy and grace – God has extended the gift of salvation to the whole world. Whoever believes can be saved. This continues to be our mission at Aboriginal Bible Academy (ABA), particularly to the more than 1.5 million indigenous peoples across this great land of Canada.

ABA continues to provide quality training resources to enhance the leadership skills of students and church leaders. Global University Berean School of the Bible studies are excellent tools, offering ministerial training and personal discipleship. During 2016 many new students have enrolled and are enjoying the study courses. New regions in the far North are opening to us as we endeavor to reach those who have never heard the good news of Jesus Christ.

Such ministry is possible because of your partnership! Thank you for your faithfulness. Your prayers, words of encouragement and financial support translate into active leadership training across this entire nation and in the far North. Your tangible gifts to this ministry make all of this possible!

Perhaps you would consider making another investment in this ministry at this Christmas time! Would you help us? We so appreciate your consideration.

2016 brought some significant changes to the Board of Governors at ABA. Rev. Carl Brant resigned his position as a Board member following many years of faithful service. Sadly, we said good-bye to another Board member, Bill Maracle. Bill went to be with the Lord a few months ago – certainly this is heaven's gain and our loss. We honour both these men and their commitment to this ministry. They will be deeply missed.

Bill Rendell, Rev. Stewart Hunter and Rev. John Maracle join me in extending Christmas blessings to you and your family! We are grateful for each of them and their encouraging support of ABA. Rev. Dan Collado (ABA's Academic Director) and his wife, Belinda, join us too in greeting you at this Christmas season. Their ministry is deeply appreciated.

We warmly welcome Joanne Venneker-Louwe as volunteer adjunct faculty. Joanne is a graduate of Master's College & Seminary (Peterborough) and brings great passion to reach out, particularly to various aboriginal and first nations peoples.

May the Lord's abundant blessings be upon you during this season and beyond in 2017! Let us be encouraged to faithfully serve the Lord as His coming draws near.

Thank you again for all you do in partnering with us! Your prayers and support are integral to making a difference!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Board of Governors,




Cal Anthony (Rev.)

*Board Chair*

# 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](http://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!*

Looking for  
Options for  
Bible Study?

Check out  
the  
**RESOURCES**  
tab on our  
Website!



# 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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