



aboriginal BIBLE ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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Wow! Things escalated quickly, didn't they? As this article is being written (late March), our whole nation is in various states of isolation, ranging from self-imposed to a full government instituted lockdown and/or quarantine. Less than a month ago (the early days of March) much of life was still so....normal. But the heightened attention upon the current condition of our world is causing much of the globe to reimagine how to do life! We are currently living through a new normal for what may be a protracted period.

So, what are we doing at ABA considering this reality? Well, one of the advantages of being primarily a distance education ministry is that in many respects our students can continue to engage with their studies despite the current restrictions on social gatherings.

Due to our resources being designed with independent study in mind many of our students have been able to continue their course engagement with little interruption.

Perhaps because some have found themselves with additional time on their hands due to all of us being told to practise "social distancing", our academy has actually had a bit of an increase in inquiries recently from past, present as well as potential new students.

We are thankful to the Lord for being able to continue to serve the Body of Christ in this way, and if there are any of you out there reading this that may find yourself *stuck at home with some extra time on your hands*, please reach out to us. We would love to assist you with your journey in studying the Word!

But there still have been challenges. And those challenges will increase the longer social isolation measures are in place. Due to nation-wide social gathering restrictions, the traditional methods of meeting/speaking/teaching in person, that we are so used to relying upon for administering ministry essentials (like teaching, networking, promotion and fostering new relationships), are needing to be re-imagined.

Many of our students are used to congregating in small groups, ranging from informal gatherings to facilitator run training centres, on a regular basis as part of their learning journey. For some, not being able to connect in a tangible, physical manner will be a stretch but our team is reaching out to them through viable ministry expressions.



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Feature Resource (Contact our office for more information)

Would you like to...

talked about being filled with the Holy Spirit.

**HAVE POWER IN PRAYER?
EXPERIENCE BAPTISM IN THE
HOLY SPIRIT?
KNOW ABOUT SPEAKING IN
TONGUES?**

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Today, more than ever before in the history of the world, people are talking about the Holy Spirit and His work. They have discovered that He is a Person, not just an influence. He has brought new life and power into thousands of churches. Millions of people today are discovering what the early Christians meant when they

The Christian Life Series is an 18 course study, divided into three units of six courses each, to help students grow in their relationship with Christ, interact with the Word of God, and better understand God's purposes for their life.

**Your Helpful
Friend**




CHRISTIAN LIFE SERIES

**Your Helpful Friend is
Course 3 in Unit 2**

Our Current Reality (continued from page 1)

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




One of those viable ministry expressions is video conferencing and online classrooms. What this current COVID-19 reality has shown us is the value of having tighter integration with media-centric technology.

At ABA, we are taking steps to offer more comprehensive online engagement for students and their studies. Running parallel with this initiative is our effort to assist the facilitator and/or local training centre in how to effectively

engage with student and studies online.

For under \$23/month (just over \$270/yr), we can offer an online learning environment for all our students. As our current reality has thrust the need for this type of learning expression to the forefront, perhaps you would be able to assist us in providing this vital service to our students?

Please contact our office or you can fill out the **Partner With Us** form on page four. 

Celebrating Ten Years!

Did you know that this year, 2020 marks the ten year anniversary of Aboriginal Bible Academy (ABA)? Now, we trace our routes all the way back to the late 1970's with the inception of the National Native Bible College in Tyendinaga, ON, but it was in 2010 that ABA became an official entity in order to hone our focus on offering distance education.

Back on March 1st, at Evangel Temple in Napanee, ON, the Board of Governors commemorated ABA's 10 years by celebrating along with the congregation of Evangel Temple. Videos of past and present students were shown, as well as having one of our current students come in person and share both in song and testimony.



Pastor Andy Sackaney (Current student)

What a joy it was to share with all those gathered concerning God's great faithfulness and to thank those in person who have been standing with us since our inception. So many of you have played an integral role in these last 10 years.

THANK YOU!

Plans are already in place to host a couple more celebratory functions.....should COVID-19 cooperate. We'll keep you posted regarding upcoming event details.

Board of Governors



Rev. Cal Anthony



Rev. John Maracle



Bill Rendell



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Rev. Jason Luscombe



Rev. Jim Molloy

*And the things
you have heard
me say in the
presence of
many
witnesses
entrust to
reliable people
who will also be
qualified to
teach others.*

2 Timothy 2:2

Partner With Us!

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