

aboriginal BIBLE ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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Lamentations 3:22-23 states, ***“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”*** With another year soon coming to an end, here at ABA we are so grateful for the enduring faithfulness of God. A year may come to a close but God’s faithfulness never does!

Reflecting back upon 2014 we are able to see how the Lord has opened doors leading to new students, as well as closer working relationships with regional and local indigenous leadership all across Canada. Having travelled this past year from our nation’s eastern coast to our western coast (with several points in between) we at ABA are left with a sense of gratefulness to the Lord for what He has done and continues to do.

East Hastings
Vancouver, BC



North West River,
Labrador

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But what inspires us to continue to press forward is the vision and passion that God has laid upon our hearts for what still needs to be done. Our mandate is to serve ALL Aboriginal with the purpose of preparing them for Christian ministry. The Word declares that, ***“He has made us able ministers...”*** (2 Corinthians 3:6a). And so, what we through ABA endeavour to do is assist in the activation and growth of what God has already deposited in every believer.

There is a significant need for systematic engagement with the inspired Word of God amongst our Aboriginal people. It is not a case of disinterest but a lack of sustained quality opportunities, coupled with being unsure as to the best place to start. That needs to change. And it is changing.....through intentional relationship.

Thank you for standing with us in 2014. As we move into a new year our continued desire is to help cultivate a Spiritual culture of learning and discipleship. **Will you commit to prayer and support of this ministry?**

Aboriginal Bible Academy desires to, ***occupy until He comes.***

Greetings From Our Board

Dear Friends:

What a wonderful season of celebration this is...Christmas! Not just "holiday greetings" but a real sense of the "reason for the season"! Not only now but each day we are cognizant of the amazing truth that Jesus came into the world to seek and save the lost. This is the amazing story and reality of redemption through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus!

Aboriginal Bible Academy (ABA) continues to make a difference across this great country of Canada. New relationships are forged and seasoned ones are strengthened as ministry continues. Currently there are some 60 students enrolled in the Global University Berean School of the Bible studies. Through your faithful partnership ABA is enabled to enhance the leadership skills of these fine men and women. Thank God for the many testimonials of His saving grace. Each student has a story to tell.

Such ministry is possible because of your partnership! Thank you for all you do to enhance the work of God, especially amongst Canada's more than 1.4 million aboriginal peoples. 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! A donor card has been incorporated into this newsletter for your convenience.

Your Board of Governors at ABA joins me in extending Christmas blessings to you and your family! We are grateful for each member: Rev. John E. Maracle, Bill Rendell, Bill Maracle, Rev. Stewart Hunter and Rev. Carl Brant. Their support and input into this ministry is invaluable. Rev. Dan Collado (ABA's Academic Director) and his wife, Belinda, join us, as well, in greeting you at this Christmas season. Their ministry is deeply appreciated.

It is our prayer that the Lord's abundant blessings will be upon you during this season and the New Year! We greatly anticipate the coming of the Lord and, who knows, perhaps it will be today!

Thank you again for all you do in partnering with us! Your support is 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)

Understanding the Bible is a course of study that interacts with you on methods of carefully organized Bible study. You will learn effective techniques for general study, then you will apply them to the Bible by means of study questions. Many of the answers given in the textbook to these questions are offered only as suggestions to guide you to your own answers.

This study emphasizes the value of skilled procedures of observation and interpretation as aids to understanding the Bible and accomplishing the main purpose of the course. This purpose is to help you apply Bible truth to your own life and share it with others.

When the student has finished this course they should be able to:

1. Describe the basic principles of Bible interpretation.
2. Describe the four methods of Bible study that are taught in this course.
3. Use these basic principles of interpretation and the four methods of Bible study in your own study of the Word.
4. Interpret meaningful questions as you study the Bible and lead others in Bible study.
5. Value the Bible as authoritative for all Christian belief and all Christian living.
6. Be sensitive to your need of the Holy Spirit to help you study and share Scripture.
7. Feel more confident in sharing Scripture with others.



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

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