

# aboriginal BIBLE ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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Earlier this year I read an article that quoted from the works of the Dutch Reform author, David Bosch in which he was quoted as saying, “It is not the ‘church of God’ that has a mission in the world, but a ‘God of mission’ that has a church in the world.

What a telling way of understanding our role as the Church, the Bride of Christ. When acting upon the Great Commission to.....*go and make disciples*, the onus lies upon each one of us to play our part in fulfilling God’s mission and not simply just another church program. We each get to participate in differing key functions for His mission and whether you feel that you are a major actor or simply a stage hand in the overall

production of Christ’s passion play (redeeming those who are lost).....take note of what one long time office manager related to his staff in a memo:

You Arx A Kxy Pxrson

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works vxry wxll – xxcxpt for onx kxy. You would think that with all thx othxr kxys functioning propxrlly, onx kxy not working would hardly bx noticxd: but, just one kxy out of whack sxxms to ruin thx wholx xffort.

You may say to yoursxlf – Wxll, I am only onx pxrson. No onx will noticx if I don’t do my bxst. But it doxs makx a diffxrxncx bxcausx to bx xffctivx, an organization nxxds activx participation by vxvry onx, to thx bxst of his or hxr ability.

So thx nxxt timx you think you arx not important, rxmxmbxr my old typxwritxr.  
You arx a kxy pxrson.

**Thank you for being a KEY Person!**

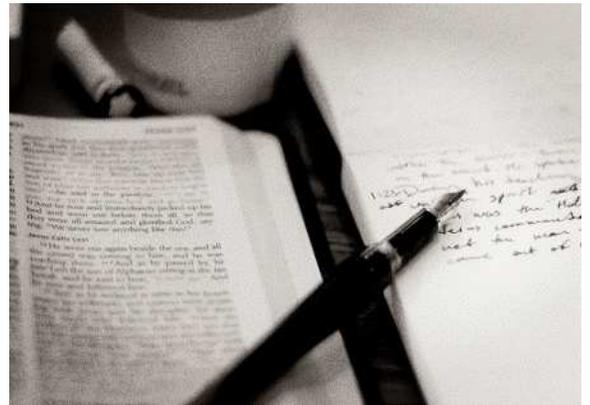
Your generosity has allowed Aboriginal Bible Academy to expand the ease of access of Bible training resources across Canada and so we give God all the glory and thank the Lord for the blessing and encouragement that you are to us here at Aboriginal Bible Academy.

# WHAT GOD CALLS ALL OF US TOWARDS

## ~ HOW ABA CAN HELP ~

How can one express the sense of need for trained ministerial and lay-leadership within the aboriginal community? For that matter, how can one articulate the sense of need for trained leadership in ANY community - regardless of ethnic or cultural background? The hard reality is that for most of us, the word discipleship does not immediately conjure up the same level of excitement and anticipation the way, say a special service or camp meeting might.

I guess we shouldn't be too surprised at the discrepancy between the numbers of those that may attend a mid-week bible study compared to the numbers that show up on any given Sunday morning. The writer of Hebrews cuts to the chase in chapter 12 and the first part of verse 11 when he states, *"No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful."* The truth of the matter is, discipline - or more precisely - becoming a disciple, is just plain and simple hard work sometimes. There isn't a lot of fanfare and much of the effort often happens when no other prying eyes are upon us.....it is just us and God.

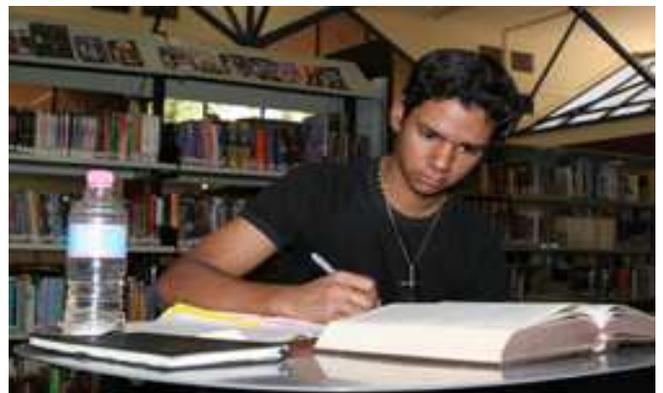


Dan Collado preaching in Mistissini, QC

Although it may be difficult at times to muster up enthusiasm to embark on a discipleship journey, the latter half of Hebrews 12:11 declares a marvellous promise to those that embrace the calling to be a disciple of Christ: *"Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."*

It is human nature to default to what can be perceived as an easier way but God has called each and every one of us to not only preach the gospel to every nation but to go and make disciples. And further to that point might I suggest that we are called to not only be disciples ourselves but to also be disciple makers.

Here at Aboriginal Bible Academy we are purposed for this very endeavour. Through various distance education mediums, the availability of adult continuing education courses in essential biblical studies are made accessible to anyone interested. And by providing assistance through in-service training of church members, while also creating an educational experience that will enhance the abilities and encourage indigenous leadership in our communities and our church congregations, we at ABA certainly pray that the efforts put forth will indeed, *"produce a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it"*.



A First Nations student involved in his studies

# Aboriginal Guiding Group



Members of the  
Mission Canada  
Aboriginal Guiding  
Group

One of the wonderful honours afforded to me as the director of ABA has been the privilege of serving on the PAOC's Mission Canada Aboriginal Guiding Group. This group is comprised of individuals from all across Canada

who are recognized and respected leaders within their involvement of Aboriginal ministry.

Through this forum our group has been deeply involved in strategizing how to implement methods

that will promote and propagate harmonious local and national indigenous leadership - not just in isolated pockets of our country.....but from coast to coast to coast.

## Summer Camps & Fall Retreats



Minnie Bosum: Quebec  
Women of Vision First  
Nations Representative

This past summer saw ABA involved in a couple of camps. Both Lakeshore and Ottawa Valley within the Eastern Ontario District held a time of Missions emphasis in the month of July.

We were there providing many with the opportunity to get to know the ministry of ABA.

As summer faded and gave way to fall..... September brought

the occasion to return to Val d'Or, QC for the Native Women's Retreat. It was a great joy to see familiar faces and to see new ones! Interest continues to grow for Bible training opportunities

## What Lays Ahead

Will you pray for ABA? This fall brings more opportunities to come along side churches and other ministries across our nation to offer support in the effort of raising up trained indigenous leadership.

Much travel will be happening this fall and so we ask the Lord for His blessing and journeying mercies as Aboriginal Bible Academy will be up in northern BC in October as well as

northern Quebec later that month. October and portions of November also finds the ministry of ABA participating in various church mission's conventions and speaking engagements.

**PLEASE PRAY**  
*for the ministry*  
*of Aboriginal*  
**Bible Academy**

# 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!

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## SOME COURSE SYNOPSIS

### **SYNOPTIC GOSPELS**

- A study of the life and teachings of Christ based on Matthew, Mark, and Luke. After a brief introduction to the world into which Jesus was born, it provides a chronological study of His life. Emphasis is given to the context of His teachings and miracles. The content is arranged to help students apply the principles of the study to their own lives and to use them in their preaching and teaching.

### **EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP**

- A biblical approach to the principles of leadership. This course applies those principles in the church setting, giving the student the practical skills needed to serve in a leadership role in the local church.

### **ESCHATOLOGY: A STUDY OF THINGS TO COME**

- A biblical study of end-time events written from a Pentecostal perspective. The course studies the Rapture, plus various views of the Tribulation and the Millennium. It provides excellent material for teaching and preaching on the second coming of Christ.

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