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Leadership. Companies & countries alike over the history of mankind have risen and fallen countless of times on this one factor. The Bible says, **“Where there is no vision, the people perish”** (Prov 29:18 KJV) and so it goes without saying that leaders play a vital role in the propagating of vision and the strategies needed to see that vision fulfilled. But it is not a simple case of the leader dictating a set of edicts for the people to follow. A good leader desires to help make people better, and simply having them follow a set of rules does not automatically accomplish that goal. What happens when the leader isn’t around to enforce the regulations? There is a great need for the transference of the leader’s vision, passion and conviction to be passed onto others.

Sheryl Sandberg (current COO of FaceBook) once stated, **“Leadership is about making others better as a result of your influence and making sure that impact lasts in your absence.”** In a Christian context this is one way in which the “vision” of Proverbs 29:18 keeps the people from “perishing”. The leader and a disciple of Christ lives out such a level of influence with passion and conviction, that even in the leader’s absence, the people still look to live out that similar conviction and passion themselves.

It is precisely this type of leadership that we at Aboriginal Bible Academy (ABA) endeavour to help germinate and grow. Some of our students have commented at various stages in their studies how immeasurably beneficial their journey in the Word has been for them. One student remarked, **“I really enjoyed it. (My course) answered the questions I had before.”** Another student relayed a similar sentiment to our office by saying, **“I am really enjoying ‘Christian Maturity’ and I am finding it is really helping me see God’s hand on me.”** While yet another student iterates, **“I am getting a lot of understanding of the Bible by taking this course and I really enjoy it!”**

We are seeing a common theme with our 90 students. There is a joy that comes from spending time in the Word and learning something new that has practical application to the here and now. Home Depot has used a marketing slogan for some years now that says, **“You Can Do It. We Can Help”**. At ABA we like to echo that sentiment prefaced this way: **“Leadership: You can do it. We can help.”**



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Greetings From Our Board

The celebration of the birth of Jesus has an impact that is indescribable! Think of it...Jesus taking humanity upon Himself and condescending to a position lower than angels! All for the express purpose of reconciling the human race to God! Of course, that doesn't happen automatically...one must ask God for the forgiveness of sins through the sacrifice of Christ. God has promised not to turn anyone away but will receive all who call upon His name! That is the experience of salvation and the reason Jesus came into the world! This season of celebration is such a wonderful time of year! Warm Christmas greetings to you!

Aboriginal Bible Academy continues to experience God's favour. Enrolment now stands at 90 and more new students are anticipated in 2020. Our Dean, Rev. Dan Collado, continues to give great leadership serving many First Nations peoples and others across the entire Dominion of Canada. Dan also serves as Chair for The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada Indigenous Guiding Group. This is strategic for networking across the country.

This past year has brought a couple of changes to ABA. Firstly, ABA and Native New Life Training Centre (NNLTC) became "stand-alone" entities, following many years of shared ministry. Through many months of process it was deemed best that ABA and NNLTC operate independently of each other. ABA will continue with ministerial training via distance education and NNLTC will focus more on local campus ministry. We wish NNLTC God's blessing in the days ahead! Secondly, we are excited to announce that a new member has been added to our Board of Governors. Rev. Jim Molloy recently agreed to join us. He serves as the Executive Director of Ministries and Missions for the Maritime District of the PAOC. We are delighted to welcome him to our ABA team!

Our journey has been blessed abundantly. For a decade now we have been crisscrossing Canada delivering ministry and discipleship resources to First Nations peoples and others. These are excellent materials made possible through Global University, Springfield, MO. From Newfoundland and Labrador, all the way to British Columbia and north to Iqaluit relationships have developed. Our goal is to sow the word of God into many lives as opportunities arise!

Your partnership is deeply appreciated and your prayers are essential to this ministry! Please continue to pray for us in the days ahead...more than 1.5 million Indigenous people in Canada speaking over 60 different languages need to hear the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ! Pray for our ministry personnel as they travel, especially Rev. Dan Collado (Dean) who goes to many remote regions and communities.

The "Native Book of Hope" is an amazing blessing, particularly to many who are in prisons. This 208-page book has powerful stories of hope plus solid Bible teaching regarding specific life issues. Perhaps you would like to obtain some of these books to use in your outreach ministry. We can send you this evangelism tool at your request.

These are exciting times as we get closer to the second coming of Jesus! Thank you for your commitment and faithfulness...it is not taken for granted and your support is a huge blessing indeed!

Would you consider a special year-end gift to Aboriginal Bible Academy? You may send it via regular mail or online giving. Please see the information in this newsletter as it relates to donating to ABA. Your generosity makes a great difference! Thank you!

On behalf of the Board of Governors - Bill Rendell, John E. Maracle, Jason Luscombe, Stewart Hunter, Jim Molloy and me, we wish you a wonderful Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year!



Cal Anthony (Rev.)

Board Chair

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

When You Pray

Would you like to...

LEARN HOW TO PRAY FOR ANSWERS?
EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF PRAYER?
KNOW HOW TO HAVE FAMILY PRAYERS?

Do you ever wonder why some people receive such wonderful answers to prayer, while so many of your prayers seem to be unanswered? Do you wonder why some people talk to God so easily and you find it hard to know what to say? Are you curious about why you feel the presence of God only sometimes? Perhaps every Christian has asked these questions.

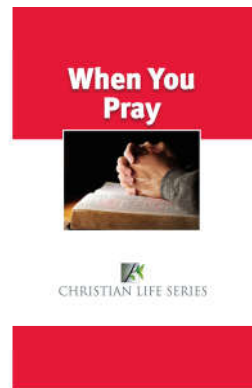
Even the disciples of Jesus had questions about prayer. They could see in His life how important prayer was to Him and what wonderful things happened in answer to His prayers. So they asked Him: **Luke 11:1** *“Lord, teach us to pray.”*

Jesus answered this request not only by His words but also by His example. He showed the disciples how to pray.

To this day, God wants us to talk with Him. When God made us, He put something in us that reaches out for Him. You can talk to Him, and He will answer you. Prayer includes elements and opportunities that are unique. It is more than words or the repetition of requests.

When You Pray will help you understand the meaning, the purpose, and the power of prayer

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