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The Truth sets us free

God blesses those who accept and live the truth (Joshua 1:7-8; Psalm 1). But if you compromise the truth by adding or subtracting (Deuteronomy 4:2), your life becomes crooked. Counselling is God's instrument to straighten your life (2 Timothy 3:16-17) in order to reveal the Truth, Jesus Christ (Colossians 3:10).

In the August Edition of the News Letter ABCE's training in Biblical Counselling is discussed as well as the opportunities we create for counselling. Contributions for the News Letter should be sent to Johan Eloff: johan@etza.co.za

TRAINING

COURSE 1: BIBLICAL COUNSELING

The contact session on 29 May was very well attended. The students are enthusiastic and dedicated. The learning material was applied personally and optimal growth is possible. The smaller English group allowed for the involvement of each student in the discussions.



Course 1: English Students



Course 1: Afrikaans Students

COURSE 2: PRACTICE OF BIBLICAL COUNSELLING

The 16 students who enrolled for Course 2 in 2010 are reporting significant growth in their own lives and relationships. During the past 13 work days the focus was put on training in one to one counselling, reflecting, reporting and discussion of prescribed books. During the past four work days Vorster Combrink (study leader) was assisted by Herman Coetser and Kobus Roux in facilitating the training groups. During the remaining three work days in 2010 the students will be trained in the practice of telephone and e-mail counselling.



Students Course 2



Course 3: Students & Facilitators



Counseling Session Course 2



Course 3: Counseling session



**Vorster Combrink, Herman Coetser, Kobus Roux
Facilitators Course 2**

EX STUDENTS

Training in prayer

On 14 and 15 May Bradley Stuart of the USA trained ex students and bridging counsellors in the role of prayer in counselling. This was a joint conference with Family Lifechange Centre.



**Dr. Anthony van Tonder, Dr. Bradley Stuart, Mrs.
Michelle van Tonder**

COURSE 3: ADVANCED COURSE IN THE PRACTICE OF COUNSELING

Students in Course 3 experience an exciting learning opportunity in the practice of counselling. They report intensive growth in their lives and counselling. The discussion of various prescribed books contributes to the success of the training. Johan Eloff is the study leader and he is assisted by Marietjie Bezuidenhoud and Annelie Olivier.

Spring School

The Spring School this year takes place on Saturday **4 September** at Radio Pulpit – it makes the training more affordable and accessible. Dr Annalie Swanepoel will give training on **Biblical Counselling to people in co-dependent relationships**. The meeting will be held from 08:00 until 15:00. The attendance fee is R150 pp and includes a manual, lunch and refreshments. Students, ex students,

counsellors and counsees and other visitors are welcome.

Training in Listening Skills

The last training opportunity this year will take place on **30 October 08:00** at Radio Pulpit on the topic **Biblical Counselling and Listening**. The guest speaker is Derheta du Raan. Visitors are welcome to attend.

COUNSELING OPPORTUNITIES

ASSOCIATE COUNSELING

ABCE invite all ex students to do their counselling in association with ABCE. With this association ABCE creates a opportunity for counsellors to have a trustworthy Biblical counselling ministry. Many ex students are already registered as associates. You can phone Marietjie at the office for more information.

BRIDGING COUNSELING AT RADIO PULPIT

At Radio Pulpit there are presently 32 Biblical counsellors who do 24/7 bridging counselling for Radio Pulpit under the management of ABCE. Daily many phone calls, letters, emails, sms's and also prayer requests are attended to by our dedicated and competent team.

Recently we said good bye to a few counsellors, some of whom rendered many years of fruitful service: Matthew Dikwidi, Nicolean Steyn (coordinator), Ria de Nyschen and Monsley Mathlaba. We welcome Sabina Vilakazi as admin person and pastor Sylvester Makhuele as counsellor.



Good bye: Nicolean Steyn Welcome: Sabina Vilakazi

Anjo Fourie is doing SMS-counselling with the youth. Her youth counselling line is **071 679 4302** and **duty times are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings 19:30 – 21:30.**

Counsees experience an ongoing need for intercession. Ex students who want to be involved in this **prayer ministry** can contact Sabina at 012 334 1320.

Recently the formal yearly **assessment of counsellors** took place. We are thankful because the counsellors are gifted and dedicated instruments in God's hands. The assessment revealed the following: building of good relationships with clients by means of e.g. love, care, trust in God; wisdom, and discernment; insight in the core of clients' problems; listening skills and asking of appropriate questions in order to understand; encouragement in love with the Word through the Spirit; boldness; mutual

encouragement & debriefing after calls.

The counsellors experience this ministry at Radio Pulpit as an opportunity to be servants and ambassadors of God; to learn from fellow counsellors; to minister from own experience; to develop and use their gifts; to fulfil their passion; to enjoy the friendship of fellow counsellors; to minister to a diversity of people; to minister to people in leadership positions; to gain insight in contemporary issues in society; to refer counsees to other helpers.

Our counsellors upheld a learning culture and keep growing in their relationship with God as well as their counselling knowledge and skills. Counsellors eagerly make use of our internal library of excellent books on biblical counselling. The counsellors are accredited with The South African Association for Pastoral Work (SAAP).

WORKSHOP ON RETIREMENT

On 22 and 23 July 2010 ABCE ran a work shop on retirement for some of the personnel of Radio Pulpit. The following topics were attended to: handling the transition from your identity in Christ; affirming your unique design and calling; and financial stewardship.



Some of the participants



Presenters: Vorster Combrink, Magda Prinsloo, Johan Eloff

TRIBUTE TO LENIE ERASMUS

Lenie Erasmus was resident in Glenharvie in Westonaria and passed away recently after suffering from cancer for a long time. She completed ABCE Course 1 in 2004 and Course 2 in 2005. She was actively involved in ABCE activities and attended training opportunities and spring camps whenever it was possible. Her ministry included:

- Biblical counselling
- Bridging counselling for Radio Pulpit
- Assessment of Course 1 students from 2007 till 2009
- Presentations and witnesses.

Lenie was an amiable and respected friend and we will miss her. We know that Jesus Christ conquered death. We trust that God will console her husband, Cobus, their children and grand children.



Lenie Erasmus was the guest speaker at the ABCE certificate ceremony in 2009