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The paralytic of Mark 2:1-12 had four friends who cared so much for his physical and spiritual need, that when the door was closed, they had faith enough to try the roof in order to connect him with Jesus Christ. As counsellors we daily encounter people paralytic in faith, health, thinking and doing. In faith we must minister Jesus Christ to those.

In the July edition of the News Letter more is told about ABCE's training in Biblical counselling as well as opportunities for Biblical counselling, e.g. bridging counselling at Radio Pulpit as well as associate counselling. Contributions for the ABCE News Letter can be sent to the office: abbo@global.co.za.

TRAINING

COURSE 1: BIBLICAL COUNSELING

The contact session on 6 June at Radio Pulpit was well attended. The students are dedicated and report personal growth. The contact sessions were facilitated by Vorster Combrink and Johan Eloff. The assignments are of a good standard.

Exams: Management decided that the exam at the end of the year will be assessed in the same format as the assignments: (1) Doesn't comply to the standard; (2) Comply to the standard; (3) Comply excellently to the standard. Students will receive written comments from their assessors on their answers. The exam weighs 40% and the assignments 60%.



Course 1 English Contact Session: 6 June



Johan Eloff facilitates
the Afrikaans Contact Session 6 June



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COURSE 2: PRACTICE OF BIBLICAL COUNSELING

10 Students enrolled in 2009 for Course 2 and close relationships have been established. The Course helps the students to apply a biblical method of counselling in real counselling situations. The study leader in Vorster Combrink and at present Martina Opperman is assisting.



Course 2 Students 2009



Kobus Roux (facilitator) en Vorster Combrink (study leader) of Course 2

COURSE 3 & 4

There are already people who are keen to enrol in 2010 for Course 3 (Advanced Course in the Practice of Biblical Counselling) and Course 4 (Biblical Mentoring). Please inform Marietjie at the office of your intent.



Alan Lester, guest speaker on 16 May

EX STUDENTS

Gauteng

On 16 May ABCE ex students, associates and bridging counsellors convened at Radio Pulpit and training was given by Alan Lester from Grace Ministries on counselling people with sexual addictions.



Course 2: Kobus Roux (counsellor) in conversation with Eric Orr (counselee)



Course 2: Natashleigh Brits is counselling Ria Swanepoel Jan Lebogo and Anette Steenkamp from part of the reflecting team



Some bridging counsellors who attended on 16 May

Western Cape

Ex students in the Western Cape gather from time to time for training and mutual encouragement. Theresa van Vreden can be contacted at theresavv@telkomsa.net; cell: 083 310 3823.

Spring School at Shekinah

Many people in society are addicted to substances, relationships, food, money or sex. At our annual Spring Camp from 11-13 September dr. Henriëtta Klaasing will give training on how to counsel these people biblically. Contact Marietjie at the office to enrol.

STUDY BURSARIES

At present there are a few students who are busy with Course 1 and 2 who are not in a position to pay for their studies in full. Please make a contribution to our Bursary Fund to help these students. Please contact Marietjie in this regard.

CONTEXTUALISATION OF LEARNING MATERIAL

ABCE intends to rewrite the learning material of Course 1 for people counselling in a traditional African context. Relevant issues are poverty, HIV & Aids, traditional beliefs, suffering, etc. Ex students who want to contribute can contact Vorster at vcombrink@lantic.net.

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNSELING

ASSOCIATE COUNSELING

ABCE invites ex students to conduct their counselling ministries in association with ABCE. This association creates and opportunity for a credible biblical ministry. Several ex students are registered as associates. Contact Marietjie at the office for more information.

BRIDGING COUNSELING AT RADIO PULPIT

Since the previous New Letter the counselling ministry at Radio Pulpit has attended to the following:

- Articles on various counselling subjects are continuously being published on the web: www.radiokansel < counselling < counselling themes.
- Provision has been made in the new budget for limited follow up of calls, especially in cases of extreme need.
- Prayer requests are attended to by counsellors who pray with people while talking to them on telephone; every morning the counsellors gather to pray for counselees; request are referred to prayer groups and individuals country wide; two counsellors are doing a course in prayer at Jericho Walls
- On a weekly basis die counselling department makes suggestions to Radio for programs based on calls received.
- The formal annual assessment of the 32 counsellors by the manager has been completed. The free lance counsellors at Radio Pulpit are a dedicated, trained and growing team.
- Several counsellors have been acknowledged by Radio Pulpit and ABCE for five years and more of service.
- The implementation of a SMS counselling service is being investigated, especially how to minister to children through mixit.
- Radio Programs can now also be heard on DSTV 182.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Henriëtta Klaasing, ABCE-assessor, received her doctorate degree at the NWU covering Addiction paradigms and methods of help. Congratulations!

