

CABSA

*Igniting hope
when people forget*

*Igniting hope
when voices grow silent*

*Igniting hope
when others turn away*

CABSA still ignites hope



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Caring Christian communities that are able to bring new life and hope in the areas of health, wellbeing and equality in a world affected by HIV.



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Knowledge Management

The CARIS programme, providing a physical and virtual resource centre, continued to ensure that faith leaders, activists, and implementers worldwide has access to accurate and reliable information on all aspects of HIV.

Website and Social Media Presence:

The CARIS Programme was not only responsible for the websites and social media of CABSA but also provided support for the Thursdays in Black campaign and for We Will Speak Out SA, a coalition of faith communities responding to sexual and gender-based violence.

The www.cabsa.org.za website continues to grow and consists of more than 8130 pages of news and resources on every aspect of HIV and a sermon database with 711 sermon guidelines. The redeveloped www.thursdaysinblack.co.za website has a large collection of resources on various gender and gender-based violence areas, including faith-based materials. CABSA also coordinated the WWSOSA website and planned the new independent page that will be launched in 2018.

Regular advocacy and information messages were shared through social media.



Electronic and Social Media - Jan to December 2017

Facebook Pages	Likes	Twitter Profile	Followers
CABSA	941	Lyn4caris	489
TIB	927	Thursdays_Black	468
WWSOSA	238	WWSOSA	120

Website	Visits
www.cabsa.org.za	234 975
www.thursdaysinblack.co.za	76 220

Material Distribution

More than 18 000 free resources, including books, pamphlets and DVDs, were distributed.

CABSA continued to provide campaign materials – badges, bookmarks, pamphlets and t-shirts- to support the Thursdays in Black Campaign.

Bible Message

Bible Messages based on the Lectionary reading were sent out every week to more than 1000 subscribers. Amongst the very many e-mails we received this year, were the following comment:

"I appreciate the goodness from God's word that is presented each week. Thanks for your faithfulness."

A Year of Impact and Momentous Decisions



When reviewing 2017, it is again amazing to think of all the lives that were impacted by the activities of CABSA. I think of the lives changed through four Churches Channels of Hope facilitator trainings, peer educator trainings, the CHABAHIVA funded peer educators programme in two districts in the Western Cape and a church competence programme in Mamelodi.

I think of the insights from activities and consultations in the Paediatric HIV Advocacy Campaign and from the weekly Bible Message.

I think of the many thousands of people who joined the Thursdays in Black campaign, including in a very large roll-out in the Rhema Church family and in churches world-wide.

I think of the excitement of survivors of gender-based violence who were equipped to become involved in advocacy through the "Transformative Justice" workshops.

The list goes on and on. As always, the words in this report are far too few to tell all the stories and report on all the activities.

As always, I am amazed by the grace of God.

However, 2017 was also a year of particular challenges.

When writing this report a year ago, I wrote *"where the epidemic is seen to be on a knife-edge, international role-players increasingly emphasise the value of faith communities and faith responses in the epidemic. Sadly however, very few faith-based initiatives focussing specifically on HIV remain."*

In 2017 this challenging context came much closer to CABSA and very difficult decisions had to be made. As described elsewhere, this is my last report in my capacity as CABSA Executive Director.

I recently read a quote from Mark Rowlands wishing *"that you find something in your life so important that without it you would not be the same person."*

Without any doubt I look back on my 14 years with CABSA with immense gratitude, knowing that my life was enriched and deepened by interactions with many thousands of individuals and organisations. It is impossible to describe in how many ways my life has changed, or to even begin mentioning all the people who played a role in CABSA and in my life in this time. But I know, that if I think back, I am truly amazed by the grace of God!

I pray for continued grace, so that CABSA, Aneleh and the Wellington staff can continue to change lives for many years.

Lyn van Rooyen

Churches Channels of Hope

The Churches, Channels of Hope (CCoH) programme continues to assist participants to recognize and hear God's voice in the HIV epidemic.

In 2017 CABSA witnessed yet again how God used the different trainings and workshops to transform lives and equip individuals to also make a difference. The following quotes highlight the experiences of participants:

- *How the Bible and HIV connect has really brought an AWE moment on how to give hope to people either infected or affected without judging.*
- *I had no believe(sic) in the things that were quote(d) from the Bible mainly because people interpreted (it) in a way that is complicated, but now I do understand the need of it.*
- *I feel more equipped for having a conversation on Christianity and HIV.*
- *Gave me courage to stand in front of people and go out of my comfort zone.*



The **CCoH Facilitator Training** aims to empower faith leaders with healthy attitudes, thorough knowledge and skills to assist faith communities in their journeys to understand the epidemic and to respond to it. CABSA presented this training 4 times in 2017, to a total of 84 facilitators. Two of these trainings were on request of the Field Band Foundation.



The **CCoH Peer Educator Training** aims to empower ordinary people and community leaders to understand their own role as peer educators that can influence, inform and support people around them.

The peer educator training was presented 3 times to a total of 30 people and one refresher training was presented to 14 peer educators.

Other highlights include that CABSA:

- Expanded the HIV Farm programme to De Doorns in the Western Cape.
- Presented two Family Health Days, one in Wellington and one in De Doorns. A total of 500 adults and children attended these events and 160 participated in HIV testing and other health screening.
- Partnered with the CHABAHIVA Trust to build more capacity for the Peer Educator training and entered into a license agreement, allowing the Trust to also use this curriculum.

Governance and Staff

From a staff and governance perspective, 2017 was a tumultuous year.

The Annual General meeting (17 May 2017) accepted the new constitution with a refinement of vision and mission. In alignment with the changes, the Management Committee was disbanded and Ms Zani Malan was elected to the CABSA Board.

As the Board decided at the strategic meeting of 2016, a new staff member was recruited for Finances and Fundraising, in order to address the increasing pressure on finances. However, the appointment was unsuccessful and the employee's service was terminated during his probation period. Sadly, this ended in a CCMA case in which the commissioner found that CABSA acted procedurally and substantially fair. This increased the stress on the CABSA management and staff. In spite of this, a new financial system had to be developed and was implemented.

It became increasingly clear that 'business as usual' was not an option, and management and the Board entered into an intensive strategic planning process. The outcome of this process was that a number of scenarios were presented to the Board.

At a Board meeting in November, the Board made the difficult decision to refocus and restructure the organisation. CABSA will continue in 2018 with a focus on training and the Churches, Channels of Hope programme from the Wellington office. Sadly, this means that the CARIS programme and the Randburg office will be closed and staff reduced.

The Board believes that this decision was essential for the sustainability of the organisation. In spite of these dramatic changes, CABSA will continue to live out its mission to motivate and assist the Church to bring transformation in the areas of health, well-being and gender equality in a world affected by HIV.

A Note from the Chairperson

We deeply regret the departure of staff that will be retrenched early in 2018.

- Nonceba Ravuku served the organisation on and off in various capacities for many years. Her dedication and thorough work ethic is exemplary.

- We had the privilege to have Lyn van Rooyen as a staff member of CABSA since 2004, and as Executive Director since 2011. We wish her all best for the new season in her life and career. Thank you, Lyn, for your dedication and accountable leadership of the organization.

Soli Deo Gloria.

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Networking, Advocacy and Systems Strengthening

CABSA staff:

- are regularly involved in providing mentoring and advice to other non-profit organisations and supported various advocacy campaigns.
- preached or presented at events where more than 5000 people were present.
- played key and leadership roles in various organisations and networks.

Specific focus areas included:

Thursdays in Black (TIB): Participated in and presented at various gender conferences & events in FBOs, schools, churches and even commercial organisations; provided resources, participated and exhibited at the launch of TIB at the Rhema Church network; managed the TIB website, social media and distribution of campaign materials and resources.

We Will Speak Out SA: Management Committee member; provided social media, website and communication support; presented Transformative Justice Workshops; participated in AGM and 'Multilogue'; and was part of WWSOSA GBV Video.

World Council of Churches Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance: Member of the International Reference Group and HIV Strategy Group; co-authored letter with recommendations to the General Secretary of WCC; represented EAA and CABSA at the Ecumenical Strategic Forum on Diakonia and Sustainable Development; presented various information sessions and two successful dialogues between church leaders and adolescents as part of the Paediatric Advocacy Campaign; and co-hosted the faith networking site at ICASA 2017 in Cote d'Ivoire.

SA AIDS Conference: Presentation at AIDS Consortium Satellite session and two poster presentations; was on the Top 10 Twitter list daily.



CABSA staff initiated, co-authored or authored:

- A letter to SANAC around the role of faith communities in the NSP.
- A response to one-sided reporting on Comprehensive Sexuality Education in the newsletter of the DRC Synod of Namibia, which was published in full.
- A section on HIV and Mother to Child Transmission for the 1000-Days-Embrace support group manual – an initiative of Diaconia that focuses on early childhood development.
- A Reflection for "Vrydag Nuus", e-mail newsletter of DRC Western and Southern Cape Synod.
- Assisted with pamphlets for Season of Human Dignity.



Thank You

CABSA remains extremely thankful to **congregations** and committed **Individuals** that support CABSA monthly and through ad-hoc donations.

2017 was the last year in which CABSA was able to utilise funding from long-term loyal funders, **Christian Aid** from the UK (also through the **Fleischer Legacy Fund**) and **Mensen met een Missie** from the Netherlands. Both these organisations changed their focus areas (geographically and thematic) and CABSA no longer qualifies under the new focus. Much of our work over many years is a testimony to the commitment and support of these passionate partners and CABSA is extremely thankful for the trust they have shown in the organisation.

We are thankful to organisations who partner with CABSA in specific projects, particularly **CHABAHIVA** and the **Field Band Foundation**.

Thank you for Time and 'In Kind' Support:

- CABSA Board and Management Committee
- Bible Media – Wellington office
- Fontainebleau Community Church – Randburg office
- Homo Novus – Randburg internet connection
- La Rochelle B & B - subsidised accommodation
- CABSA representatives
- Bible Message Contributors
- Ms Elmarie Tredoux – HR services

A Special Thank You:

Rev Nelis du Toit: Nelis served CABSA in many capacities from the very beginning of the organisation. For the last few years Nelis served on the CABSA Board and ManCom. Due to conflict of interest he indicated that November 2017 would be his last Board meeting. We are thankful that we will still work with Nelis through the relationship with the CHABAHIVA Trust. Thank you for the many years of commitment to the organisation, Nelis!



Staff: Thank you to CABSA's loyal staff members for their commitment



Support CABSA

CABSA is even more than ever dependent on individuals, congregations and organisations for continued prayer, involvement and support, but also for financial sustainability.

CABSA can provide Sec 18A tax certificates to South African taxpayers and has level 4 BBBEE Status.

Financial Statements

Financial recording and monitoring is done monthly.

Financial Statements were audited by BGR Broodryk Kotze Inc.

INCOME	2017	2016	EXPENDITURE	2017	2016
Churches and Congregations	36,048	63 547	Salaries and Support	605 827	333 316
Fundraising	396 031	811 018	Capacity Building and Collaboration	15 287	-
Christian Aid	340 386	649 539	Office Expenditure	13 594	10 632
Individual Donors	55 645	70 505	Running Costs	178 663	269 914
Other Faith Based Organisations	-	90 974	Banking Fees	16 930	-
Contributions and Projects	1 733 919	1 222 728	Operational Expenses	79 955	29 663
Field Band	545 018	-	Marketing	68 935	33 451
Mensen met een Missie	124 566	217 181	Financial Management	-	-
FACT	36	62 340	Service Delivery and Projects	1 509 340	1 648 875
CHABAHIVA	417 812	320 151	Virtual Resource Centre (IT Cost)	36 203	52 057
WWSOSA Amplify Change	159 007	133 201	Meals and Accommodation	376 149	276 865
Cape Empowerment Trust	13 280	-	Travelling	164 441	-
Christian Aid Legacy Fund	444 200	489 855	Materials and Resources	124 048	78 475
Community Chest	30 000	-	Direct Project Implementation Costs	808 499	1 241 478
Registration, Sales, Refunds and License fees	194 891	690 124	Depreciation of Assets	21 445	17 014
Interest Received	147 285	151 646	TOTAL EXPENSES	2 344 156	2 279 751
TOTAL INCOME	2 508 174	2 939 063	SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	164 018	659 312
Pre-Paid for following year	181 952	1 008 742	To / (From) Sustainability Account	(95 998)	720 000
National Lotteries Commission	148 000	-	End of year Bank Balances	1 980 089	2 630 935
WV License Fee	32 907	-	Sustainability Account	1 403 151	1 499 687
Provision	1 045	-	Operational Accounts	575 889	1 131 126
Various Other	-	1 008 742	Petty cash	1 048	122

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