



ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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CHURCHES, CHANNELS OF HOPE

Churches, Channels of Hope continues to offer the tools to transform and equip faith communities. The Facilitator Training builds the capacity of faith and community leaders to become competent partners in the response to HIV. This very rich curriculum offers sufficient content for various HIV related interventions and workshops.

In the CCoH facilitator feedback reports we received a very touching account of a facilitator and pastor in Zimbabwe and his experience with one of his male congregants who struggled to disclose his HIV status. He reflects:

“This opened my eyes to one of the many untold stories of HIV positive people. In spite of all the media campaigns, stigma is still a major issue among faith communities. It's also evident that behavior change is not assumed to happen because we have adverts on condoms and other interventions. People need to be engaged, one on one creates that personal touch. I now take more time with Christian men. Men generally are said hard to test (for HIV), in faith communities it's even harder.”

In 2018 CABSA presented the Facilitator Training twice: one in Wellington, for a group of mostly URCSA and AFM pastors, and one in Johannesburg. Both groups were quite small, but the discussions and engagements were as lively and passionate as usual!

Comments after the training included:

“I am more alert as to what people living with HIV goes through and the stigma involved. I am more empowered to speak out against stigma and discrimination.”

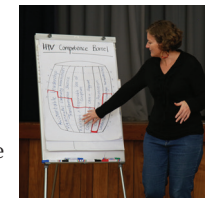
“My congregation will be exposed to accurate and relevant information regarding HIV and therefore be lead to a more comprehensive understanding of HIV.”

Other CCoH highlights:

- CCoH HIV Prevention Youth Workshops were presented in Worcester and Macassar, Western Cape;
- CCoH Refresher was presented for previously trained facilitators from the Lesotho Evangelical Church in Southern Africa (LECSA) in Morija, Lesotho;
- Workplace information sessions and Peer Educator Training for MORE Hotel Group at Lion Sands Game Reserve in Limpopo.

Thank you to ...

- Diaconia and CHABAHIVA for sponsoring the two facilitator trainings
- URCSA Cape Empowerment Trust for sponsoring the youth workshops
- LECSA for sponsoring their own refresher



INTRODUCING A NEW SEASON



2018 introduced a new season for CABSA. It was a time of closing and greeting, but also a time of refocusing and consolidating services, strengths and partnerships. Transition is never easy, but our new season offered new perspectives, new determination and also new opportunities. During this transition we were reminded of faithful partners, facilitators, churches and friends who have continued to journey with CABSA.

When we look back, it is with deep gratitude for . . .

- Individuals and churches who continue to support CABSA in various different ways
- Continued collaboration with the CHABAHIVA Trust
- New memorandums of understanding with Diaconia and the Calvin Protestant Church of South Africa that recognise and formalise our existing partnerships
- New collaboration with Global Recordings Network
- Free office space courtesy of Bible Media
- The National Lotteries Commission, for being one of the few funders who still contributes to core funding

As seasons change and with the ever-changing HIV landscape, there is also comfort to know that some fundamentals remain the same:

The Church is still one of the most strategic and sustainable potential partners in the HIV response, even when all external funding runs out. When HIV programmes, projects and even organisations close their doors, millions of people will still gather at churches at least once a week.

The Church will continue to bring the gospel, challenge its congregants to be God's hands and feet here on earth and to love one another as they love themselves. God's unconditional love and acceptance and the gift of reconciliation will not change.

Therefore . . .

As long as CABSA is able, we will continue to recognise and cultivate this potential. We will continue to seek opportunities to partner with and support churches, faith-based organisations and marginalised communities. CABSA will strive to work towards letting God's kingdom come in a world affected by HIV and AIDS.

You will find the highlights of CABSA's activities and involvement in the rest of the annual report. We invite you to take our hands, pray for us, and support us in this endeavour.

In solidarity

Anelie Fourie-Le Roux
Executive Director

HIV FARM PROJECT

This project is running for a third year and is made possible by the partnership with the CHABAHIVA Trust and the financial support of Otto Per Mille of the Waldensian Church in Italy. The project consists of three components: peer educator recruitment and training, follow-up meetings and joint community activities.

The aim of the project is to empower peer educators with the necessary knowledge, attitudes, tools and confidence to share HIV information with family, friends and colleagues and to support those who already live with HIV.

Some peer educators commented on the highlight of the training:

- “Everything in the training was a highlight. The practical parts of the training made a big impact and I understand everything that I had questions about so much better.”
- “To be able to talk about sex, because it wasn't always comfortable to speak about it, but now I am able to speak about sex.”

In 2018, CABSA trained 47 new peer educators from farms in Wellington and De Doorns. One peer educator had disclosed her status to only one person in the 15 years of living with HIV and had always refused to use ARVs. She disclosed her status to the trainers during the workshop and has consequently started her treatment.

The project also included two refresher trainings for peer educators trained in 2016-2017 and in De Doorns a community workshop was organized by the peer educators taking own initiative.

CABSA and the peer educators worked together to host a Family Health Day in each area. In Wellington it was attended by 250 adults and children, of whom 68 participated in health screening. In De Doorns over 500 adults and children attended and 157 participated in health screening.

Testing was offered by NORSa, a local NGO contracted by the Department of Health to provide HIV counselling and testing.

Thank you to ...

CHABAHIVA Trust, Otto Per Mille, Drakenstein Department of Health and specifically the Soetendal Clinic, local schools, employers, businesses and NORSa who are key to the success of this project.



GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

There is no doubt that change is challenging and disruptive. But for those that have courage, it presents opportunity. CABSA's staff is to be commended for courageously working towards CABSA's vision of caring Christian communities that are able to bring new life and hope in the areas of health, well-being and equality in a world affected by HIV amidst significant operational adjustments.

The CABSA Board consists of key role players representing different churches, faith-based organisations and academic institutions. As we bid farewell to CABSA stalwarts early in 2018, we are deeply thankful to those individuals that joined the Board in order to ensure that CABSA retains its high standards with regard to governance of the organisation.

The Board is responsible for governance and met three times during 2018. In order to effectively govern, staff are guided by clear policies and procedures on various matters and particularly on financial matters, where a designated Board member and external bookkeeper assist the Director.

Full-time Staff:

Ms Anelie Fourie-Le Roux (Executive Director)
Ms Meloney Goliath (Administrative and Financial Officer)
Mr Clive Swartz (Programme Coordinator)

Staff are supported by:

Dr Pieter Fourie (Bible Message)
Ms Nonceba Ravuku (training)
Ms Beverley Stoffberg (finances)
Ms Patty Thomas (training)
Mr Jan van Rooyen (IT and communication)

We want to thank the Board members that resigned or completed their term during 2018, for answering the call to serve through CABSA: Ms Eulogia Murray, Rev Christo Greyling (World Vision International), Rev William Ficks (URCSA), Ms Lyn van Rooyen (former Executive Director), Rev Phumzile Mabizela (INERELA+) and Dr Miranda Pillay (UWC and Anglican Church of Southern Africa). A special thanks to Ms Murray, who chaired the organisation over many years and Rev Greyling, who were two of the founder members of CABSA. We salute them and wish them well.

Zani Malan
Chairperson

Members of the Board as at 31 December 2018:

Ms Anelie Fourie-Le Roux (Executive Board Member)
Ms Zani Malan
Ms Nomvuyi Baba
Rev Sean Esterhuizen
Rev Tunde Fowé
Prof Vhumani Magezi
Ms Maxine Oppelt



THURSDAYS IN BLACK AND ADVOCACY



One of CABSA's guiding principles is to uphold and restore the dignity and worth of every human being. We believe that all people are created equal in the image of God and therefore we also have the responsibility to break the silence and speak the truth in the face of injustice.

Funding from the National Lotteries Commission enabled CABSA to present a Transformative Justice Workshop for trained facilitators and partner organisations in Gauteng. Themes addressed included power, advocacy, human rights and the role of Christians in advocacy.

One participant commented:

“It challenged the way I used to do things, think (and) my behaviour, also my communication style. To be in a workshop like this, challenges your stereotypes. I (now have) broader information that is useful to me, my church and my community as well.”

Gender-based violence remains a major injustice that no one can or should ignore. While statistics and distressing news could make one feel helpless and hopeless, the Thursdays in Black campaign (TiB) presents a simple, yet powerful movement that challenges us to voice our protest and concern through more than just words. It challenges us to wear black every Thursday and to demonstrate our objection using our bodies as canvas of protest.

CABSA has supported and actively promoted the TiB campaign since 2013, whilst developing and funding the TiB website. Due to reduced capacity, it was decided to donate this website to the We Will Speak Out Coalition in South Africa. It was a difficult decision, but CABSA has in no way parted with Thursdays in Black. We continue to support and actively promote TiB through all our services.

In 2018, the pin and bookmark were translated into Afrikaans, SeSotho, IsiXhosa and IsiZulu.

Thank you to...

- The National Lotteries Commission for funding the workshop and TiB material
- Everyone who assisted with the translations

Order your TiB pins, bookmarks, flyers, posters and T-shirts from Meloney at admin@cabsa.org.za and help us to address gender-based violence.



BIBLE MESSAGE AND SPECIAL LITURGIES

One of CABSA's core services is the development and distribution of a weekly Bible Message. These messages use the prescribed texts of the **Revised Common Lectionary** and explore its relevance for faith communities and Christians in a time of HIV.

A variety of pastors, partners and trained facilitators help to write these messages. Currently over 1400 people are registered and receive this message per email every week.

Here are a few responses:

“Thank you so much for the words of encouragement . . . we live in a difficult world where humility and kindness are taken as signs of weakness. We need to look to Christ so that we know what to do.” Sibongile Mhlanga (Zimbabwe)

“Very refreshing and inspiring. Thanks so much for sharing.” Richard Toxla (Ghana)

“I am always inspired with the messages which you send about HIV through this media.” Frank Samson Kandulo (Malawi)

“Thank you for the Bible reading. Quite profound for me in terms of seeing suffering on the ground . . . (it) reminded me how big and great His love is.” Minenhle Moyo (South Africa)

“My thanks . . . for (this) thoughtfully written Bible message for this week. Vulnerability, weakness and the need for greater sensitivity and God's grace are all wrapped up together . . . It was good to be reminded that the power of God helps us in our weakness.” Hope Carter (Kenya)

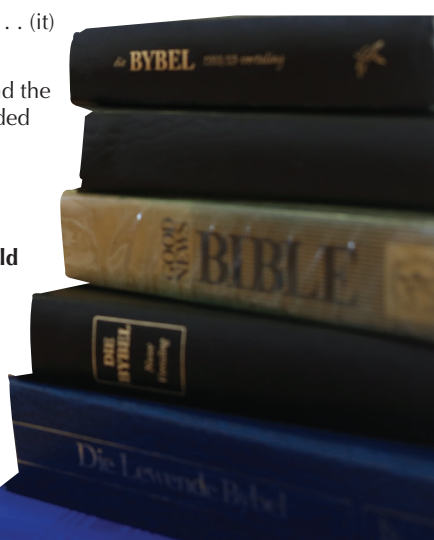
“Thank you . . . for this powerful message received. Surely it will help me in the preparations for this coming Sunday.” Boniswa Kamba (South Africa)

CABSA also prepares and distributes liturgical guidelines for **Candlelight Memorial Sunday** and **World AIDS Day**. In 2018 we were able to include three video clips to support the liturgies.

Thank you to ...

- Dr Pieter Fourie who selects and prepares the Bible Message
- Diaconia for sponsoring the video clips
- Denshir De Koker Productions and Duck Soup Productions
- Quintin Jonck for sharing a powerful and inspiring testimony

To register for the Bible Message, write to Meloney at admin@cabsa.org.za



FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial recording is done by an external bookkeeper and monitored on a quarterly basis by the board.

Financial Statements have been audited by BGR Broodryk Kotze Inc.

INCOME	2018	2017	EXPENDITURE	2018	2017
Churches and Congregations	28,619	36,048	Salaries and Support	721,667	605,827
Fundraising	30,281	396,031	Capacity Building and Collaboration	1,000	15,287
Christian Aid	-	340,386	Office Expenditure	10,779	13,594
Individual donors	30,281	55,645	Running Costs	114,945	178,663
Contributions and Projects	1,051,785	1,733,919	Banking fees	38,137	36,203
Field Band Foundation	-	545,018	Operational expenses	52,245	79,955
Mensen met een Missie	545	124,566	Marketing	9,735	12,843
National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund	180,907	-	Financial management	42,585	68,935
FACT	-	36	Service Delivery and Projects	1,078,608	1,509,340
CHABAHIVA (farm project)	520,636	417,812	Virtual resource centre (IT costs)	38,137	36,203
CHABAHIVA (other)	105,600	-	Meals and accommodation	141,000	376,149
WWSOSA Amplify Change	-	159,007	Travelling	108,751	164,441
Cape Empowerment Trust	52,260	13,280	Materials and resources	100,018	124,048
Christian Aid Legacy Fund	-	444,200	Direct project implementation costs	690,702	808,499
URCSA Diaconia	89,584	-	Depreciation	4,181	21,445
Lesotho Evangelical Church	26,147	-	TOTAL EXPENSES	1,931,180	2,344,156
WCC EAA	76,106	-	(DEFICIT) / SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	(652,863)	164,018
Community Chest	-	30,000	End of year reserves	1,178,221	1,980,088
Registration, Sales, Refunds and Licence Fees	149,974	194,891	Sustainability account	163,196	1,403,151
Other Income	17,658	147,285	Operational account	1,013,841	575,889
Interest received	17,658	144,240	Petty cash	1,184	1,048
Forex gain	-	3,045	Bank Details: Bank: ABSA Branch: Wellington (612005)		
TOTAL INCOME	1,278,317	2,508,174	Account: Active Saving - 910467 4160 Swift Code: ABSAZAJJ		
Funds pre-paid					
Community Chest	25,000				
Various		181,952			

NOTHING
can separate us from
the love of God.

Romans 8:35-39

Not even HIV or AIDS.



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