



CABSA

Christian Aids Bureau for Southern Africa

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GUIDES AND SUPPORTS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES
TO UNDERSTAND THEIR CALLING AND BECOME HIV COMPETENT

Responsible governance through the CABSA BOARD

new
chairperson

The dream of a
smaller Board with more
emphasis on expertise
became a reality in 2010.

The new Board enthusiastically
took up the challenges of good
governance and responsibility for
CABSA's sustainability.



Dr AP Kilian



Dr DX Simon

Members of the
CABSA Board
November 2010

Dr AP Kilian
Chairperson
(retired November)

Dr DX Simon
New Chairperson

Rev C du Toit
Director

Ms NL Baba

Ms EC Murray

Dr PJA Fourie

Prof C Landman

Ms AM Gathigia

We are grateful for four new Board members who committed themselves during 2010 to serve CABSA in this way. They were chosen on the basis of their expertise in areas which are important for CABSA's functioning as well as the fact that they represent different stakeholder groups.

Although it remains a challenge to continue with a wide representation of all interest groups, a focussed and dedicated Board is to CABSA's advantage.

The Management Committee assists the Director in running the organisation effectively. It directs all activities needed to implement the aims and objectives

of the Board. The Management Committee meets quarterly and receives monitoring and evaluation reports of programmes from the senior personnel. It continuously supervises the organisation's finance and progress and reports to the CABSA Board.

Core values form the basis for
CABSA's governance and management:

Respect for life; Human dignity and excellence;
Empowerment; Partnerships; Stewardship and
Transparency. As a Christian organisation, CABSA
furthermore desires to conduct all its activities and
relationships guided by Christian guiding principles.

Guiding & supporting a Christian response to HIV

The vision of Caring Christian communities ministering reconciliation and hope in a world with HIV, inspires CABSA to serve churches, organisations and people in their responses to the HIV and AIDS pandemic. We endeavour to serve many people – especially people living with HIV.

The HIV pandemic can be seen as a "slow wave" crisis that has now been ongoing for thirty years. However, CABSA is still driven by the dream of churches and faith communities living up to their potential to be channels of hope, instruments of care and reconciliation and ambassadors for responsible living.



“ We believe that there is still untapped potential in churches and faith communities to help turn-around the tide of the HIV pandemic. With specific focus on faith leaders, CABSA helps unlock this potential. ”

We are encouraged by changes in individual leaders and progress in specific communities that we witnessed. The flagship programmes of CABSA, the Churches, Channels of Hope (CCoH) programme and CARIS, have significantly demonstrated that interventions with positive out-comes are possible.



The CCoH programme has been implemented with great success by both World Vision International and AIDSLink International. Both organisations report evidence-based indicators that this programme indeed helps leaders to become agents of change in their respective communities.



CARIS has been acknowledged by many as a unique instrument in supporting Christians involved in holistic prevention, treatment, care and support programmes.

All other activities and services of CABSA complement these core programmes in order to strengthen Christian responses to the HIV pandemic.

With this Annual Report we want to give all honour to God!

Churches, Channels of Hope

The Churches, Channels of Hope (CCoH) programme is essentially a programme that aims at *guiding* faith communities towards HIV competence.



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The CCoH facilitator training is a seven day residential training conducted by a team of highly experienced trainers. Participants often describe it as a life-changing experience. Many state that their attitudes have been challenged and changed. Even people who have been involved in HIV services for many years, declare that they have



Church leaders are often also community leaders and therefore the CCoH programme benefits local communities.

come to a new understanding of the underlying issues – specifically around stigma and gender.

The training experience

- challenges attitudes, improves knowledge,
- empowers leaders with skills and tools,
- provides them with an understanding of important issues and
- helps to understand holistic prevention strategies.

Faith leaders are equipped to return to their communities as champions for the cause of HIV and to facilitate change.

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During 2010 CABSA conducted five facilitator trainings

Two of these trainings were a first for CABSA:

- 1 A first training in Portuguese in May (*Johannesburg*)
- 2 A training jointly hosted with World Vision International in August (*Johannesburg*)

The other trainings were conducted in

- 3 February (*Vanderbijlpark*),
- 4 June (*Mutare, Zimbabwe*) and
- 5 October (*Malmesbury*).

Through these courses 111 more leaders were empowered to become “channels of hope”, bringing the total leaders trained to 618. They come from all the provinces in South Africa, as well as many other countries, for example Zimbabwe, Zambia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Botswana, Nigeria, Angola and Namibia.

Enhancing the influence of trained leaders through mentoring

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CABSA's training programme unlocks the potential of leaders and empowers them to become agents of change in their communities. However, trained facilitators need emotional, spiritual and practical support to persevere as "channels of hope".

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The CCoH mentoring programme aims at building and maintaining relationships with trained facilitators, and at supporting them. Part-time regional representatives were contracted for this purpose and are monitored by the mentor coordinator. We have representatives in all but one province in South Africa, as well as in Zimbabwe, Malawi, Angola and Mozambique, Central and Eastern Africa, West Africa, Zambia, Lesotho and Botswana.

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A mentoring workshop to empower CABSA's regional representatives was held during May.

Two refresher meetings were conducted in November:

- in Grahamstown for leaders from the Eastern Cape;
- in Bloemfontein for leaders from the Free State and Lesotho.

Extent of CABSA's CCoH programme

Feedback from facilitators who had been trained in previous years shows the wide reach and many local activities of the programme. From the first 113 facilitator feedback reports (some coming from organisations) received for 2010, the following picture can be drawn:

More than 140 workshops involved 4 410 people;

More than 100 information presentations involved 22 580 people;

More than 80 other contacts and events involved 38 318 people.

“Through these 113 facilitators more than 65 000 people were reached during 2010.”

* All these reports were sent voluntarily. We are aware of other activities that were not officially reported.



Networking, Collaboration and knowledge sharing

The magnitude of the HIV pandemic compels a concerted response. Therefore one of CABSA's four aims is to facilitate networking among institutions and networks responding to HIV in a variety of ways.

“Because of its ideal position, during 2010 CABSA played a key networking role amongst Christian communities working in the HIV field.”

Lyn van Rooyen did the majority of this networking. During the year she was involved with at least 80 networking and knowledge-sharing activities.

These activities served to expanding CABSA's networks. More importantly, they served as opportunities to access current information and knowledge, which could again be distributed on the website and through other knowledge-sharing activities.

Highlights of networking events during 2010:

- The Resource Bank Harmonization **Workshop for potential PACANet partners in Uganda**
- The PACANET Consultation on **Multiple Concurrent Partnerships and the Church** in Swaziland
- **The International AIDS Conference in Austria**, as well as various meetings before and after the Conference
- The National Religious Association for Social Development Religion and **Public Health Conference** in Stellenbosch
- **The First OVC in Africa Conference** in Johannesburg

CABSA acknowledges the value of relationships during 2010 with the following:

- AIDSLink International (CCoH Licence Agreement)
- **Calvin Protestant Church**
- Combined Commission for the Diaconate of the DRC Western Cape & URCSA Cape
- **Cell-life**
- Christian Literature Fund
- **Fontainebleau Community Church**
- Kommissie vir Vrouelidmate: Wes- en Suid-Kaap
- **Moravian Church in South Africa**
- Pietermaritzburg Agency for Christian Social Awareness
- **PRISMA**
- World Vision International (CCoH Licence Agreement)



CABSA is also affiliated to the following:

- * **Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance**
- * **Christian Connections for International Health**
- * **World Association for Christian Communicators**

CARIS - The Christian AIDS Resource and Information Service

Through the CARIS programme, CABSA delivers an important and often overlooked service in the field of HIV and AIDS, namely making available information in an easily accessible and comprehensible way to people in the field.

CARIS offers

- **Quality, reliable and accessible information** and resources to empower Christian initiatives in the fight against HIV and AIDS.
- **A variety of management tools** – including a project management toolkit – to strengthen the faith based sector and small NGOs in becoming HIV competent.
- **Three searchable databases:**
 - Resources listing more than 8 500 resources.
 - Projects listing more than 450 projects.
 - Sermon materials with more than 410 Bible messages.
- **Opportunities for networking** in the faith sector.
- **A help desk** on HIV and AIDS related enquiries.



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*Organisations
and individuals
consistently report
on the value of the
CARIS services to
them as individuals
and to their
organisations.*



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CARIS conducts *services* through:

- **The website** (www.cabsa.org.za).
- The **CARIS resource centre** in Randburg.
- **Resource packs** distributed throughout Africa.
- **Materials distributed** at meetings, conferences and networking opportunities and from the CARIS office.
- **Presentations and exhibits** at local, regional, national and international meetings and conferences.

CARIS utilises new communication tools:

- **Twitter** to report from conferences or to highlight noteworthy information.
- A "Friends of CABSA" **Facebook** page is linked to the website.
- RSS feeds on the **website** as well as displaying the last five items added on the home page.
- **"Most read"** items of the recent past are displayed on the home page.
- **Announcements** on the website to inform users of CABSA events, but also other key events and opportunities.

Advocacy

During 2010 CABSA enthusiastically responded to the challenge of seeking to address the underlying causes of the HIV pandemic with and on behalf of people living with HIV. Advocacy is one of the four aims of the organisation's mission statement. It forms an integral part of all programmes and activities of the organisation.



CABSA
challenges
Church
leaders

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Through these and many more activities, CABSA endeavours to “stand in the gap” and “being a prophetic voice” for people living with or affected by HIV. ”

CABSA is convinced that clear messages and strong advocacy, specifically directed at church leaders, are NOW even more urgent than before. There is still a “window of opportunity” for churches to play a positive role in turning the tide of the HIV pandemic.

Advocacy is one of the four aims of the organisation's mission statement

“Life giving gender relationships” have been integrated into the Facilitator Manual and training programme and form part of the organisation's messages.

The “SAVE” approach is not only integrated in the Churches, Channels of Hope programme, but also shapes our advocacy messages about holistic and comprehensive prevention strategies.

CABSA signed a number of letters and campaigns during 2010.

CABSA continued to promote key advocacy issues through electronic and social media.

CABSA again provided guidelines for Aids Candlelight Memorial Days well as World Aids Day and motivated churches to participate in these events.

CABSA continued to publish weekly Bible messages. With the Revised Common Lectionary as framework, the Bible is being read in the context of the HIV pandemic. As such, relevant discussion is being stimulated.

CABSA challenged church leaders to demonstrate their involvement in the HIV pandemic publicly, through their participation in the Government's National HIV Counselling and Testing Campaign.

Growing towards maturity

As a Christian organisation serving God's Kingdom, CABSA brings unique perspectives to the field of HIV and AIDS. While we operate from Biblical guiding principles and Christian values, we do not exclude anyone from our services.

CABSA has become an important role player in the Christian field of HIV and AIDS in Southern Africa. In the last few years, the organisation has become more visible and known in this field. Through trained facilitators and the website, the organisation has an international reach.

At the end of 2010 the capacity of CABSA was:



Wellington office:

Rev Nelis du Toit (*Director*); Ms Aneleh Fourie-Le Roux (*Training and Mentor Coordinator – part-time*); Mr Jerry Sesoko (*CCoH Administrator*); Ms Meloney Goliath (*Administrative Assistant*) and Ms Lucinda Leppan (*Assistant of the Director*).



CARIS office:

Ms Lyn van Rooyen (*Programme Manager*); Ms Ashley Shore (*Data and Website Assistant – part-time*) and Ms Tsholo Matjila (*Resource Centre Assistant – part-time*).

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The organisation's capacity was broadened through volunteer and contract work.
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Regional representatives (contracted one or two days/month or volunteering) strengthened our mentoring support programme. CABSA also contracted lead trainers and trainers for specific trainings. *(Photo of group)*



Friends of CABSA

Since 2009 CABSA started implementing the formalisation of relationships with friends of the organisation. These Friends of CABSA committed to support CABSA as prayer partners, ambassadors for the organisation, or through in-kind or financial support.

We are encouraged by the fact that the number of Friends of CABSA has grown during 2010 and that we could regularly communicate with them. CABSA warmly invites individuals and organisations to strengthen the organisation by becoming Friends of CABSA.



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Financial Statement



Financial recording is done regularly and monitored on a monthly basis, with reports to the Management Committee. BGR Broodryk de Villiers audits the financial statements annually.

INCOME	2010	2009	EXPENSES	2010	2009
FROM CHURCHES/ CONGREGATIONS/ WOMEN'S MISSION	117 966	117 025	SALARIES AND SUPPORT	635 073	585 841
FUNDRAISING	865 514	553 102	Other personnel expenditure	-	2 288
Christian Aid	172 920	217 440	OFFICE EXPENDITURE	22 427	30 030
Individual donors	82 974	74 036	RUNNING COSTS	89 023	71 996
Narollah Sending Trust	70 000	70 000	Banking, Insurance and Maintenance	22 175	18 080
Emseni	-	146 195	Auditor's remuneration	8 208	8 208
National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund	493 000	37 000	Office Rent & operational costs	58 640	45 708
Other	46 620	8 432	SERVICE DELIVERY AND PROJECTS	1 244 435	1 093 716
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PROJECTS	443 153	391 240	Resource Centres	106 356	112 143
PRISMA	181 975	69 205	Accommodation and meals	307 821	214 474
Ecumenical HIV&Aids Initiative in Africa	-	38 302	Trainers, facilitators and speakers	156 257	85 302
Bible Media	55 000	55 000	Training material	77 634	71 881
CMC	162 325	194 500	Project organisation and administration	138 570	106 262
Other	43 853	34 233	Mentor and support facilitators	59 770	107 149
REGISTRATION, SALES REFUNDS AND LICENSE FEES	626 140	579 484	Direct Implementation costs of projects	398 026	396 506
Refunds for course expenditure and license fees	166 011	275 801	NETWORKING AND MARKETING	131 225	142 162
Tearfund	192 204	214 624	Marketing and Organisational development	60 932	58 099
FACT	173 191	-	Networking	70 292	84 062
Registration, sales and profit on disposal of assets	44 317	36 366	DEPRECIATION OF ASSETS	32 993	30 579
Refunds for travel and other costs	50 418	52 693	TOTAL EXPENSES	2 155 176	1 956 612
Interest received	37 053	37 935	(DEFICIT) / SURPLUS FOR YEAR	(65,352)	(277 824)
TOTAL INCOME	2 089 825	1 678 787			

CABSA - depends on financial support to continue with its services and programmes

As a registered non-profit organisation, CABSA serves individuals and churches irrespective of their own financial abilities. We therefore have to find financial support to subsidise people who can only make a small contribution towards the real cost of services. However, beneficiaries who are able to do so, contribute more towards costs.

The global economic crisis of the past years had a pronounced negative impact on the non-profit field. In spite thereof, CABSA has been able to continue all its programmes and services. While aware of the serious challenges, we are confident that CABSA will come through these difficult times stronger and better equipped.

We believe that God, who has brought us as far, will continue to provide.

We honour God for every contribution – big or small – and thank those who gave them. The Lord has provided through your gifts. We have been blessed – may God bless you!

CABSA is grateful for a number of passionate and committed volunteers who support the organisation.



A special *thank you!*

Funded by:

• NLDTF



- PRISMA
- Christian Aid
- CMC
- Tearfund
- Narollah Sending Trust
- Bible Media
- Our regular and monthly contributors

We are excited about the increase in congregations supporting CABSA through an annual donation or collection.

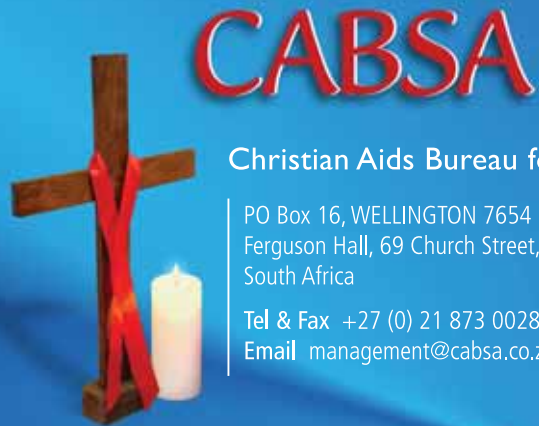
However, we urgently need more donors who will support CABSA regularly in order to ensure sustainability.

Please contact us for more information about ways in which you can support CABSA.

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Please pray that CABSA will find sufficient support to continue serving faith communities and leaders.

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