



CABSA

Christian AIDS Bureau for Southern Africa
Christen-Vigsburo vir Suidelike Afrika

Celebrating 10 years!

The journey began in July 2001 ...



Our first home - The Huguenot College

A dream planted in the hearts of Christo Greyling, Attie van Wijk and Logy Murray started to become reality when Huguenot College provided an infrastructure and managerial guidance to a fledgling organisation. In **July 2001** CABSA opened its doors on the premises of the College, with Logy Murray as manager and only employee!

Logy poured her heart, courage and energy into establishing the organisation. A Management Board was formed and CABSA was registered as non-profit organisation on 28 May 2002.

Logy started running workshops and visiting congregations and at the same time sought funding to implement new programmes.



First Facilitator Training

Since this first Churches, Channels of Hope (CCoH) facilitator training held in **February 2003**, CABSA conducted 33 trainings, bringing the total of Christian leaders trained by CABSA in this highly acclaimed course to 663.

Joining hands and license agreements



Frank Molteno (CPSA) and Logy planning CCoH trainings for CPSA leaders.

In **January 2004** the HIV and AIDS office of the CPSA entered into a partnership with CABSA. This resulted in several collaborative CCoH facilitator trainings.

In May 2005 a formal licensing agreement was signed with World Vision International. A similar licensing agreement with AIDSLink followed in November 2008. WVI and AIDSLink continue to implement the CCoH programme internationally.

July 2001 • 2002 • February 2003 • June 2003 •

January 2004 •

2004 • June

Our first AGM

The very first Annual General Meeting was held on **12 June 2003** with **“The Church - Called to make a difference!”** as theme.

From left, at the first AGM: Attie van Wijk, Nelis du Toit, Logy Murray and Christo Greyling.



Everyone had to pitch in!



In the early years a very special group of co-workers helped CABSA sensitise congregations and spread a message of hope – individuals living with HIV. A few volunteers and even family members also had to help.

One of our aims became a fully-fledged programme



In June 2004 the Christian AIDS Resource and Information Service (CARIS) became a reality. This was one of the outcomes of the agreement with the CPSA. Lyn van Rooyen was appointed as the programme manager and one of her first tasks was to develop the CABSA website.

Andrie Kilian with Rev Stephen Snyman (left) of the Calvin Reformed Church and Bishop Johannes Ulster of the Moravian Church.

CABSA also joined hands with AIDS task groups and the AIDS forum of the Dutch Reformed and Uniting Reformed Churches.



Building relationships

The website went 'live' in September 2004 and has since grown to a valuable resource serving the international community of Christians involved in the HIV and AIDS pandemic.



From its earliest days CABSA realised that its growth would be dependent on establishing good relationships with faith communities.

Logy receiving one of many contributions from Hester Louw (middle) and Jeanne Cilliers (right). The Women's Guild of the Dutch Reformed Church Western and Southern Cape supported CABSA from the beginning.



Building relationships



Service provider

CABSA has acted as a service provider for various organisations, strengthening their HIV competence in many ways.

A group attending one of the PRISMA conferences.



An important and long-running project was with PRISMA, a society of Christian development organisations from the Netherlands that implemented a capacity building plan for their partner organisations in Southern Africa. CABSA provided training for facilitators and made specific services of CARIS available.

The First Facilitators refresher meeting

Held in **February 2006.**

Trained facilitators become part of the CABSA family! Like any family, staying in contact, providing support and motivating facilitators to be channels of hope in their communities remains a priority for CABSA.



Introducing a new phase in the CABSA mentoring programme

In **February 2008** CABSA hosted our first Capacity building workshop for CABSA Representatives who assist us in building and strengthening relationships with trained CCoH facilitators.

In 2011 we are blessed to have 13 CABSA Representatives serving from 7 different countries.

In **January 2010** CABSA became an independent NGO when its new constitution was approved and signed.

We
thank and honour
our Heavenly Father
for the privilege of
serving in God's
Kingdom.

Andrie Kilian
(Chairperson) and Sam
Pick (Board member)
during the signing
of the new
constitution.

role-player to a leader
The **2008** AGM at the Fontainebleau Community Church in Randburg was transformed into "Celebrate Life", a weekend of networking and knowledge sharing with other organisations. This signalled CABSA's growth into a leading organisation on the Christian HIV field. CABSA is often consulted and asked for advice as key role player in the terrain.

Lyn, in her blue CABSA shirt, in the human rights march during the IAC.



CABSA at important conferences

Conferences are key opportunities for sharing knowledge and networking, but pose challenges to our limited budget. However, through the years CABSA has been involved in a number of important conferences.

CABSA played a key role in organising faith involvement in the 3rd, 4th and 5th SA AIDS conferences; participated in a number of Pan African Christian AIDS Network conferences and consultations; and was represented at the International AIDS Conference (IAC) for the first time in 2010.

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