



Christian AIDS Bureau for Southern Africa at Huguenot College
Christen Vigsburo vir Suider-Afrika by die Hugenote Kollege

Building capacity of Christian leaders

The past few months have been a very busy and uplifting time for the staff of CABSA.

The year 2006 drew to a close on a high note: CABSA facilitators of the Eastern Cape held their refresher meeting; the reporting and planning meeting of PRISMA highlighted the positive role of CABSA in this capacity building programme; a productive workshop was held to update and improve our *Churches, Channels of Hope* materials; Lyn van Rooyen attended the Saddleback Church conference in California and on her way back she had constructive meetings in Geneva. And our website was overhauled and visits soon doubled!

The pace was kept up in the new year: CABSA's orientation day for first year students of the Huguenot College was a great success; the "Gender Workshop" was a first step in collaborating with World Vision South Africa as well as bringing this important issue into our *Churches, Channels of Hope* programme; two Facilitator Trainings took place in Simon's Town and in Botswana; and all facilitators with whom CABSA still have contact received their first communication of the year from Aneleh Fourie-le Roux.

We have now trained 300

Christian leaders. We are deeply grateful towards God that we could accomplish this in spite of financial uncertainty and even the lack of specific funding.

It is important to emphasize that numbers in itself is not an imperative target for CABSA. Our main aim is that every training opportunity must be of the highest standard. CABSA also believes that the true value of the *Churches, Channels of Hope* Facilitator Training can only be accomplished through the continued support and mentoring of our trained facilitators. The aspiration to support and mentor our trained facilitators sets CABSA apart from many other organizations who train people. We believe it is worth the energy and hard work. The first steps have already been taken. We ask all trained facilitators to join forces with us in this endeavour.

We also ask all friends of CABSA to continue praying for us and to support us with your donations. You can now do this simply by clicking onto our website at www.cabsa.co.za!



Read more about the facilitator training sessions in Simon's Town (page 2) and Botswana (page 4).

Die afgelope paar maande was beslis besig, maar baie opbouend vir die Vigsburo se personeel.

Daar was die Verfrisserbyeenkoms vir fasiliteerders van die Oos-Kaap, die PRISMA byeenkoms (waar ons baie positiewe terugvoer ontvang het), ons jaarlikse werkwinkel om ons *Kerke, Kanale van Hoop* materiaal te verbeter, asook Lyn van Rooyen se besoek aan Saddleback Church in Kalifornië en haar besoeke in Geneva op pad terug daarvandaan.

Daarby het ons webblad 'n nuwe baadjie gekry, met besoekersgetalle wat verdubbel het!

Hoogtepunte van die eerste kwartaal sluit in: 'n oriëntasiedag vir Hugenote Kollege se eerstejaars, 'n "Gender Werkwinkel" (saam met World Vision Suid-Afrika) en twee fasiliteerderopleidingsessies in Simonstad en Botswana.

Saam hiermee het alle fasiliteerders met wie ons nog kontak het, reeds hulle eerste Vigsburo briewe van die jaar van Aneleh Fourie-le Roux ontvang.

Ons is God innig dankbaar dat ons reeds oor die afgelope paar jaar 300 persone danksy ons *Kerke,*

Kanale van Hoop fasiliteerdersprogram kon oplei.

Vir die Vigsburo gaan dit egter om veel meer as net getalle. Dit is vir ons 'n prioriteit dat elke opleidingsgeleentheid van hoogstaande kwaliteit sal wees en dat fasiliteerders ook na afloop van opleidingsessies ondersteun en gementor word.

Dit is hierdie strewe om fasiliteerders te mentor wat die Vigsburo van soveel ander organisasies wat opleiding doen, onderskei.

Ons glo dat dit die harde werk en opoffering werd is. Die eerste treë op hierdie pad is reeds gegee.

Ons vra alle fasiliteerders om ons hande in hierdie groot onderneming te vat.

En aan alle Vigsburo-vriende vra ons: ondersteun ons asb deur jou gebede en donasies. Donasies kan nou direk met die klik van 'n muis op ons webblad www.cabsa.co.za gemaak word!

Net is die Joot

Diverse group attends training session

The first CABSA Facilitator Training for 2007, held from 4 to 9 February at Oatlands in Simon's Town, brought together a diverse group of trainees.

Trainees from within South Africa came from the various Churches: DRC (3); URCSA (3); CPSA (3); ACSA (2) and one each from Nederduitsch Hervormende Kerk, Apostolic Faith Mission, Weyers Memorial Congregational, Methodist Church, Philadelphia Pentecostal Ministries and the Baptist Church. Trainees from the USA (2), England, Madagascar and Zimbabwe also attended.

Aneleh Fourie-Le Roux was the lead trainer, and was assisted by co-trainers Ian Rushton, Yolandi Karolus and Anna Mashilo.

They received administrative assistance from Judith Moret, a theology student from the Christelijke Hogeschool in the

Netherlands, who had just arrived in South Africa four days prior to the training session.

She is currently based in Stellenbosch from where she researches the involvement of the Church in the AIDS pandemic.



This was her first exposure to the Churches, Channels of Hope programme of CABSA.

"Before the training I did not have much knowledge about HIV/AIDS, but now I have a really good view of the disease, and all the things that are connected to it," Judith explains.

"It was good to think about our role as Christians in the pandemic, to sing, pray and share experiences together.

"During the training you get a lot of information, but they also expect you to participate," she describes the experience.

"You don't just sit and listen all day, but get completely involved.

"Besides the information, it was really fun! After a couple of days we really became a close group, which was great!

"After the training you have enough

information and

skills to tell people in your own community about HIV/AIDS."

** Afgevaardigdes van 'n wye reeks kerke het die Vigsburo se eerste 2007 "Kerke, Kanale van Hoop" opleidingsessie vir fasiliteerders in Simonstad bygewoon.*

Eerstejaars leer oor MIV

Op 'n snikhete Januarie-dag in Wellington het die Vigsburo die geleentheid gekry om deel te neem aan die oriëntering van die eerstejaars by die Hugenote Kollege.

Aneleh Fourie-le Roux is bygestaan deur 'n groepie fasiliteerders, wat dit dus moontlik gemaak het om die groot groep jongmense (en 'n paar ouer manne!) in kleiner groepies te kon verdeel. Dit het gesorg vir lekker gesels en interaksie rondom die uitdagende onderwerpe van MIV en vigs, asook die keuses waarvoor die jongmense te staan kom.

In die groepies is gebruik gemaak van verhale om te wys dat MIV nie onderskeid tref nie. Dit was veral die jongmense se spontane deelname aan groepbesprekings en hul vriendelikheid en openhartigheid wat opgeval het. Vir 'n paar van die ouer fasiliteerders wat 'n leeftyd gelede ook eerstejaars was, was dit veral opvallend dat hierdie jongmense glad nie huiwer om hul menings te lug nie. Hulle neem sterk standpunt in en is bereid om hul standpunte te verdedig.

Dit was regtig 'n aangename verrassing om te vind dat die meerderheid eerstejaars na middagete terugkeer het om na die Oscar-genomineerde rolprent Yesterday te kyk. Hul reaksie was dan ook dat die verhaal hul diep geraak het en beslis laat nadink het. Die dag is hiermee afgesluit en die algemene gevoel onder die fasiliteerders was dat dit beslis die moeite werd was vir almal.

** CABSA spoke to Huguenot College first year students about HIV and aids.*

CARIS moves January saw CARIS move into larger and more convenient office space on the premises of the Fontainebleau Community Church (FCC) in Randburg, thanks to the decision of FCC to continue their formal agreement with CABSA. This makes it possible for CARIS to expand its services and to provide a more tailor-made resource centre.



CABSA facilitators of the Eastern Cape held an inspirational refresher meeting in November 2006 in East London.



Tony Dykes (right), Christian Aid regional manager for southern Africa, visited Wellington in October, and was welcomed by Lyn van Rooyen (CARIS) and Nelis du Toit (CABSA). Christian Aid once again made funds available to support the work of CABSA.

Website gets a friend

Visitors to our website continue to increase. In January 2007 alone, more than 5000 visitors spent time on our website www.cabsa.co.za.

We hope that the new facility for direct on-line donations will encourage website users to support our organisation to continue providing its services.

In a further attempt to enhance the service that is provided by the website, our webmaster Lyn van Rooyen has also started a new monthly email newsletter.

This newsletter focuses specifically on some of the new additions on the webpage in a specific month, as well as on current news and events.

If you would like to subscribe, you can do this on the webpage at www.cabsa.co.za or send an email to Lyn at info@cabsa.co.za.

* Danksy 'n nuwe maandelikse nuusbrief word intekenare op datum gehou van die nuutste verwikkelinge en byvoegings op ons webblad www.cabsa.co.za.

From South Africa to Switzerland

CABSA and CARIS joined 1800 Christians from around the world for the "Race against Time Global Summit on AIDS and the Church".

This exciting event over two days (November 30 to December 1 2006) was held at the Saddleback Church in California (USA) and challenged and equipped participants to respond to HIV. Work done by CABSA and CARIS were exhibited.

"Discussion and networking opportunities formed a large and wonderful part of the conference", says CARIS representative Lyn van Rooyen.

A comprehensive report of the visit and Lyn's experience is available on our website at <http://www.cabsa.co.za/newsite/DisplayPage.asp?Id=252>

On her way back from the Saddleback Conference Lyn had the opportunity to visit the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance (EAA) in Geneva, Switzerland.

Inspirerende sprekers by jaarvergadering

Kom luister gerus na Ian en Anita Rushton van die projek "Jewels of Hope" in Lesotho se inspirerende verhaal van hoop.

Hulle is die gassprekers tydens ons algemene jaarvergadering op Donderdag 31 Mei om 19:00 by die Wellington Noord Onthaalsentrum (MacCronestraat 11).

Indien u die geleentheid wil bywoon, kontak asb vooraf vir Nelis by management@cabsa.co.za of (021) 873-0028.

Jewels of Hope at AGM

Ian and Anita Rushton will be telling the inspirational story of their project "Jewels of Hope" in Lesotho at our annual general meeting on Thursday May 31. This is indeed a story of hope that you do not want to miss!

The AGM will be held at 19:00 at the Wellington North Reception Centre (11 MacCrone Street).

If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact Nelis at management@cabsa.co.za or (021) 873-0028.

Snippets Upper Room Ministries recently launched a new booklet "Prayers for Encouragement. Hope for People Living with HIV and AIDS, Malaria, Tuberculosis and other Serious Diseases". Roland Rink from Upper Room Ministries visited CARIS to investigate future cooperation.

* The South African Christian HIV and AIDS Consultative Process gained momentum after their meeting in November 2006. Lyn van Rooyen represented the Consultative Process at a meeting after the Global Summit (see below) in Los Angeles, where representatives of SACLA and other South African Christian organisations met with key representative of USA church organisations to discuss possible cooperation in future.

* Lyn attended a SANARELA+ Workshop, as well as a series of meetings with its programme director and board members. We are looking forward to a more formal relationship with SANARELA+ in future.

An interesting and productive meeting with the staff led to an agreement through which the databases of CARIS and the EAA will be strengthened.

Lyn also gave a presentation about the role of CABSA and CARIS in church mobilization to a small but positive group.

She emphasised the particular role churches can and should play in addressing the HIV pandemic. The "Churches, Channels of Hope" process and the role of the CABSA/CARIS webpage were also highlighted.

* 'n Uitstalling oor die werk wat die Vigsburo en CARIS doen, was te sien by die "Race against Time Global Summit on AIDS and the Church" in Kalifornië (VSA), wat deur 1800 afgevaardigdes bygewoon is. Dit is opgevolg deur 'n besoek aan die Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance (EAA) in Switserland, waar 'n ooreenkoms bereik is waarvolgens die databasisse van CARIS en die EAA versterk sal word.

Hot news from Botswana

The sky was blue and the sun was shining down on us. We were constantly shaking sand off our feet. Can you guess where we were? A five star holiday in the Seychelles? Maybe Mauritius?

No, this CABSA facilitators' training session was held on the edge of the Kalahari Desert! And it was hot!

The CABSA training team of Ian Rushton, Anna Mashilo, Matito Lechoane, Nelis du Toit and Rosemary Hack visited the Kanamo Centre in Mahalapye, Botswana from 24 February to 2 March to present a training course which was attended by 21 people.

The trainees came from extremely diverse backgrounds. A team of four came from Family Impact in Zimbabwe, two were from South Africa and



two from Lesotho (Jewels of Hope and YWAM). Two pastors from the Pentecostal Protestant Church in Botswana also attended. The remainder were from the Roman Catholic diocese of Botswana.

Trainees from eleven nationalities were present, with the priests and nuns working in Botswana coming from as far as Sri Lanka, Poland, India and Ghana.

The course was intense and the discussions lively. It was a very significant first step in bringing *Churches, Channels of Hope* to Botswana, and to the Catholic community. It significantly raised the level of awareness amongst those present, both in terms of knowledge and attitudes.

- Rosemary Hack (OM)

* 'n Opleidingsessie vir fassiliteerders is in Botswana gehou.

Annual meeting with Prisma partners

The annual meeting of the PRISMA Capacity Building Programme in November 2006 gave Nelis du Toit, representing CABSA, and Lyn van Rooyen, representing CARIS, the opportunity to spend a few days with the Southern partners and representatives of the Northern partners. It was held in Kopanang near Kempton Park.

PRISMA, a society of Christian development organisations from the Netherlands, formed a network of Southern African Christian organisations that all receive funding from this European country.

Through this network, PRISMA wants to ensure capacity building of the various organisations in especially project management as well as mainstreaming HIV and AIDS.

The meeting in Kopanang was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and for sharing some of the challenges and

achievements of the past year. The growth in the service delivery as well as the levels of organisational maturity was gratifying.

The value that CABSA added to the programme was highlighted. Many participants mentioned the *Churches, Channel of Hope* Facilitator Training as one of the most valuable parts of the capacity building programme.

The first off-line version of the CABSA/CARIS website that includes a section for PRISMA was also presented shown to the participants at this occasion.

In the second year, this programme will be expanded to include new partners. We pray that CABSA and CARIS will continue to add value.

* CARIS en CABSA se goeie werk is vermeld tydens die jaarlikse vennotebyeenkoms van die PRISMA kapasiteitsbouprogram.

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Die drama-reeks *Kruispad-Projek*, wat op DVD beskikbaar is, word reeds wyd gebruik. Dit is 'n verhaal wat handel oor die lyding en uitdagings wat met MIV en vigs gepaard gaan. Die drama is reeds suksesvol in ses tale vervaardig: *Kruispad* (Afrikaans), *No More Tears* (Engels), *Ithemba Lisekhona* (Zulu), *Uthando Olumangalisayo* (Xhosa), *Nyarara Kuchema* (Shona) en *Thontola Usalire* (Chewa). Die Tswana-weergawe is tans in produksie.

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