

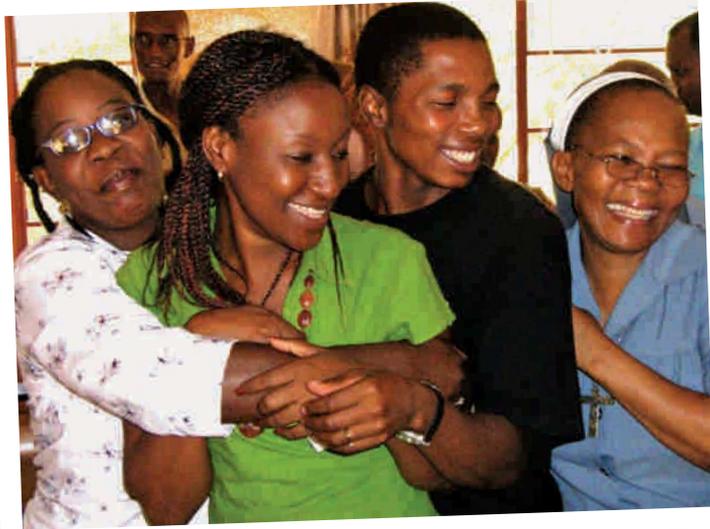


Annual Report
2007/8

CABSA

Christian Aids Bureau for Southern Africa

Assisting a caring Christian community



A caring Christian community ministering reconciliation and hope

Our vision was formulated when CABSA was launched in July 2001 as a project of Huguenot College, through the initiative of role players such as Christo Greyling, Logy Murray and (the late) Prof Attie van Wijk. In the midst of the HIV and Aids pandemic, CABSA has since assisted Christian communities to pursue this vision. We thank and honour God for the privilege to serve in His Kingdom.

The vision of a caring Christian community again provided an overarching purpose to our activities in 2007.

Although our vision still remains the same, much has changed over the years. CABSA has grown into an organisation that significantly collaborates with various regional, national and international role players in the field of HIV and Aids.

Our work is done by three fulltime employees, who are ably assisted by two part-time employees, a number of contract workers and a handful of volunteers.

Care, reconciliation and hope

Christian communities, in their efforts to be caring communities, are decisively challenged by the effect and impact that the HIV pandemic has. We believe that a community can only demonstrate true care and compassion if relationships in the said community have been reconciled.

We can only truthfully speak about reconciliation in the context of HIV if we consciously deal with stigma, dysfunctional relationships and the systems and traditions that place vulnerable persons at greater risk.

It is a privilege to witness about the hope we have in the living Christ in a time when HIV and Aids constantly erodes personal and communal expectations. We have learned that hope gives direction and purpose to faith. Hope keeps love alive.

CABSA assists churches and faith groups to respond to HIV and Aids

Churches have the wonderful potential to be part of an answer to the Aids crisis. CABSA helps to unlock this potential by sensitising and mobilising Christians in making a positive difference.

This report provides an account of how our vision is put into practice through our services and programmes. Each aspect is connected to the needs and challenges that the HIV pandemic creates within and for Christian communities.

Reliable *information* is essential

We often hear that people are tired of HIV messages. On the other hand, a more in-depth look into the situation reveals the ever pressing need for trustworthy information. Easily accessible information is essential – for novices in the field of HIV or fulltime workers with years of experience alike.

The aim of CABSA to provide information has led to an extensive programme, CARIS. The Christian Aids Resource and Information Services (CARIS) has its own office on the premises of the Fontainebleau Community Church in Randburg, Johannesburg. CARIS provides accessible and reliable information to enhance the response of Christians and faith based organisations to HIV and Aids.

Lyn van Rooyen, our CARIS programme manager, efficiently manages this user-friendly website. It provides news, articles, resources, worship resources, information on project capacity building, as well as three searchable online databases:

- The ever-expanding Resource Database, with more than 5020 items;
- The Project Database with information about 375 existing Christian HIV projects; and
- The Sermon Database with 244 items, that specifically focuses on the needs of ministers and pastors.

The website is increasingly becoming a valuable source of information. In February 2007, it received 3500 visits. This figure has shown remarkable growth, with 16 000 visits received in January 2008 alone!

The excellent services of CARIS have been acknowledged by many leaders in the Christian HIV field.

Resource centres

The local CARIS resource centre in Johannesburg houses a wide variety of material on HIV and Aids, including books, magazines, pamphlets, articles, videos and CD-ROMs. CARIS has indeed become the one-stop destination for Christians in search of information about all aspect of HIV and Aids.

Another initiative by Lyn is to build a national network of resource centres that can provide accessible information in local communities. This has gained momentum during 2007. It is our ideal that the resource centres will receive guidelines, support and assistance from CARIS. The initiative was enhanced through the delivery of services to Area Development Projects of World Vision South Africa.

Visit our website
www.cabsa.co.za

Dynamic website

Our "Virtual Resource Centre" is an important vehicle to distribute information. The website www.cabsa.co.za provides relevant resources and information to Christians and Christian organisations.

Change starts with empowered leaders

CABSA's mission is to assist churches and faith communities to become caring Christian communities that minister reconciliation and hope in the midst of the HIV pandemic. This will only have a significant effect if community leaders are empowered as agents of change.

Our aim to mobilise Christian communities flows from the understanding about the influential impact of Christian community leaders. The church as institute will remain on the periphery of the Aids pandemic with regard to positive involvement as long as there are indifferent or concerned leaders who do not understand the relevant issues.

Churches, Channels of Hope programme

CABSA is proud and honoured to be the owner of the well-known and highly acclaimed **Churches, Channels of Hope programme (CCoH)**. It is continuously being developed in collaboration with Christo Greyling and Logy Murray of World Vision International. In this regard, gender relations received specific attention during the revision process of 2007.

The CCoH programme requires trained key persons (facilitators) within churches to facilitate the mobilisations processes. They are able to drive the process within their own churches and encourage interdenominational partnerships and collaboration at local level. Our facilitators are valuable regional resource persons who can encourage the involvement of leadership, and can assist in the planning needs of various churches.

Churches, Channels of Hope Facilitator training sessions

The **guidance of facilitators** starts with a five day in-depth training course (starting on Sunday evening and closing on Saturday morning). CABSA trains facilitators through a sound, scientific programme with a biblical foundation. Trainees can deepen their knowledge about the themes they will facilitate in future mobilisation workshops. Issues such as stigmatisation, discrimination, life giving gender relationships, the vulnerability of women and children, holistic value-based prevention strategies and involvement in care activities are discussed and tackled using a Biblical Christian response paradigm. Trainees are evaluated according to pre-set guidelines. These include the assessment of their knowledge, their facilitation skills and their understanding of a Christian response. Facilitators receive comprehensive training material.

Although these training sessions have as outcome facilitators who are empowered to present information and conduct workshops, the CCoH programme is not only about programmatic activities. At its core it is about leaders who become channels of hope by being who they are and through whatever they do.



Important aspects of the mentoring programme:

- ✦ Empowering Christian leaders who have already shown their interest and involvement in the HIV field;
- ✦ Identifying facilitators as local champions, and building their capacity through the mentoring programme;
- ✦ Strengthening local networks and collaboration; and
- ✦ Continuing our support of trained facilitators by providing information, as well as emotional and spiritual support.

- ✦ Although CABSA is not yet in a position to monitor all Churches, Channels of Hope facilitators, we received enough feedback to know that many of our trainees were actively involved in the HIV field during the reporting year.
- ✦ CABSA conducted four Churches, Channels of Hope Facilitator training sessions (in the Western Cape, Botswana and Gauteng) during 2007. These involved 74 church leaders from a broad scope of churches in South Africa, Africa and countries outside Africa.
- ✦ This brings the number of leaders trained by CABSA since 2003 to 324.

Churches, Channels of Hope Mentor Programme

It will not avail too much to train leaders and then just leave them to their own devices. Therefore CABSA initiated a mentor programme in 2005.

- ✦ Our mentor programme involved three regional representatives in 2007, who in turn had direct contact with 120 facilitators.
- Regional refresher meetings for our facilitators are an important component of our mentor programme.
- ✦ The refresher meeting for Gauteng was attended by 31 facilitators.
 - ✦ Our mentor workshop for regional representatives was held in February 2008.

As a result of this workshop, we now have seven regional representatives. Our dream is to find enough regional representatives for the whole of Southern Africa!

Statement of Income and Expenditure

	2007	2006		2007	2006
FROM CHURCHES	90,339	325,923	SALARIES AND SUPPORT	471,882	445,810
Women's Mission Dutch Reformed Church	12,844	27,650	OTHER PERSONNEL EXPENDITURE	500	336
Congregations/Presbyteries/Churches	55,796	39,889	OFFICE EXPENDITURE	21,447	20,373
Anglican Church HIV and Aids office	3,800	214,002	RUNNING COSTS	93,013	57,167
Uniting Reformed Church	17,900	44,382	Banking, Insurance and Maintenance	19,893	15,646
FUNDRAISING	543,457	372,664	Auditor's remuneration	7,000	7,980
Christian Aid	351,199	168,450	Office Rent & operational costs	66,120	33,540
Individual donors	50,559	53,571	SERVICE DELIVERY AND PROJECTS	476,185	411,694
Narollah Sending Trust	60,000	60,000	Resource Centres	32,846	116,970
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Other NGOs / FBOs	31,700	50,593	Trainers, facilitators and speakers	63,639	116,927
SPECIFIED CONTRIBUTIONS	128,383	44,524	Training material	49,167	56,573
Refunds travel costs & other	37,814	8,579	Organisation and administration	61,107	84,974
Refunds for course expenditure	90,569	35,946	Mentor and support facilitators	18,436	
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PROJECTS	351,493	265,897	Sensitising		2,858
PRISMA	4,000	229,280	Direct Implementation costs of projects	150,560	
World Vision South Africa	86,360		NETWORKING and MARKETING	88,176	81,061
Ecumenical HIV&Aids Initiative in Africa	63,390		Marketing	47,482	31,526
Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance	35,053		Networking	40,694	49,535
HospiVision	35,830		DEPRECIATION OF ASSETS	18,157	24,915
World Vision International	71,960		TOTAL EXPENSES	1,169,360	1,041,355
Other	54,900	36,617	SURPLUS FOR YEAR	1,932	6,414
Registration and sales	22,143	11,433			
Interest received	35,476	27,328			
TOTAL INCOME	1,171,292	1,047,769			

Financial recording is done regularly and is monitored on a monthly basis. Regular reports are made to the Management Committee.

Board members on 14 November 2007 were:

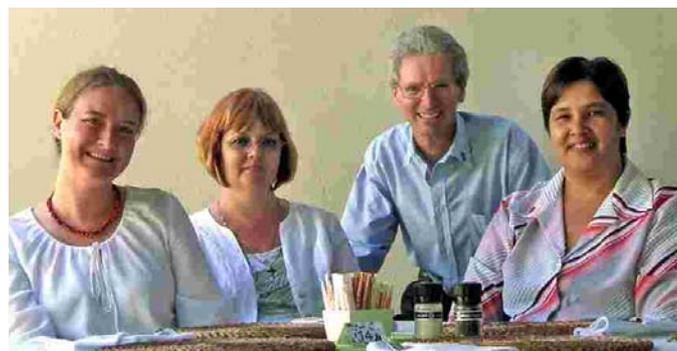
Dr Andrie Kilian	Chairperson
Prof Johan Viljoen	Rector - Huguenot College
Rev Nelis du Toit	CABSA Manager
Dr Gideon van der Watt	
Ms Roxy Ngobene	
Rev Teboho Klaas	
Mr Lundi Joko	
Rev Christo Greyling	
Mrs Madelé Nel	
Ms Wouda Hanekom	
Mrs Lyn van Rooyen	
Mrs Ilse van Dyk	(Bible Society of South Africa)
Bishop Johannes Ulster	(Moravian Church)
Mrs EC Murray	(World Vision International)
Canon Desmond Lambrechts	(Anglican Church of Southern Africa HIV and AIDS Office)
Dr Sam Pick	(CLF Aids Trust)
Mrs Karen van As	("Vrouelidmate NGK")
Rev WE Ficks	(Uniting Reformed Church (Cape) and Dutch Reformed Church (W&S Cape))
Rev Johan Pieters	(Fontainebleau Community Church)
Rev Stephen Snyman	(Calvin Protestant Church of South Africa)
Mrs Martha Roberts	(Kingfisher Mobilising Centre)

Management BOARD



Our chairperson, Dr Andrie Kilian (middle), with board members Rev Stephen Snyman and Bishop Johannes Ulster.

The Management Board of CABSA brings together representatives from Huguenot College, members with specific abilities and representatives of churches and organisations with whom we have formal relationships.



Our staff members are:

Aneleh Fourie-Le Roux: Training and Mentor Coordinator (part-time contract)
 Lyn van Rooyen: CARIS Project Manager
 Nelis du Toit: Manager
 Meloney Goliath: Administrative Assistant
 Giselle Pienaar: CARIS Resource Centre Assistant (part-time contract)

We also acknowledge the work of a handful of valued volunteers.

CABSA
 contracts
 co-workers as
 trainers to conduct
 training sessions.

The HIV pandemic calls for

comprehensive action

The extent and impact of the HIV pandemic is so far-reaching that no single church or organisation can make a significant difference on their own. Furthermore, the experience of "feeling that you are alone in the struggle" places a heavy burden on individuals.



This underlines the importance of CABSA's aim to **network** and **collaborate** within the HIV community. Networking has been one of our four aims since our inception. We therefore promote networking and collaboration wherever the opportunity arises.

CARIS has become a platform for churches and Christian organisations to share information. It provides excellent networking opportunities to strengthen a coherent Christian response to the pandemic.

CABSA networks and collaborates with other organisations on various levels, from informal and ad hoc networking to formalised relationships.

Recent collaborative relationships

- Collaboration started with HospiVision to implement their "Choose Life" programme in the Western Cape. This endeavour complements our own Churches, Channels of Hope programme. It has a strong grassroots as well as a specific prevention focus. Work with HospiVision will continue in 2008.
- CABSA is a service provider in a PRISMA (Dutch network organisation) programme to build the capacity of faith based organisations in Southern Africa.
- CABSA provides services to World Vision South Africa for their programme "Networks of Hope".

The following relationships have been formalised in Memorandums of Understanding:

- ✘ Anglican Church (ACSA), through their HIV & Aids Office
- ✘ Calvin Protestant Church of South Africa
- ✘ Christian Literature Fund
- ✘ Dutch Reformed Church (Western and Southern Cape) and Uniting Reformed Church (Cape) through the Combined Commission for the Deaconate
- ✘ Dutch Reformed Church Highveld Aids Commission
- ✘ Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance (EAA)
- ✘ Ecumenical HIV/Aids Initiative in Africa (EHAIA) of the World Council of Churches
- ✘ Fontainebleau Community Church (Johannesburg)
- ✘ Kingfisher Mobilisation Centre
- ✘ "Kommissie vir Vrouelidmate Wes- en Suid-Kaap" (Women's League DRC Western Cape)
- ✘ Moravian Church in South Africa
- ✘ Naledi Hospice (Bloemfontein)
- ✘ Pietermaritzburg Agency for Christian Social Awareness (PACSA)
- ✘ World Vision International (WVI has a License Agreement with CABSA for Churches, Channels of Hope material)

CABSA also interacts with various formal and informal networks, such as:

- The CINDI Network
- Connect SA
- MICAH Network
- Pan African Christian AIDS Network (PACANet)
- South African Council of Churches
- AIDS Portal
- Compass Foundation



Please pray for us, make use of our services, visit our website, support us financially and tell others about our work.



The Christian Aids Bureau for Southern Africa at Huguenot College (CABSA) is based in Wellington and Johannesburg, but works throughout Southern Africa to assist and serve churches and faith communities in their response to the challenges of HIV and Aids.

Christ calls us to be compassionate

In 2001, when CABSA was launched, it was thought that the initial aim of sensitising Christian communities and Christian leaders would become less important as the years went by. Reality has unfortunately shown that there will always be a need for this.

Whilst there are wonderful stories of Christian involvement in the HIV field, many church leaders and members remain insensitive to the needs of people living with HIV, as well as to issues resulting from the HIV pandemic. Many people still judge easily, while too many Christians simply remain uninvolved.

CABSA, in partnership with churches and other organisations, makes a special effort to use the two days of international focus on HIV and Aids to spread positive messages:



Aids Memorial Sunday (3rd Sunday in May)

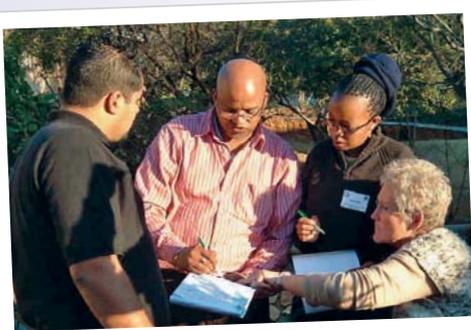
World Aids Day (Sunday before of following 1 December)



Guidelines for these occasions have been developed in 2007, in collaboration with the Aids Task Group of the Combined Commission for the Deaconate of the DRC (Western and Southern Cape) and URCSA (Cape). The guidelines were distributed nationally in these churches (in four languages), as well as in the Calvin and Moravian Churches. Through the CABSA website, it was also made available internationally.

Thanks to our facilitators throughout Southern Africa, CABSA used every possible opportunity to educate congregations by providing information or through sermons during Sunday services.

CABSA supports people involved in the HIV field through our weekly "Bible Message in this time of HIV and Aids". It is also used to stimulate Christian leaders to read the Bible within the context of the HIV pandemic.



CABSA needs help to serve

As a registered non-profit organisation we strive to provide our services free of charge wherever possible. However, this can only be achieved to the extent in which CABSA as an initiative receives support.

Please pray for CABSA, make use of our services, visit our website, support us financially and tell others about our work.

CABSA gratefully acknowledges

We have been blessed by many contributions – some big and some smaller – and we thank God and the people who gave them. This financial support has made another year of serving faith communities possible, and we can see how the Lord has provided.

We extend a special thanks to:

- Christian Aid
- Our regular and monthly contributors
- Narollah Sending Trust
- HR Rupert Getuienistrust
- "Kommissie vir Vrouelidmate Wes- en Suid-Kaap" (Women's League DRC Western Cape)
- Congregations that regularly collect donations.

Your help is still needed

Because of insufficient funding, CABSA continuously has to cut back on our plans and projects. We urgently need donors who can support CABSA regularly so that we can continue and extend our services. Regular donors create the foundation to build on, and make it possible to expand our capacity to fund bigger projects.

Please pray that CABSA will find sufficient funding to implement much needed projects.



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