

Four trainings in six months

The first six months of the year really saw the training department extending ourselves way beyond our usual capacity. We are grateful to report on four Churches, Channels of Hope (CCoH) facilitator trainings that was each

quite unique, yet equally special and blessed. This would not have been possible without the hard work, commitment and dedication of staff members, but also the availability and support of the various training team members.

We thank God for the opportunity to equip more church leaders with the appropriate attitudes, knowledge and skills to be channels of hope and to assist their faith communities in their journeys towards HIV competence.



1 In March we hosted the first training for this year at La Verna Retreat in Gauteng. The training team was as wonderfully diverse as the participants and came from four different countries and was lead by Rebecca Vandermeulen from Mozambique.



2 On the request of Tearfund Nigeria CABSA embarked on our first ever training in West-Africa in May this year. The CCoH facilitator training was done in Jos, Nigeria and organising travelling visas for the training team was one of the biggest challenges we had to deal with. We are most grateful to the training team that was finalised at the last hour and who under the leadership of Tunde Fowe facilitated a precious event.



3 CABSA was asked by EM-PACT Africa to run the CCoH facilitator training for church leaders who participate in their Compassionate Churches Campaign. Participants were from all over South Africa and Lesotho and are all committed to actively work towards specifically challenging and addressing stigma and discrimination in their churches. This team was lead by Kiarie Mwenda from Kenya.



4 The fourth training took place right here in Wellington and though this was a small group of only 12 participants, it was a very special event for everyone involved. One of the remarkable things about this group was that three of the participants are living openly with their HIV positive status and have shared a lot in the group. Thank you very much for your openness!

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Our next CCoH Facilitator training starts on 27 February 2012 in Gauteng, SA. For more information please contact, Jerry Sesoko, CCoH Administrator, at ccoh@cabsa.co.za