

Thank you for your support of Alathea Bible College. Bishop Hendrick Mahlangu of Hope for Africa Missions presents an update from ABC.

"The college has now been registered with the South African government as **Alathea Skills Training and Higher Education College (ASTHEC)**. So far, 35 students have graduated with certificates and diplomas in biblical studies, church leadership and theology. Practical elements, and modelling the principles have been a big aspect in their training. Some graduates will remain for further training, some are planting churches, some are continuing to lead in their churches. **Thank you to everyone who has helped us to get this far—we are immensely grateful!**

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ABC is in Mpumalanga, (the Transvaal of the apartheid era). It is a sprawling province of poor black communities with a vast population.

- The people of these communities are naturally spiritual and believe in God.
- They are open to the Gospel and 'the fields are harvest-white'.
- Their communities need strong, well-trained Christian leaders and witnesses.
- The culture recognises and follows leaders.

- Strong Christian leaders will transform their communities and bring the Kingdom (Matthew 6: 10).
- There is no other Bible College in the region providing solid Bible teaching and leadership training.



Hi, I'm Brian. I'm 25, a qualified nurse from Zimbabwe. God brought me to Siyabuswa. I have been helped so much in the first year. I'm training to be a pastor. I am enjoying the weekly outreach on Fridays. After a time of prayer we go into the community to meet needs and to pray with people in groups of four students. People have come to Christ and now they are attending church. Some have been healed. I am a serious student and work hard in all the classes. God is changing me and working in me. I have more love and greater boldness. I really love Him.



Greetings in Jesus Name. My name is Koshiwe. I am 43 years old. Ten years ago my husband passed away, and last July I lost our only child, our 18 year old daughter. By God's grace I heard about ABC and came from Zimbabwe to start a new phase in my life. The college is a wonderful family of dedicated people who love Jesus and are training to serve Him better. I have a pastoral calling and hope to be equipped to develop Christian ministry with women and perhaps start an orphanage. I had the zeal to work for the Lord, but not the knowledge. God daily increases my hope and joy.



Hi. My name is Sayco. I used to be a womaniser but a few years ago I came to Christ. Now I live for Him, and am training to be a pastor at ABC. I love to study the Word and enjoy my quiet times with the Lord. It thrills my heart to preach. My church leaders believe God has anointed me for His service and they are amazed at my spiritual growth and development in one year at ABC. I am doing well academically, and hope to continue to study as the Lord provides. I am blessed to be at ABC. It came along just at the right time for me.

While the college keeps its focus on training Christian leaders, it plans to develop departments and programmes which will:

- Train many pastors to degree level
- Train many church planters and establish new churches
- Train people to start their own small businesses
- Train people for trades such as electrical engineering, plumbing and construction
- Train primary and secondary teachers, in partnership with a local university
- Train agriculturalists...

All within a framework of Christian education and discipleship, for Kingdom communities.

Please pray for

- Additional teaching staff
- Funding to maintain and develop the residential facilities for students
- A children and young people's evangelist to train youth leaders

*Thank you,
Dr Hendrick Mahlangu, President*