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Christian Science Nursing Support Goes International!

For years, ABF has supported Christian Science nurses in training, as well as providing training in "English for Nurses," at a number of facilities in the United States. In Autumn 2007 we approved a request to support two nurses in training at Charton Manor in Kent, UK. These are the first nurses-in-training supported by ABF outside the United States. ABF aid always helps the individuals who are training, not the facilities. We hope this program will grow to help even more nurses get the training they need in other countries.

ABF Partners with DiscoveryBound to Promote C.S. High School Leadership



The Albert Baker Fund (ABF) greatly expanded its 2007 help to the National Leadership Council (NLC), a DiscoveryBound/Adventure Unlimited program that fosters spiritual growth, leadership qualities, and a service perspective in high school age Christian Scientists.

This four-year-long program helps young people discover and explore their interests, values, and talents by recognizing the practicality and effectiveness of Christian Science. Students receive leadership training, design and implement regional and national DiscoveryBound programs, participate in monthly teleconference calls, attend annual two-week summer programs together, and are involved in service activities year-round. Activities include:

- ◆ Programs to help students deepen their relationship with God
- ◆ Activities that stress the healing effectiveness of Christian Science
- ◆ Conscious leadership built on a Biblical model of service to God and mankind.
- ◆ Leadership opportunities at the local, national, and international level.

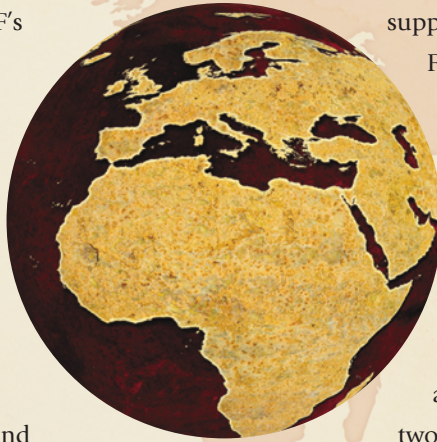
This year, ABF will provide \$90,000 in tuition assistance for 60 participants in the NLC program, increased from approximately \$20,000 for 12 people.



Where in the World are the President and CEO of ABF?

In a major new initiative—part of ABF's on-going 4-year-old grant program in eastern and central Africa—President Nancy Battey and CEO Warren Berckmann will set out in October to learn how ABF can better serve the needs of Christian Science students in Europe and Africa and to develop a network of support on the ground. This latter will include establishing closer relationships with local banks and universities, and recruiting regional vice-presidents to help evaluate requests for financial assistance.

Nancy and Warren's trip will start in Paris with dedicated Christian Scientists from France, the UK and Germany to discuss ways in which ABF can better



support the needs of C.S. students in Europe. From there, they will fly to Uganda, Zambia and Kenya (where ABF is already helping many students) to meet C.S. students, attend CSO meetings, and get a first-hand view of the growth of Christian Science locally. Lastly, they will meet contacts in both The Democratic Republic of the Congo and Cameroon to explore ways of assisting Christian Science students in those two countries. As ABF grows globally, it is targeting countries that have the most Christian Scientists and the largest CSOs.

Accompanying them will be ABF's African representative, Lamech Katamba of Uganda, who has been so helpful in developing the African program to date.

College Program “Upgrade” Help Us Get the Word Out

We ask your help in informing committed Christian Scientists of any age, who are pursuing post-secondary education, that there are funds potentially available to them. They must be members of a branch church or The Mother Church and be attending an accredited institution at least half time.

ABF policy is that ABF aid is intended as a partial, not a complete, solution to a student's financial needs. Yet this past year has seen many changes which benefit the students we help. Among them: Higher loan limits, higher grant amounts, and only one application needed for either or both.

Also, did you know ABF loans/grants can be used for vocational training, not just college and nurses' training? Any post-secondary schooling that results in a valid education certificate qualifies for ABF help. Contact us; chances are, your student will qualify.

Now students can apply online at www.albertbakerfund.org for a quick and easy answer. And donors can donate at that same website, with assurance that 100% of their donation goes to the students.

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Youth Intern Program Now Year-round and Nearly Triple in Size

TMC Youth internships, which began last year as a summer-time-only program of 9 college students with support from The Albert Baker Fund, now includes 24 students, some of whom work year 'round. The Mother Church reports these young people effectively fill temporary work needs, and that bringing them in as interns acquaints this important part of the Christian Science community with the work of The Mother Church.

Ariana Herlinger, manager of internships, who oversees this program, says, "Our interns are indispensable to their sponsoring departments. During their internship, the interns are able to obtain job training and learn more about the everyday operations of The Mother Church. Many of them have been offered jobs here. The internship program really benefits everyone. We are so grateful for the educational grants the Albert Baker Fund provides to our interns. It is a huge incentive for college students to take part in this program."

Many interns say it's one of the most inspiring experiences they've ever had, while TMC departments employing their services say they're highly pleased with the results.

New Programs Support the Monitor

Following a 2006 meeting with Richard Bergenheim, Editor of *The Christian Science Monitor*, ABF introduced a Monitor internship program nearly identical to the TMC Youth internship program. The Monitor Internship program seeks to develop the skills and experience the Monitor needs and to serve as a "training ground" for future full-time employees. We expect to support four or five interns in 2008.

In addition, ABF is exploring three more exciting Monitor programs! One will support a "Junior Editorial" position in the Monitor's internal training program. Another will bring in foreign journalists to be trained in the Monitor's mission and standards and then sent back to their countries as Monitor correspondents. And a third may support a program of interns in the Monitor's publishing department.



“I’m really having an excellent time as an intern for *The Christian Science Monitor*! The great thing I’ve discovered about working on deadline, is that I just have to work as best and as fast as I can, and then when deadline hits, let it go and receive the feedback to learn from my mistakes. I get to start all over again and apply what I’ve learned. I’m always doing something new, always learning something. It’s fabulous. I keep thinking: “I am so grateful to be here!”

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Dear Friends of The Albert Baker Fund,

I'm excited to share with you all the news at The Albert Baker Fund. You may have noticed that we have a new logo and a new website. But, did you notice that our website now includes two new on-line features? Students may complete and submit financial aid applications directly on-line and people like you can make donations using your credit card directly from our web site. More web-based functions will be considered in the future!

Perhaps you noticed our ads in the Christian Science Monitor and CSDirectory.com in the summer. We are looking for talented people to help us better meet the needs of our expanding domestic and global recipients and programs. Meet our new Program Manager, Cari LaZansky (*see below*).

Our new activity includes an expansion of our international program elsewhere in Africa and in Europe and we are now supporting the National Leadership Council as announced on our front page.

As always, we are so very grateful for donations and bequests that help us in our outreach. It is due to the loving support from people like you that we are able to embark on this worldwide endeavor and to be of such help to Christian Scientists. We want you to know, too, that 100% OF YOUR FUNDS GO DIRECTLY TO OUR RECIPIENTS. THERE IS NO PORTION OF YOUR GIFT APPLIED TO ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES! All of our administrative expenses are covered by income from our investments. Your gift enables us to help more people in more programs and in more countries. Do feel free to browse our web site and give me a call with your ideas.

Warm regards,

Warren

Warren Berckmann
Chief Executive Officer

ABF News

Welcome to Cari LaZansky, our new Program Manager! Cari has worked for the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission since 2001 and also as a C.S.P.S. Reading Room Field Representative. Her experience in program/project management, event planning, public speaking, along with her professionalism, competence and completeness, well qualify her to fulfill the needs of this position.

We are grateful to Carolyn Gregory, our former Program Manager, for her work while at ABF and we all wish her well in her new endeavors.

As announced above, we are accepting donations directly from our website. Just go to the [Donor] tab and click on it to reveal the new feature. Please let us know how you like it!

We're retiring the ABF "leaf" logo, in favor of a brand new design.

After looking at a number of "candidates" for our new logo and working with several designers, we arrived at the design shown here. Its colors coordinate well with our web site and represent a "bridge" to the future for our recipients.

