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Albert Baker Fund Makes a Difference

“Financial aid from The Albert Baker Fund has made an immense difference to me! I have been praying about my education and, at times, I have been tempted to be discouraged. But prayer led me to The Albert Baker Fund—truly a blessing from God! Earlier, my study and prayer had given me the strength and confidence to pursue my athletic endeavors to their pinnacle, when I became captain of the 2004 U.S. Olympic Synchronized Swim Team and we won a bronze medal. I am now a junior in college and I am grateful for all that God has bestowed on me.”

—LAUREN MCFALL, Class of 2008, Columbia University

Lauren and many other college students like her all over the country have benefited from our college/vocational school financial aid program, historically the main activity of The Albert Baker Fund. To locate more candidates for this aid, we have sent information to churches, schools and camps to let committed young Christian Scientists know about our programs. If you or anyone you know could benefit from this program, don't hesitate to contact us.



Camp Counselors Act as Role Models

We are convinced that this is one of the most far-reaching programs of The Albert Baker Fund. Through our grant program for camp counselors, Christian Science camps are able to award additional compensation to experienced counselors who might otherwise have to go elsewhere for their summer job. In turn, these young Christian Scientists act as role models and mentors for all the campers who attend these camps—a double benefit of the grants! This past year we provided 36 grants to counselors, enabling them to work in six Christian Science summer camps.

“I am blessed in many ways; so much of the good that I value in my life can be attributed to Christian Science. My Sunday School teacher during high school showed me how I could apply the information in the weekly Bible lessons to my life, and also how practical and beneficial it is. Christian Science has helped open my ears to many “angel messages”—one of which led me to Principia College where I am now a happy, successful and involved member of the community. Thank you for the Camp Counselor's college financial aid. I am so grateful to be going back to Camp Owatonna for another summer. My first summer was full of growth and healing and I can only imagine how much I am going to gain from another ten weeks in Maine.”

—TYLER MALTBIE, Counselor, Camp Owatonna, 2005/06



International Program Supports African Students



“My commitment to Christian Science is to demonstrate the healing power of Truth and Love; to have everlasting love and to live in harmony with everybody around me. With a graduate degree in Urban Project Planning and Management, I hope to be giving back to the community... more of showing them love because it is very important and is the basis on which Christian Science stands.”

— TALEMWA OLIVIA NALUGWA
Graduate Student,
International Program Grant Recipient
Uganda Management Institute,
Kampala, Uganda

The Albert Baker Fund International Program provides grants to qualified students attending institutions of higher learning in several countries in Africa. Plans are underway to expand the program to other countries in Africa and Europe.

For several years, we have been supporting African students pursuing a college or vocational education in their own countries in Africa. Not only does this support efforts by individual Christian Scientists to improve their own educational background, it has the additional effect of strengthening the leadership skills that are so important to the future of this bright continent and all its inhabitants. It is ABF's goal to expand our support to more individuals in more countries in Africa and to look beyond Africa to Europe and other continents, recognizing the worldwide mission of The Albert Baker Fund.

Intern Program

The Albert Baker Fund supports a program for interns at The Mother Church that operates much like ABF's program for counselors at Christian Science camps. ABF supplements the salaries of many TMC Interns with grants for college expenses, so they don't have to seek higher-paying positions with traditional employers.



This has the added benefit of acquainting them with the worldwide activities of The Mother Church. We grant this aid to young people working in Boston in intern positions at both TMCYouth and at the Christian Science Monitor.

“Thank you so much for the internship grant. What I learned both spiritually and professionally is worth so much to me. I am eternally grateful for this opportunity to grow. As an intern at The Mother Church in the broadcast department, I also learned a lot about lighting, broadcasting and audio. Most importantly, I feel I have grown a lot in Christian Science. Having access to the Mary Baker Eddy Library was a wonderful opportunity. To me, Christian Science is more than just some religious service to take part in, it is a way of life. I loved this internship.”

— JACK DEARBORN
Broadcast Production Intern at The Mother Church

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Marine Becomes Chaplain

“When the attacks on September 11th occurred, I knew my right place was in the military. I hoped to support all of the men and women with whom I would serve through my practice of Christian Science. I served for four years on (regular) active duty including two tours in Iraq, where I led Christian Science services every Sunday. After completing my active duty service I wanted to fully dedicate my time to serving the Cause of Christian Science. I saw the resumption of the Mother Church Chaplain Program as the perfect fit for my situation. I am very humbled to have this incredible opportunity to serve.”



—ROBERT NOFSINGER, Captain, USMC Chaplain-in-Training

Captain Nofsinger is now studying at Boston University's School of Theology with the help of a grant from The Albert Baker Fund. We see this new Military Chaplain Program as a natural outgrowth of our long term commitment to fulfill the dual role of serving the Cause of Christian Science and mankind, as expressed in ABF's mission statement. We strongly believe that this activity will have a leavening effect on man's concept of a right sense of international affairs.

Nurse's Dream Fulfilled

“Thank you from deep in my heart for the Christian Science Nursing Program tuition assistance from The Albert Baker Fund. Even after two exciting and successful careers, I found myself looking for an occupation that had more meaning to my life as a Christian Scientist—that would give to mankind and further the Cause of Christian Science. I kept seeing a little sign at my branch church asking if I was interested in Christian Science nursing. That led me to attend a Nursing Discovery Day. And at a second nursing presentation I signed up to begin nurse's training. My new dream of becoming a Journal-listed Christian Science Nurse is coming true. I've never been happier or more fulfilled. I'm filled with gratitude for The Albert Baker Fund for helping me achieve my goal.”

—MELANIE PETERSON, Christian Science Nurse

We rejoice with Melanie at the opportunity to demonstrate supply and to fulfill her God-directed mission. Recognizing the great importance of Christian Science nursing to the practice of Christian Science, The Albert Baker Fund works closely with nursing training facilities, both in standard nurses training and in teaching English to nurses who come from non-English-speaking countries and wish to serve a broader field. ABF has developed an appropriate financing structure that recognizes the value of the training received, yet provides financial assistance as needed.



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Dear Friends of The Albert Baker Fund,

Please join with us in support of our mission, "To serve the Cause of Christian Science and mankind by providing resources for the education of Christian Scientists." We have several targeted programs and you may wish to link to the program section on our website www.albertbakerfund.org to see a description of each.

You are invited to make a donation or bequest to our general fund that supports these programs. In doing so, you can be assured that 100% of the funds you provide will reach our recipients because all of our operating expenses are paid for by the interest from our invested funds. Additional earnings from those invested funds are applied to our programs along with your contributions.

You can also be assured that, with over 40 years of experience in service to Christian Scientists, we have learned how to effectively and efficiently distribute funds to support our recipients and we strive to choose those programs that will have a significant positive impact within the Christian Science movement and in furthering the Cause of Christian Science.

Call today and ask to speak with me about how you can provide support for this mission or any one of its affiliated programs.

Warm regards,

Warren

Warren Berckmann

Chief Executive Officer

New Look for ABF!

You may have noticed that there are many changes underway at The Albert Baker Fund!

We have completely revised our web site to be easier to use and to provide better explanations to

our recipients, donors and other interested individuals. Also you are holding

in your hands the first edition of our redesigned newsletter under the banner of "The Albert Baker Scholar," a name chosen to more closely link the nature of our work with the name of Mrs. Eddy's brother, whose scholarship and Christian commitment was such a support to her and later inspired the establishment of The Albert Baker Fund in 1964.

Further, we hope you have enjoyed the series of advertisements in The Christian Science Monitor, creating broader awareness and greater understanding of what the Albert Baker Fund does and how it serves the Cause of Christian Science. We hope you find these "presentation" changes pleasing and helpful. More importantly, we have greatly expanded our programs both in scope and allocation of funds, providing more support to more people through more programs. We have been significantly helped in this by the generous giving of people like you and we invite you to continue your support for all our important programs.

