

WHO IS ALBERT BAKER?

Mary Baker Eddy's beloved elder brother, Albert, took a tender interest in her education and tutored her in Latin, Greek, and other courses he took at Dartmouth College. He graduated in 1834 and immediately joined the law office of Franklin Pierce, who became the 14th president of the United States.

In 1839, Albert was elected to the New Hampshire Legislature where he served until his untimely passing only three years later.

We are honored to follow Albert's loving example. He unselfishly provided his sister with the benefits of education at a time when women were barred from college enrollment. Albert clearly shared his love of learning with his sister Mary, which no doubt inspired her lifelong search for Truth.

The Albert Baker Fund hopes to nurture the educational aspirations of today's Christian Science students in much the same way that Albert encouraged and supported his sister Mary.

The Albert Baker Fund has received Charity Navigator's coveted 4-star rating for sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency.



Educating Christian Scientists, Blessing the World

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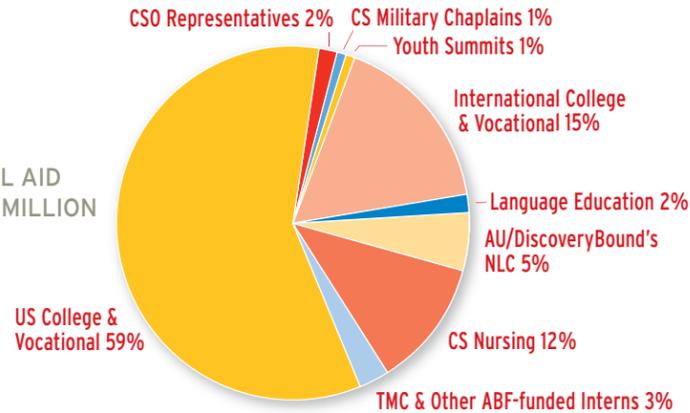
The mission of The Albert Baker Fund is to serve the Cause of Christian Science and mankind by providing resources for the education of Christian Scientists.

WHO DO WE HELP?

- Undergraduate college students
- Non-traditional students returning to school
- Graduate students seeking advanced or professional degrees
- Vocational students needing new skills for career changes
- Christian Scientists who want to become Christian Science nurses
- Christian Science US Military Chaplains (required seminary education)
- College students interning at The Mother Church (TMC)
- High school students participating in AU/DiscoveryBound's National Leadership Council
- Christian Science Mother Church workers who need to learn new languages

HOW DID WE HELP IN 2012?

TOTAL FINANCIAL AID AWARDED = \$1.5 MILLION



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HELP US HELP MORE CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS BLESS THE WORLD

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We'd like to tell you about Emily and Benedict, two recent Albert Baker Fund alums living the truths of Christian Science and passing their blessings forward on different continents.

Emily Snead shared with us her deep gratitude for The Albert Baker Fund and the powerful lessons she's learned about Love's infinite supply:

"Growing up in a family with financial challenges, I would sometimes worry about my future. How will I be able to afford college? How will I find a job so I can pay off my student loans?"

"But I consistently turned to the first sentence of *Science and Health*, which promises: 'To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, today is big with blessings.'*

"I held true to this spiritual fact when I had to figure out how to pay for college, when I applied for an internship at NASA, when I prayed about where to start my career, and when I set out on my own to places unknown. My material needs and spiritual needs have always been met — and were often exceeded!"

Today Emily works in metropolitan New York as a project manager for a large consulting firm, supervising sub-contractors from a variety of construction trades. Often, she is the youngest person and only woman in a leadership role on the job site. With Mary Baker Eddy as her inspiration, this doesn't faze her.

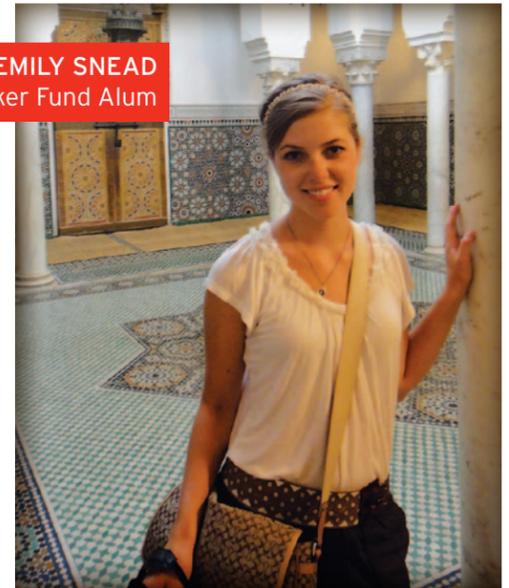
"If Mary Baker Eddy could start her newspaper, write *Science and Health*, and discover a revolutionary way of thinking, then I can do whatever I have to do. I know I have an advantage as a Christian Scientist in my career because people constantly come to me with problems to solve. I start from the spiritual standpoint that the solution is already present."

And now Emily wants to pass forward what she's learned.

"I've received so much from Sunday School, church, and all the Christian Scientists who've loved and supported me along the way. Now it's my time to give. I want to share my new and proven understanding

of God's infinite supply, not only with the next generation of Christian Scientists, but with all my peers. My generation sometimes feels overwhelmed by society dictating to us that the economy is terrible, that there's little hope for the future — the list of 'lack' goes on. But we are the pioneer youth of a new generation who has the power to counter these 'have-not' myths with 'have-more-than-enough' truths!"

Now let us tell you about Benedict Onyango of Kenya, a "non-traditional" student who returned to college as a husband — and father of three — to earn a degree in business administration. An ABF recipient, Benedict's perseverance to get an education and his dedication to Christian Science have made all of us at ABF proud to have played a role in his continuing success.



EMILY SNEAD
Albert Baker Fund Alum

"I'm so grateful to share what it means to be a student of Christian Science and to tell others about the support I received from The Albert Baker Fund when I was in college."



BENEDICT ONYANGO
Albert Baker Fund Alum

"We don't want to rely on donors all the time. We want to become self-reliant. All we need is a push. And for me, that push came from The Albert Baker Fund."

* Mary Baker Eddy, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 1

Benedict tells us:

"I put all my efforts into my studies. Although I was a CPA, I was still lacking the degree I needed to advance in my career. You see, even though I was extremely bright in school (best student in national examination in primary school and second best in high school), my dreams of university education went up in smoke due to lack of school fees. When ABF came through, I scored a first-class honors degree in Business Administration, despite working for weeks at a time in war-torn Somalia. ABF has removed me from hopelessness and replaced it with great hope."



Benedict (left) presenting awards to representatives of Migori County's top-performing schools.

We feel privileged to be a part of Emily's and Benedict's demonstrations!

And theirs are just two of the many compelling stories from hundreds of students for whom we make a difference each year, including Christian Science nurses, Christian Science US Military Chaplains, and high schoolers in DiscoveryBound's National Leadership Council.

Why is The Albert Baker Fund committed to educating Christian Scientists? Education was clearly important to Mrs. Eddy. Her notebooks show that she soaked up the knowledge she gained when her brother Albert tutored her in the subjects he was learning at Dartmouth College.

As a spiritual leader, she was part of the public discourse of her time, engaging with professors, ministers, authors, and editors.

And as leader of a world-wide movement, she expected the readers in Christian Science churches and the librarians in Christian Science Reading Rooms to be "well-educated." (*Manual of The Mother Church* p. 32, 64)

The Albert Baker Fund is inspired by these values. **By supporting the education of Christian Scientists we feel we are blessing humanity.** We invite you to help us make this vital investment in Christian Scientists.

Will your gift make a difference? YES!

The cost of a college education has gone up more than 42% in the last decade, and more students than ever are asking for assistance. Yet today our awards are covering a smaller portion of a student's expenses than in the past. We need to increase our awards so we can help students keep pace with the unprecedented rise in college costs.

Your investment will also help provide financial assistance for training Christian Science nurses at 16 partner facilities offering courses in the US, UK, Switzerland, Argentina, and Brazil.

Albert Baker Fund alumni are changing the world. Won't you join us in supporting people like Emily in New York and Benedict in Kenya?

Everyone has someone who, at some point, was in their corner. Who was there for you? Together we can "be there" for the next generation of Christian Scientists. Won't you join us?

With deep gratitude,


Lucy Harper, Chairman of the Board


Alan R. Bashor, Chief Executive Officer

P.S. You can take great satisfaction knowing that 100% of every dollar from donors goes directly to the education of a Christian Scientist!



Emily was part of the team that analyzed potential landing sites for the 2011 Mars Rover mission during her internship at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW?

ABF ALUMS PASSING THEIR BLESSINGS FORWARD

BENEDICT ONYANGO

*Finance Officer, United Nations World Food Programme, Somalia
Education advocate and lobbyist for children in Migori County, Kenya*

Benedict's Story:

While Benedict was completing his degree in business administration (with highest honors), he was also working full time for the United Nations World Food Programme, and using his "spare time" to create hands-on programs to make education more accessible to the 42% of children in Migori County who live in poverty.

And all this while doing the following: raising his own three children with his wife, Priscah; financially supporting his father, sister, and brother; and traveling for his work to war-torn Somalia for up to two weeks at a time.

Furthermore, Benedict has worked tirelessly to help raise funds to build high school classrooms in rural Migori. For the last two years he has purchased practice materials so that 8th-grade students can do well on the national high school exam and increase the number of boys and girls who go beyond primary school. He also organizes community-wide events to reward the top-performing students, teachers, and schools.

Benedict has been a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Nairobi since 2005 and The Mother Church since 2007. With funding from The Albert Baker Fund, Benedict has just begun an MBA program at the University of Nairobi.

Benedict, what has your education meant to you?

Before going for my further studies, I wasn't able to stand in front of other people because I was ashamed of my level of education. Now I have confidence to make changes in my

Christian Science has shown me that God is Love; so that I see someone else and I want to help them. I don't think about myself. I just think, 'how am I going to help them?'"

community and in the governance of my country. I am looking ahead, and I want to help make policies that will make a good life for those who are down – those who no one wants to think about.

Your thoughts on "passing your blessings forward"?

We must be very practical and demonstrate our words with our actions. While I am blessed by funding from

The Albert Baker Fund, more than one third of children in Sub-Saharan Africa survive on less than \$1 a day. I feel I must actively seek ways and means to translate ABF's investment in my education into tangible benefits to my community, to Africa, and for the good of humanity. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me!" (Philippians 4)

ABF makes education grants to active Christian Scientists in ten African countries. The average grant of approximately \$1,600 covers tuition, books, housing, exams, and transportation for an academic year.



Students dancing at the awards ceremony organized by Benedict for the 57 schools in Migori County.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION WE ASK OUR STUDENTS:

HOW WILL YOU PASS YOUR BLESSINGS FORWARD?

In our application process we ask each student to share how they will take the blessings of their education and pass them forward in tangible ways to benefit their community, their church, their work place, and the world.

"...blessed is that man who seeth his brother's need and supplieth it, seeking his own in another's good."

– Mary Baker Eddy

INVESTING IN STUDENTS: WHAT'S OUR PROCESS?

Each time we invest in a student's education, we carefully research all aspects of the enterprise. This vetting weighs the student's financial need, educational intent, the sincerity of their commitment to Christian Science, and the credibility of the college or program. We also weigh the applicant's commitment to "pass the blessings forward" in meaningful and practical ways.

Whether we are operating in North America, Africa, or Europe, we rely heavily on local networks of active Christian Scientists who help us evaluate each application. This process includes the review of credible references and personal interviews conducted by ABF staff and trained volunteers.

ABF has been serving Christian Scientists for nearly five decades. When we see the positive impact that students such as Benedict and Emily are having – on their churches, communities, and the world – we see that the return on our investment in these students is beyond measure.