

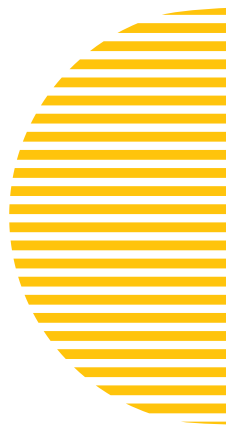
THE ALBERT BAKER FUND

2023



IMPACT REPORT

Impacting the Education of Nearly
440 Christian Scientists Annually



Embracing a New Generation of Healers



The Albert Baker Fund (ABF) is heading down new paths and celebrating many successes in supporting Christian Scientists attending college. In addition to increasing our scholarship awards, we also implemented a new mentoring program that includes student learning communities to help current students and recent college graduates realize success in their careers and life.

Our new mentoring program is designed to help students explore, develop, and expand their educational, professional, and spiritual growth. By matching them to a mentor with a Christian Science perspective, students learn how a professional incorporates Christian Science into their career.

Since many students have desired to connect with other students in their areas of discipline, **we are also offering peer-to-peer student learning communities.** These communities provide opportunities for students to talk with each other about college life, their studies and career plans, and their practice of Christian Science.

However, **our support isn't limited to the United States and Canada.** Christian Scientists living in Africa, parts of Europe, and the Philippines may apply for a scholarship. Those who have a special calling to be a Christian Science nurse or U.S. military chaplain also may apply.

Thank you for embracing this new generation of healers.

With deep gratitude,


Dr. Joseph M. Ritter



THE MISSION OF THE ALBERT BAKER FUND IS TO SERVE THE CAUSE OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AND HUMANITY BY PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR THE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS.

2023 IMPACT

437

Students Impacted

\$1,600,000

Awarded

Programs

- Colleges, Universities, and Vocational Schools
 - United States and Canada
 - Africa, Europe, and the Philippines
- Training Christian Science Nurses Worldwide
- Christian Science Chaplains in the U.S. Military

Colby Bermel

Austin, Texas

MBA Candidate

University of Texas at Austin

After graduating from Principia College, Colby spent six years working as a journalist, diligently chronicling the politics and policy of climate change. He decided to pursue an MBA at the University of Texas at Austin (McCombs School of Business) because he wanted to make a more direct impact on the climate crisis by pivoting from just reporting on energy to working in energy.

Colby has found the graduate program to be an “**incredibly transformative experience professionally, personally, and spiritually.**”



Educating Christian Scientists **Colleges and Universities**

Our largest program supports students living in the United States and Canada. This year **73% of these students are pursuing an undergraduate degree, and 27% are pursuing a graduate degree.**

- One-half of these students also received a DiscoveryBound National Leadership Council Graduate Award, ranging from \$5,000 to \$7,500.
- Students attended more than 100 colleges and universities.
- The number of students attending graduate school was higher than in prior years.

205
Students

\$1,320,000
Awarded

\$5,000
Typical
Undergraduate Award

Educating
Christian Scientists

Africa, Europe, and the Philippines

One-third of this year's ABF scholarship recipients are attending a college, university, or vocational school in Africa, Europe, or the Philippines. Most of these students are pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree. Scholarships are available to students living in:

- Benin
- Cameroon
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- England
- France
- Germany
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Nigeria
- Northern Ireland
- Philippines
- Republic of the Congo
- Rwanda
- Scotland
- Switzerland
- Togo
- Uganda
- Wales
- Zambia

146
Students

\$130,000
Awarded

\$890
Average Award



Africa

Over 97% of our International Students Live in Africa

ABF provides life-changing scholarships to Christian Scientists who use their education and knowledge to bless themselves, their families, their communities, their churches, and, sometimes, even their countries. Their stories are inspiring and clearly illuminate why ABF offers these scholarship programs.

Japhet Tekila, an ABF scholarship recipient, attended the University of Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as an

undergraduate and law student. Japhet has worked in Parliament and now works with the President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the President's team. He advises on subjects related to international law. Japhet attributes his success to what he has learned through Christian Science.

Japhet Tekila

**ABF Scholarship Recipient
Democratic Republic
of the Congo**



Educating
Christian Scientists

Training Christian Science Nurses Worldwide

ABF provides tuition scholarships to Christian Science nurses who are enrolled in an education program offered by an accredited Christian Science nursing facility. Our scholarships are available for the classroom portion of the training.

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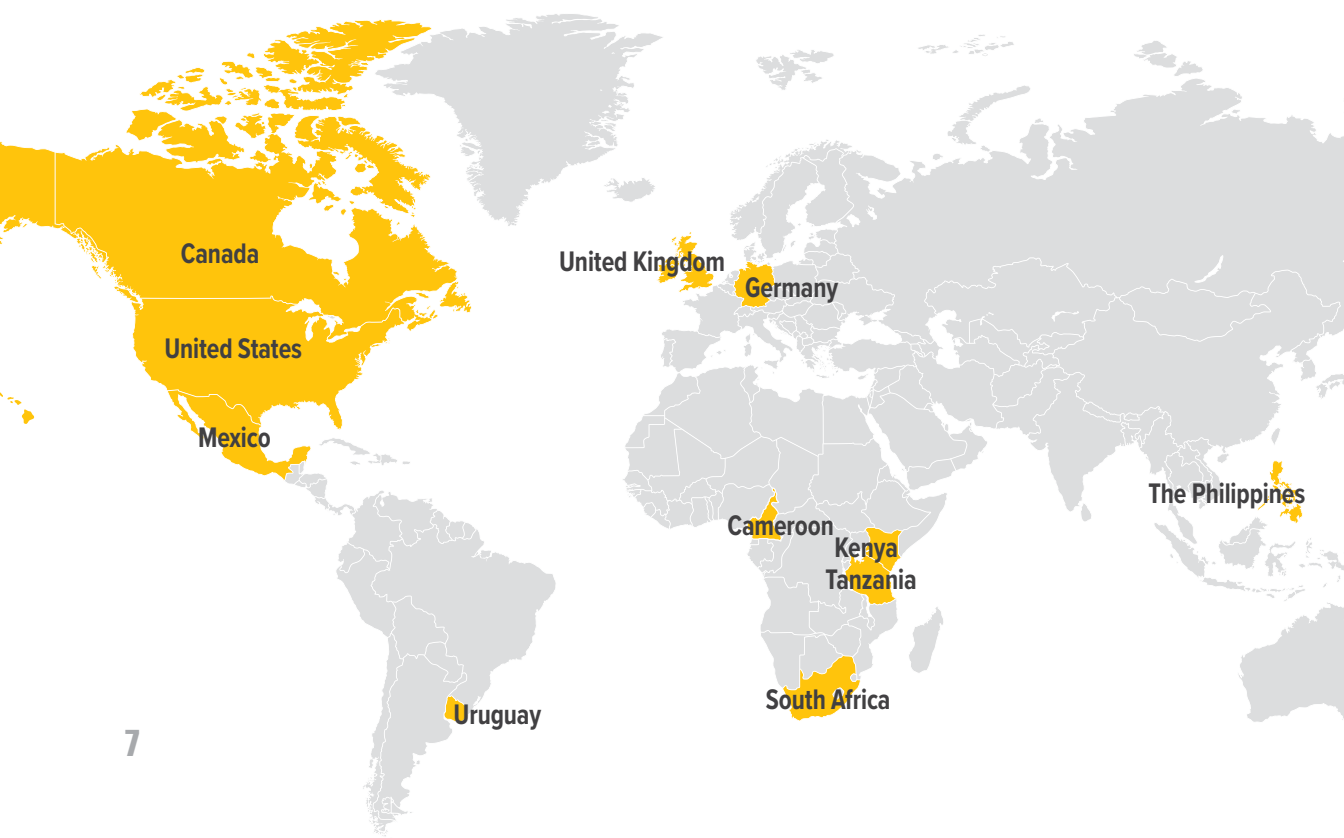
Christian Science
Nurses

\$150,000

Awarded

\$1,745

Average Award



Anna Opaye-Robertson

Hilliard, Ohio

Christian Science Nurse

Glenmont

Anna is training at Glenmont, a Christian Science nursing facility in Hilliard, Ohio, and loves what she is learning.

“My classes at Glenmont have strengthened me in how to care for the patients. We are being taught to listen and discern what is the right thing to do for the patient and then to follow that direction. When we listen to God’s guidance and obey, it is really a wonderful thing! I love to help people, and when I see the smiles on the faces of the patients, I become so happy. I enjoy the work so much and thank God for bringing me here.”



Catherine Trevor-Roberts

**Cannon Air Force Base,
New Mexico
Chaplain**

“When I was in college, I thought about joining the Military Chaplain Training Program offered by The Mother Church due to the fact that I knew chaplains and I was drawn to the work. Ever since I made the choice to join the program, I have watched God unfold amazing things in my experience as I walked toward becoming a chaplain.

“I am humbled, honored, and blessed to be serving as chaplain at Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico.”

Educating
Christian Scientists

Christian Science Chaplains in the U.S. Military

ABF supports the graduate-level education for Christian Science military chaplains who serve as commissioned military officers and minister to the spiritual health and needs of service members.



Educating
Christian Scientists

Program Awards

100% of Your Contributions
Directly Support Students

\$1,600,000
2023 Scholarships

Thanks to the generosity of our many
supporters for embracing this new
generation of healers.

Scholarships

U.S. and Canada Colleges and Universities*

\$1,320,000

Christian Science Nurses Training

\$150,000

Africa, Europe, and the Philippines

\$130,000

**Includes Pass Your Blessings
Forward Scholarships and
Christian Science military chaplains.*

THE ALBERT BAKER
**PASS YOUR
BLESSINGS
FORWARD**
SCHOLARSHIP

You can pass your blessings forward to a Christian Scientist attending college, Christian Science nurses training, or Christian Science military chaplains training by funding a Pass Your Blessings Forward Scholarship.

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