

Report from Chowan University to Cooperative Baptist Fellowship NC

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship NC Missions Resource Plan is making a tremendous impact on the Christian life and mission at Chowan University. Gifts from the Missions Resource Plan support three entities: the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC Chowan Christian Service Association Scholarship; the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC Missions Endowment; and, Campus Ministry Student Missions Fund.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC Chowan Christian Service Association Scholarship

Currently, the corpus of the scholarship is \$162,959.41 and provides \$8,147 annually in the form of scholarships. CBFNC CCSA scholarship 2012-2013 recipients are Vaughn Byrd and Dakota Wilson.

Funding from the Missions Resource Plan helped Chowan reach the \$1,000,000 milestone in the Chowan Christian Service Association (CCSA) Scholarship Fund. This program has assisted 40 students preparing for ministry since its inception in 2005.

Several CCSA scholars who have graduated are continuing their ministerial training. Presently, two graduates are at Campbell Divinity, one at Gardner-Webb Divinity and one at Duke Divinity.

Our current CCSA scholars are impacting the spiritual life on campus and in the community. Our students are involved in a weekly prayer ministry, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Gospel Choir and are active leaders in local and international missions. Presently we have 21 students who are receiving the CCSA Scholarship. Of the current CCSA scholars we have four students who are ordained ministers and are completing their bachelor's degree through the Chowan Ministerial Grant. These ministers are able to take three classes per semester for a minimal fee of \$150. The CCSA also helps to provide book vouchers for these students. Three of these students are serving in African-American churches.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina Missions Endowment

Additionally, this year, CCSA has made a commitment to *always* provide resources for students to have mission experiences and CBFNC is one of the first established endowments. Thanks in part to gifts given through the Missions Resource Plan, we have nearly \$200,000 in the total CCSA Missions Endowment. Now each year, Campus Ministry will receive funding from the interest of this endowment to provide financial assistance to students participating in mission trips.

Campus Ministry Student Missions Fund

Ministry on a university campus is humbling and thrilling. In the world statistics, 1% of the population earns a college degree. We work with the powerful 1%. The students arrive from varied economic, cultural, spiritual and academic backgrounds. The one unifier is the Gospel. It is a joy to serve the Chowan community in the grace of God. We cannot affectively do this without our partnerships with the greater church.

We seek to collaborate and enhance our CBFNC relationships, in a continuous effort to be wise stewards with the gift of your financial contributions. The following are some examples of how Campus Ministry is accomplishing this:

Use of Financial contributions

- Provided scholarships for Spring Break Mission trip to Cuba; upcoming 2013 Spring Break mission trip to Metro Baptist in New York City; and the May mission trip to Ethiopia.
- Provided travel assistance for students on the July trip to East St. Louis, IL with partnership with the Christian Activity Center (Rev. Drew Phillips).
- Provided funding towards STOPHUNGERNOW for the packaging of 10,000 meals for Haiti.

Missional Collaboration

- **Share the Well** week in February is a week of local mission service as well missions education. This year we hosted Chet Cantrell, Executive Director of the Christian Activity Center in East St. Louis as a speaker. For the missions component, students served in Littleton, NC in cooperation with Littleton Baptist Church.
- Partnering annually with Union Mission of Roanoke Rapids (LaCount Anderson) by providing a clothing drive that yielded two 15 cargo vans of clothing last semester, while building relationships between students and residents.
- **Move In Day** – we served 4000 free meals for Freshmen Move in Day with the partnership of local churches (including our area CBF congregations).
- We support and promote, Student.Go, a program of CBF Global Missions.
- Gospel Choir serves annually at Christ House – Church of the Savior, in Washington, DC.
- Head Football Coach Tim Place and a team of six football players served in New Jersey for Hurricane Sandy Relief work. This group was sponsored by Campus Ministry.
- **Chowan Cares** – our annual week of service off campus. Clubs, teams, departments and classes serve the greater Murfreesboro area.

Missional enhancement of congregations and our fellowship

- Hosted all of the CBFNC Divinity Schools.
- Participated in State and National CBF meetings/gatherings.
- Provided Missionaries (students) as the speakers for ***CBFNC Children's Mission Day*** at Edenton Baptist.
- Participated in ***CBFNC on the Move*** at First Baptist Ahoskie.
- Local CBF congregations, FBC Ahoskie and Murfreesboro Baptist assisted in ministering to our International students.
- We also have provided scholarship support for our first CBF International Missionary Kid, Ellen Holmes.

Thank you CBFNC churches for cooperating together to fund the Missions Resource Plan. Your gifts of support are greatly appreciated!

This report is respectfully submitted on behalf of President, Dr. M. Christopher White.

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