



## AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF THE SOUTH

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Dear ABCOTS Family:

During February and March, our denomination is eagerly engaged in interpreting and promoting our America for Christ Offering (AFC). **“Willing Hands: Connect, Care, Celebrate” is our theme.**

**Our Region’s goal is \$46,000 with \$46,200 being our challenge goal. This means, that we need the support of all churches at some level, if we are to reach our goal. Last year, 112 churches participated and we raised \$47,298. We can do even more in 2010 with your help!**

Quite often when people are asked to give in a “special offering,” they respond by asking where is the money going? *When you give to the America for Christ Offering, you will be helping seminarians from churches in ABCOTS. These seminarians received financial aid \$500 per student. Some of these students received financial aid in the **2009-2010** academic year. Last year, seminarians from 15 churches in ABCOTS received financial aid. Yet, only 9 of their churches participated in AFC.*

I am encouraging the congregations in our region to prayerfully make a financial goal and support the America for Christ 2010 Offering. Your gifts to the America for Christ Offering is distributed in the following manner;

Regional Ministries – 29%

AFC Promotions – 12%

National Ministries – 59%

**Will a person rob God? Of whom much is given, much is required.** In ABCOTS, we have been blessed to receive so much, and now is the time for our students and their churches to give back more and beyond. *Is it fair to always receive and never give back proportionately?*

**There are America for Christ meetings scheduled during the next four to six weeks across our Region. Each church is urged to send at least five (5) persons, including our seminarians, to their area meeting.** It will be rewarding and will give our churches a chance to see and support our future church leaders. Enclosed is a schedule of our meetings.

Yours Truly,

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