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Medicine

To : GBF

First I would like to extend my salute to all GBF staffs. Then I would like to say few words concerning how I value the GBF-AHEAD fellow-ship as ~~uniquely~~ we are requested to do so.

I greatly appreciate the joint effort by GBF and AHEAD to help us - medical students. It is known that GBF-AHEAD has been giving us 30 Ethiopian Birr monthly and also some educational materials like stethoscope at the start of our internship programme. We had an opportunity some few months ago to meet some of the members of AHEAD here in Addis at the faculty of science. At that time we could discuss some of our problems particularly in relation to our academic careers and they could understand that the monthly 30 birr is not enough and also promised to increase the money as soon as they can. We did also tell them that the stethoscope which used to be issued at the start of our internship programme, should be issued now during our clinical practice rather than after we are an intern because now is the most important time we need it. They were also convinced by this and told us that it is going to be their first job to send us the stethoscopes when they return back to Canada. However, we have not received the stethoscopes yet and we are hope fully looking for them still now. I wonder if GBF can tell us anything new regarding the above issues.

I would like to stress on that all efforts by GBF-AHEAD to help us are highly appreciated. I hope GBF-AHEAD will strengthen and continue its various activities.

Finally, I would like to tell that I like to renew my fellow-ship and continue as a fellow for the coming year(s).

MY GPA in the academic year 1997 (E.C) is ~~76~~ (weighted mark %).

Thank you !
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NB: Sorry for being late, we were (my group) at Zeway health center for one month, that is why this paper is submitted late.