

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA to be used for programs that address "housing, feeding, education and health with regard to the less fortunate." A panel will select recipients for grants of up to \$5,000 largely based on the degree to which the funds will be used to directly assist persons in poverty. Ministries must be in relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or ministry will be considered per year. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions.

1. General Information:

Organization Name Iglesia Bautista Comunidad Nueva Esperanza
Affiliation with ABCUSA West Virginia Baptist Convention
Address 508 Washington St., Ravenswood, WV 26164
Phone 304-488-1027 Federal Tax ID# 30-0470463
Contact person Juan R. Aragón email aragon@wvbc.org

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement
- A financial statement FOR THIS MINISTRY. This can be a budget or projected budget, and should not exceed 2 pages. Church budgets are not acceptable.

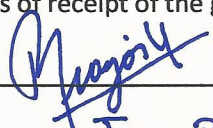
3. How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? (Please submit on separate sheet. Maximum of one page.)

4. Total cost of the project \$8,900.00

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$5000.00

6. Your other funding source(s) Resources provided by our church and sister/partner churches

I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use any granted funds as described. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo within six months of receipt of the grant.

(Signed)  Date 9-1-2015

Printed Name/Title Juan R. Aragón - Hispanic Ministries Strategist
West Virginia Baptist Convention

Please note:

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline is March 1 for grants distributed on April 15; Sept. 1 for grants distributed on Oct. 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



From: Juan R. Aragon [mailto:aragon@wvbc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 2:54 PM
To: TURNER, Tina
Subject: RE: Application for Matthew 25 Grant - Iglesia Bautista Comunidad Nueva Esperanza

Dear Ms. Turner,

Our physical address is 508 Washington St. Ravenswood, WV 26164. We rent the building from another church. But we do not receive mail in this address.

If something will be mailed to us, please send it to:

Comunidad Nueva Esperanza
7517 Parkersburg Rd.
Sandyville, WV 25275

I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Please let me know if I need to clarify anything else.

Once again, thank you for your help.

Blessings,
Juan

From: TURNER, Tina [mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 2:36 PM
To: Juan R. Aragon <aragon@wvbc.org>
Subject: RE: Application for Matthew 25 Grant - Iglesia Bautista Comunidad Nueva Esperanza

Juan,

Thank you for submitting an application to the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant. I will be happy to present your request to the discernment team at their meeting in early October.

Please verify the mailing address for Iglesia Bautista Comunidad Nueva Esperanza. Is it 508 Washington St, Ravenswood WV 26164. This address is different from the one listed in the ABCIS church database.

Blessings,
Tina
Tina M. Turner
Executive Assistant
Mission Resource Development
American Baptist Churches USA

Mission:

Iglesia Bautista Comunidad Nueva Esperanza exists to proclaim the gospel and make disciples who love God, love their neighbor and change the world.

Vision:

We are a multicultural community carrying a message of hope and transformation through the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit to the community of Ravenswood.

Core Values:

1. We are a church that seeks to glorify God in all it does. 1 Corinthians 10:31
2. We are a praying church. James 5:16
3. We are a church guided by the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:14
4. We are a church with a spirit of hospitality and service. Hebrews 13:2, Mark 9:35
5. We are a generous church in response to God's love. 2 Corinthians 9:6
6. We are a church that values relationships and fellowship as essential for Christian life. Acts 2:44
7. We are a church committed with local and global mission. Matthew 28:19

How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? (Please submit on separate sheet. Maximum of one page.)

Iglesia Bautista Comunidad Nueva Esperanza is made of Hispanic immigrants from southern Mexico, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. Some of these Hispanic men have formed families with Anglo-American women and they are also part of our church family. All the families in our community are agricultural workers who work along the Ohio River producing tomatoes, green peppers, corn, green beans, strawberries, and other vegetables.

One of the most important outreach programs our church has is to Hispanic seasonal migrant workers who come every year between May and September to supply much needed agricultural labor in the farms along the Ohio River. Despite their significant contribution to the American economy and life, agricultural workers are one of the most marginalized and forgotten groups of people in the USA. The majority of these workers are men from Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras. In partnership with other sister churches, our church provides a meal to an average of 100 workers every Saturday from mid-June to mid-August – a total of 8 Saturdays. We also provide a basic hygiene kit to every worker containing shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, razors, shaving crème, and candies. Every Saturday when we go to the fields, we have the opportunity to speak to the workers and pray for their needs and families in their countries or here in the USA. At the end of the harvest season, we celebrate a big party – La Fiesta de la Cosecha (The Harvest Party) - in which we invite all the workers to come and share a meal, games, and to hear the message of hope of our Lord Jesus Christ. At the beginning of the school year, our church provides back to school kits to the sons and daughters of these agricultural workers. Most of these kids live below poverty guidelines.

The funds provided by the Matthew 25 grant will help us to continue and strengthen our outreach programs which intends to show Christ's love and light in a tangible and practical way by creating connections and a space in which these workers and their families feel welcomed and appreciated in the midst of a country that still struggles with racial and ethnic biases and prejudices.

We are estimating the cost of 100 meals at \$7 apiece for 100 workers for 8 Saturdays – mid-June through mid-August.

Our request for the meals program and "La Fiesta de la Cosecha – The Harvest Party" is \$3,500.00, which includes \$3,200.00 for the meals and \$300.00 for "La Fiesta de la Cosecha – The Harvest Party."

We are also requesting \$1000.00 dollars for 100 hygiene kits and \$500.00 dollars for our back-to-school supplies for the children.

Our total request is \$5000.00 dollars.

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