

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___First Baptist Church of Cadillac, Michigan

Affiliation with ABCUSA__Member Church

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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___ongoing cost of putting the Bio Sand Water Filters in homes, schools, widow’s homes, and orphanages (See attached)

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$5,000

6. Your other funding source(s)___Donations from Church Members, some financial support from the local Church in Cap Haitian, Haiti

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_____

Printed Name/Title_____Gary Gilmore, Business Administrator, Haiti Water Project US
Coordinator_____

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 beth.fogg@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



Bio Sand Water Filter Project Cap Haitian Haiti

It is our dream to help provide clean water to the people of Cap Haitian, Haiti. Cap Haitian is the second largest city in Haiti, with an estimated population of 750,000. Currently there are no efforts at providing water filters for Cap Haitian. There are a few smaller projects in some communities of Northern Haiti, but none specifically in Cap Haitian. Some of the reason is that there is currently no ability to purchase the filters in Cap Haitian. The closest place is in Port-A-Prince which is six to eight hours away. Also the weight of the filters and materials is over 100lbs, so logistics and transportation become a significant problem in getting any large number of filters to Cap Haitian.

Because of our contact with Pastor Joseph Voltaire, and his Church, First Baptist Church of Cap Haitian we are able to work directly with local people on the ground in Haiti who Pastor Voltaire has assigned to work on this project. My relationship with Pastor Voltaire goes back four years now, having travelled with an ABC Michigan team, and then teams I have led from FBC Cadillac, Michigan.

We currently have shipped 100 Bio Sand Water Filters which are in Cap Haitian. It is our desire to purchase a building or piece of land at some point so that we can have a staging area in Cap Haitian. This will provide the ability for other organizations to purchase them in Northern Haiti.

For our particular project we are identifying sand and gravel sources in Cap Haitian so that the project is much less expensive. We believe that a Filter will cost appx. \$85 to install. This will include the filter and contents, as well as a stipend for the workers who do the installation. We will charge a minimal fee for each private home where filters are installed. This gives the Haitians dignity, and makes them proud of the Filter, and they take much better care of it. It kind of serves like an appliance in a United States home. The filters each produce 25 gallons of clean water per day. Any type of polluted water, or dirty water can go into the filter and come out at least 98% clean. It does not work though with sea water.

Our concern is that we are able to keep the project going. We have raised over \$8,000 locally in Cadillac, Michigan. As I mentioned we have 100 filters on site which will be installed in Widow's homes, Churches, and schools. We would like to continue purchasing for these places, and at some point place filters in private homes. If we don't continue to raise finances the project has the potential to fall apart once the first 100 filters are installed. With a \$5,000 grant it gives us the ability to purchase 58 more Bio Sand Water filters for this summer and fall. In the meantime we are hoping to raise finances for purchase of a building, or property, as well as a vehicle for deliveries. We have a temporary home for project at this point, and vehicles we can borrow.

The importance of this project of helping to alleviate poverty in the poorest country in the western hemisphere is crucial. Dirty water causes sickness and death. When people are sick they cannot go to school, or go to a job. The project is actually three fold in that we will do hygiene training and sanitation training with each filter installation. One in six children die before the age of 5 in Haiti due to unclean water related diseases which are totally preventable with clean water!

<http://www.cawst.org/>

I have included the link above, which talks about filters, and there is a great short video called "Think Fast" which is very informative in regards to the World Water crises.

To summarize, your granting of \$5,000 dollars helps us keep a project alive and moving. Even if we did not receive any more funding for the completion of this dream, 58 more families will receive the gift of life saving water! It is our dream and vision to keep providing water to Cap Haitian so that not one child needs to die due to water related illnesses. Our vision is that we will continue to provide filters and employment to Haitians on the ground in Haiti. The leadership of this project besides me, includes Pastor Joseph Voltaire, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Cap Haitian, and Alain Jean Francois an engineer, who Pastor Voltaire has put in charge. Alain and one of his assistants have already attended CAWST training in Port-A-Prince. I am attending some training in from Triple Quest the producer of these filters in Grand Rapids, Michigan this month.

To give you a picture of the priority of this project, I would give you one last story. Pastor Voltaire's Church has a number of "Widow's Homes" where women who have lost their husbands and have no one other than the Church to take care of them live. In the last couple of years at least two women have died in those homes from Cholera which could be prevented with access to clean water.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant! I look forward to the amazing lifesaving ways that this money would work.

Respectfully,

Gary Gilmore
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Projected Budget for Bio Sand Water Filter Project

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| Completed Bio Sand Water Filters | \$85.00 |
| Proposed number of installations this year | 250 |
| Estimated cost for 250 installations | \$21, 250 |

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| Follow up inspections to ensure filter being used properly and working (\$5.00 per visit paid to technician) | \$2,000 |
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Completed Bio Sand Water Filter includes a \$5.00 per day payment to installer

Revenue: (Will charge each family a small fee for the filter. This provides the family with dignity; they are not treated as poor, but with respect. It also has been shown that the individuals take much better care of filters, and they are proud and happy with the filters when they actually pay something)

An estimated charge of \$5.00 would be charged for each filter.

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| Expected Revenue: | \$500.00/100 filters |
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In the beginning of project most of the filters will be placed in Schools, Orphanages, Widow's homes, and Churches

Future Expansion possibilities:

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| Warehouse for storage and preparation of filters | \$10,000 |
| Vehicle to transport filters | \$5,000 |
| Projected future cost | \$38, 250.00 |

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| Revenue Sources: | \$500.00 (Fees to user) |
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Local Support (In country)

\$2,500 (Churches/Rotary Club)

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| Budget | -(35, 250) |
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| Operational Budget | \$8600.00 (First Baptist Church Cadillac) |
| Proposed grant | \$5000 |
| Total: | \$13, 600 |
| Needed: | \$21,650 |

So the goal will be to continue fund raising via other grant sources, individual donations, and Church partnerships. If the total project is not fully funded we will still be able to place approximately 150 filters

which will benefit at least 1500 people. Our Church and I am committed to continuing this project into the future. It is our dream (Eph 3:20 "Now to him who is able to do immeasurable more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us")

We hope that you will partner with us in helping us to alleviate poverty and provide clean water to a people that are two and half hours by plane south of the continental United States. We who have so much should not be satisfied when those so close, suffer so much. Together we can make a difference!

Quote from Pastor Voltaire (FBC Cap Haitian) in an email after I asked him "would this really help in the city"?

"I took in consideration your remarks or your questions concerning the best use of the filters. I read the email that Alain will send to you. I think he is correct by telling you that Cap Haitian is not different than common villages in Haiti. Probably, the document to whom you referred might take this into consideration Port au Prince or some other cities where there is a drinking water system in place. There is a project, right now to provide drinking water (municipal system) to Cap Haitian. It is still a proposed project and even it will start and work, it won't reach the surrounding neighborhoods where the largest population live. We receive many Pastors' requests who ask us when they get their filters"

How will this project help alleviate hunger?

Poverty can be the result of political instability, ethnic conflicts, climate change, and other man made causes. But one of the greatest causes of poverty in Haiti is also often the most overlooked the lack of access to clean drinking water. For these people poverty is a fact of life. As the poorest nation in the western hemisphere, Haiti has to deal with issues of poverty and water scarcity on a daily basis. According to a study conducted by the “Center for Human Rights and Global Justice” only 55% of the population has access to an improved water source, while close to 70% do not have direct access to potable water. These figures, however, almost definitely overstate Haitians access to improved water sources, since public systems are rarely available.

The lack of clean water is an often insurmountable obstacle to helping oneself. Unclean water affects every part of a person. From children not being able to attend school, to parents not being able to maintain a steady job, to high medical costs due to disease. Water is the sustaining factor in life and without it, families in developing countries never have the opportunity to enhance their status of life.

So unclean water leads to disease, gathering water requires people to walk long distances, and face the dangers of crime, and rape, and it has a huge economic impact of families.

Expenses also often create problems with water availability. The “World Bank” estimates that around 54% of the population lives on less than US\$1 a day, and 78% live on less than US\$2 a day. The people of Cap Haitian resort to gathering water from “garbage filled” rivers to supply their households with water for their daily needs, including cooking and drinking when water becomes too expensive or they do not have access to a clean water source.

Access to clean fresh water is a main concern in Cap Haitian, where waterborne illnesses, such as cholera, typhoid, and chronic diarrhea, are the cause for more than half of the deaths in the country every year. Contaminated water is also one of the leading causes of childhood illness and the very high infant death rate in Haiti of 57 for every 1000 births.

So this project is a huge step in preventing poverty. To each family that benefits from this project it means life, and the opportunity to pursue things we take for granted.