

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. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or organization, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information:

Organization Name EVERGREEN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN BAPTISTS

Affiliation with ABCUSA (Check made payable to) _____

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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 \$25,000

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

6. Your other funding source(s) REGION CHURCHES (EVERGREEN)

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) Keith Madsen

Date 7/30/15

Printed Name/Title KEITH MADSEN PASTOR, THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF
MISSION TRIP COORDINATOR ISSAQUAH

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.





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Budget for Haiti School Project

This school is being built by the Haitian Baptist Convention, under the leadership of Executive Minister Rev. Emanuel Pierre, and American Baptist Missionary Nzunga Mabudiga. It is being built in the neighborhood of Haiti where Rev. Pierre was raised. The Evergreen Association of American Baptists have assisted in this project on two previous trips in 2012 and 2014.

These figures were supplied by Rev. Pierre:

Total costs to date:

Building materials: US \$ 23,146.00

Labor*: US \$ 7,715.00

These are estimates to complete the building, based on costs to this point:

Building materials: \$18,750

Labor*: \$ 6,250

\$25,000

*Haitian labor is used in this project. Mission trip participants assist the Haitian laborers.

Dr. Keith Madsen
Mission Trip Coordinator



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Mission Statement for Haiti Mission Trip:

Our mission trip to Haiti will be a way we can reach beyond our borders and walk alongside the people of Haiti and our missionaries there, and will offer us opportunities for compassion and service. Our experience will also provide the opportunity to return to the Evergreen Association enriched by the stories of the faith and service of the people of Haiti, and therefore to be Ambassadors from Haiti to our own Region. The trip will thus bind us together in Jesus Christ.

Question #3 – Use of requested funds. How this project will help battle poverty and its effects:

The funds we are requesting from a Matthew 25 grant will help us complete the building of an elementary school in Haiti.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. There are many contributing causes to this. Deforestation of the land has made it so they have limited ability for agricultural production. To pay family expenses, what trees are still there are often burned to provide charcoal, the fuel most commonly used to cook food. Children often have to quit school early to work to provide income for the family. As a result over 60% of Haiti's children drop out of school before finishing grade school. Those who go further often seek to go to the United States or other more developed country, in order to provide a better life for themselves and their families.

Educating and developing local leadership is key to reversing Haiti's poverty. The school which is being built is being built in one of the many poor sections of Cap Haitian. The goal is for the school to be subsidized so that poor children will be able to come to the school without draining family income. Haitian Baptists also take pride in their graduates going on to take leadership positions in the country. Nzunga always points out the



Evergreen workers helping
construct the school in 2014

*"Education is the most powerful weapon
which you can use to change the world."*
-Nelson Mandela



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large number of their graduates serving in leadership positions in Haiti.

Sometimes I hear people say that Haiti is in a hopeless situation, and that their lot will never change. I don't believe that. Our American Baptist missionaries are making a difference in Haiti, and we can be part of that difference. A Matthew 25 grant will be well-used in partnering with us to that end.

In Christ,

Dr. Keith Madsen



At left: Clem Winbush, Evergreen Association Mission Education Associate Clem Winbush surveys school building projects progress in 2014.