

ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant Application

1. General Information

Organization Name: First Baptist Church of Murphysboro, Illinois

Affiliation with ABCUSA: First Baptist Church of Murphysboro, Illinois

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2. Mission statement and projected budget.

Mission Statement of First Baptist Church, Murphysboro, Illinois:

"To help people find purpose, promise and hope in a daily relationship with Jesus Christ."

Projected Budget: Mission Trip 2016 Jamaica

Following is a projected budget for a 20-person mission team (per person):

Airfare \$700

Food \$175

Ground transportation \$50

Operational/Ministry \$350

Miscellaneous \$25

Total cost per person \$1300

3. Plan for use of Matthew 25 Grant funds

FBC Mission Team will partner with Bob Weston, a Jamaican native, in Montego Bay, Jamaica from July 5-12, 2016. His ministries, 'Love in Action' & 'Meals on Wheels' serve local people by providing meals, weekly outreach to a local hospital, 2 infirmaries and 2 nursing homes, and distribution of Bibles, tracts, food and clothing. Our team will serve through visiting a school with outreach that may include sharing testimony, drama enactment, music and games. We will also assist with preparing and serving food to locals in need, street ministry by making friends and sharing the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, and visiting people in the hospital or nursing home to show God's love through our presence. We are inspired by I John 3:17 "But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?"

Funds received from ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant would be used to purchase materials used for outreach, to meet the needs of Bob Weston's ministry with food and other supplies, and to assist our team in preparation for the trip. On 8/30/15, we will begin training, preparing and praying for God's guidance, safety and will to be done. Our team has been blessed to participate in 'in-country' mission trips the last three years to West Virginia, New York City, and Atlanta, Georgia. Each experience presented us with different challenges and opportunities for reaching people for Christ. But all resulted in our group being blessed by those with whom we came into contact and our lives have been forever changed as a result.

The Lord has opened doors for our group to participate in our first international Mission trip in July, 2016. We will be prepared to surrender ourselves to His will and to better understand how to see others through His eyes and act accordingly. Support from the Matthew 25 grant would greatly assist our team in accomplishing our goal.

Thank you for your consideration of this request;

Shaker Samuel, Senior Pastor

Jesse Boudet, Director of Youth

Kristy Dunning, Mission Trip Coordinator

4. Total Cost of the Project: \$26,000.00

5. Amount being requested from the Matthew 25 grant: \$5,000.00

- 6. Other fundraising sources:
 - -personal contributions
 - -monthly fundraising events
 - -support letters written to family and friends
 - -church Mission Board

We hereby 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 in the use of the funds and a photo within 6 months of receipt of the grant.

Electronically signed on August 28, 2015 by: Shaker Samuel, Senior Pastor Jesse Boudet, Director of Youth Kristy Dunning, Mission Trip Coordinator