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___Little Capon Baptist Church Mission Fund Affiliation with ABCUSA member of Eastern Association of American Baptist Churches Address RR1 Box 31 Augusta, WV 26704

Phone 304 – 496-9706 Federal Tax ID# 55-0568729 Contact person Alex R. Sowers email masowers12@yahoo.com

- 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.

We have spent approximately \$60,000.00 on construction of the school building in Haiti. We spend approximately about \$750.00 per month on the teachers' salaries at the school. We are estimating the cost to complete three additional classrooms at \$15,000.00. Electrical and other small needs will be donated by members of our church.

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.)

The school provides the students at the school with a small breakfast and lunch each day. Any funds we receive for the grant would be used to help with this as well as classroom supplies and materials. Most of the students who attend the school can not provide food for themselves. The students can't learn if they are hungry due to a lack of food.

- 4. Total cost of the project The project is ongoing and it costs approximately \$200.00 per week for the 40 weeks they are in school.
- 5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$4,000.00
- 6. Your other funding source(s) individual church members

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) Alex R. Sowers Date August 31, 2014

Printed Name/Title Alex R. Sowers Mission board member

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 <u>beth.fogg@abc-usa.org</u>. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



LITTLE CAPON BAPTIST CHURCH MISSION BOARD

Board Members:

Chris Baker, Chair; John Saville, Alex Sowers, Lisa Sorteberg, Susie Tutwiler

SCRIPTURES & QUOTES:

last."

"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Prov. 19: 21

"When there is no vision, the people perish." Prov. 29:18

" Let there be real harmony so that there won't be splits in the church...be of one mind, united in thought and purpose." 1 Cor. 1:10 (LB)

"Plans, programs, and personalities don't last. But God's purposes will

Rick Warren

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Gal. 6:9-10 (NIV)

"If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done." Ecc. 11:4 (LB)

"Wherever God guides, he provides." Rick Warren

"A church's health is measured by its sending capacity not its seating capacity. Ask yourselves, How many people are being mobilized for the Great Commission?" Rick Warren

MISSION BOARD PURPOSE STATEMENT

To win souls for Jesus Christ, produce disciples for Christ, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

In order to fulfill these directives, we will minister to the physical needs of our congregation, our community, our nation, and the world. We will be accountable to the church by dutifully researching and evaluating mission projects and individuals or groups that we sponsor. We will determine what means we could use to assist and present proposals to the church for their approval, fulfilling our biblical obligation to minister to all people. We will evaluate annually the church's tithe and oversee it according to the mission's directives. We want to establish our church as a missionary sending church.

PRESENT MISSION SERVICES

<u>Local</u>: Food pantries, baby shower pantries, monetary donations, food donations for those who are convalescing or family members who have lost loved ones, acts of service (wood cutting & delivery, Meals of Love, VBS, gifts for Health Care Centers), Hampshire County Right to Life, ABW: Romney Child Shelter

<u>Community</u>: Monthly support for a family within our community, Mountain State Mission Offering, WVBC Support, ABW: Quarters for Kids - Weirton Christian Center, Monthly support to our local Christian radio station, Scholarship Girls, local scholarship & Love Gift

<u>Nation</u>: America for Christ Offering, Retired Missionaries and Minister's Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, Monthly support to American Family Radio, ABW: White Cross & National Annual Support,

<u>World:</u> World Mission Offering, Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes, Bibles for China, Bibles for Kenya, Gideon's International, Baptist Haiti Mission, International missionaries - Keith and Debbie Myers, educational child sponsorship of a child in Guatemala, and 5 educational child sponsorships in Haiti, Plane tickets for Little Capon Baptist Mission Team