

ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION - 2017



A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary, 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. Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that includes non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church for work being done directly by that church.

Only one application per church will be considered within a 24-month period. Because this change was made following the Fall 2016 cycle, recipients of a Spring 2016 grant are eligible to apply.

Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions, rainy day funds, church benevolent funds, regular ongoing church operating expenses (i.e. utilities, insurance), repairs, or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church that is applying for the grant; checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

Tab through the document to fill in all the fields below.

1. Applicant Information

Name of Church: First Baptist Church

Mailing Address: 1616 W 39th St Kearney NE 68845

Phone: 308-234-2311

Federal Tax ID#: 47-6027160

Name of Region: Nebraska

Contact person (person completing this form): Angie Gillming

Email of contact person: secretary@kearneyfb.org

Does your church contribute to United Mission? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Have you previously been awarded an ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, have you submitted your report on the use of the funds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. What ministry or group will use these funds?

First Baptist Church Fresh Water Mission Team

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Please include a very brief and specific statement on how the money will be spent. For example: to purchase school supplies for 100 elementary school children; to provide summer camp scholarships for 10 children from low-income families; purchase diapers and wipes for single mothers. You are encouraged to attach a longer description (no more than one page) of the ministry or project.

We plan to use the funds to purchase supplies needed to build a fresh water system in a rural village in Northern Thailand with Missionary Mike Mann and Integrated Tribal Development Program. This village is Hill Tribe refugees from Burma. They are living in dire poverty.

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? What impact do you hope to make on the target group or community?

Clean water promotes better health allowing villagers to have the strength to work and go to school, thus making them more able to succeed at getting out of poverty. We hope to continue working with this village through Missionary Mike Mann to help them learn skills and trades like growing coffee to help them get out of poverty. The Fresh Water Project is the first step in this process. Our hope is that someday through Mike's team they can come to know Jesus as their savior as well.

5. Total cost of the project: \$12,000.00

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000 or any amount up to that amount.
7. List other funding source(s): Donations, fundraisers, selling coffee grown in Thailand
8. Please submit along 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.

By submitting this application on behalf of (church name) First Baptist Church, I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct. We agree to use and/or disburse any grant funds awarded for the sole purpose as described within this application. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by (name of person): Angela T. Gillming (your name typed here is your electronic signature)
Date: 9/1/2017

Please note:

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline September 1. Grants will be distributed no later than October 15.
- Only electronic submissions of completed applications and supporting documents will be accepted. Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org.
- Please review the instructions that follow and initial at the bottom to indicate you have read this information.

Instructions and information for completing the 2017 ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant application

1. General information

Awards will be granted only to ministries of an American Baptist church in good standing with their Region. This is a change from previous grant cycles. We will no longer award grants to organizations affiliated with churches such as a cooperative group that include non-ABC churches; applications must be submitted by an ABC church in good standing.

When determining Grants awards, the following criteria will be considered: whether the church is in good standing within the region; whether the church contributes to United Mission; number of and amounts of previous Matthew 25 Grants received; sustainability of ministry beyond Matthew 25 Grant funding; description of ministry and needs addressed by funding; and the budget submitted along with this application.

Checks will be made payable to the church. Checks will not be made to an individual or ministry.

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds?

Briefly describe what will be purchased with the grant funds if awarded. Be specific with the expected use of these funds. This should be a very short and specific statement on where the money will be spent, do not include a lengthy narrative of the ministry project.

You are encouraged to provide a longer description of the ministry but this additional information must be limited to no more than one page in length and submitted as an attachment.

Matthew 25 Grant Proposal – 9/1/2017

First Baptist Church
1616 W 39th St
Kearney NE 68845

Our Mission Statement is “Dedicated to Serving Christ through teaching, Missions, and Caring”.

Our Budget is:

Income –

Donations to date -	\$6,765
Other Fundraising Efforts pending -	\$???
Possible Matthew 25 Grant	<u>????</u>
<u>Total</u>	\$12,000

Expenses –

Water Tank and Filter system (concrete mix, PVC pipe, fittings, rebar)	\$6,000
Latrines (concrete mix, rebar, squat toilets)	\$4,000
Training of Villagers	<u>\$2,000</u>
<u>Total</u>	\$12,000

If Funds are raised over and above Expenses, we will leave the remainder of the funds with Missionary Mike Mann for future assistance to this village.

Thank you for considering our project. This Grant will help us to reach our goal of \$12,000 to be used to build a Fresh Water System in a tiny village in Northern Thailand with missionary Mike Mann and Integrated Tribal Development Program in February of 2018. This will be the fourth water project we have done in this area. It is our hope that the villagers will continue to work with Mike and his teams in learning skills needed to be able to work their way out of poverty. We have seen the importance of clean water in the villages in overall health and better mortality rates of the children. Since they are not sick as much, they have more energy to work, hunt and better care for their families. Without having to carry water great distances, they have more time to make hand crafts and grow gardens. Growing gardens enhances nutrition which also makes them healthier.

While we are there, we will also be teaching Vacation Bible School Classes through an interpreter. We hope that our light can shine as we are there and that somehow through our contact they will see Jesus, probably for the first time in their lives! We love to spend time with the children in stories, crafts, blowing bubbles, jump rope, playing catch and more! Our hope is that they can someday come to know Jesus as their Savior!

Mostly, our hope as we go to work with these dear people, is that with this new fresh water system, that a new beginning can be made for them. Their greatest desires are for their children to go to school, to be able to make an honest living, and to be able to live safely with their families. None of those things are too much to ask for.

Angie Gillming
Project Coordinator
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