

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 a direct relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or Region will be considered per 12 month period. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions or for capital improvements to facilities. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or Region, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information

Church or Region: First Baptist Church Trenton

Region Affiliation with ABCUSA: Since 1805

Ministry or Group receiving these funds: Burma Refugee youth ministry

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Contact person: Rev Calvin Nadir Powell-pastor Email: nadirsstop@gmail.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.

3. Specifically, how do you plan to use the requested funds? We plan to use it to fund our ESL/ tutor program.

4. How will the funds assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? It will help us acquire educational material that's needed to help increase their literacy. Furthermore, they will learn how to speak English more fluently. This alone is the beginning of them rising above poverty because it gives them the tools that will help them participate in mainstream life as they seek to become whole and healthy citizens. As they learn, this in itself raises their self esteem where they'll be able to see themselves going to higher heights and a higher life. We've already witnessed this through our youth who has gone on to schools of higher learning. In addition, the funding will also help us bring aboard qualified instructors to help teach. We will also be able to bring in motivational speakers who will speak power into their lives. Funding will also be used to transport youth our site. The funding will also help us provide food for them.

5. Total cost of the project: \$5,285

6. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$4,500

7. Your other funding source(s):) **FBC Trenton donations, Capital Association and personal donors**

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/photos within six months of receipt of the grant.

Application submitted by: Reverend Calvin Nadir Powell

Date: 01/27/16

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; September 1 for grants distributed on October 15 • Completed applications should be sent via email to Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

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First Baptist Church of Trenton, NJ

Mission Statement

The First Baptist Church of Trenton is a diverse community representing 15 different language groups seeking to be and make disciples of Christ, in an authentic community for the good of the world. We are a small congregation serving the poor, the hungry, and welcoming refugees in South Trenton.

Financial Statement

2016 Proposed and Request

Travel expenses	\$560
Tutors	
\$20 per hour for single student	\$1,375
\$25 per hour for group	
ESL curricula (student books)	\$350
Honoraria for Karen and Karenni speakers	\$500
Lunch after am ESL tutoring	\$ 2,500
Totals	\$5,285

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From the First Baptist Church of Trenton, NJ

The following will describes how the funds will assist our individuals who are battling poverty.

The First Baptist Church of Trenton continues to provide needed services for poor, inner-city refugees from Burma. We are also concerned with literacy. This funding will support our part time volunteer lay leaders in Trenton as they help our needy by translating language when needed. They help our refugees when they need translation for employment, health facilities or health issues, school, filling out applications of any sort such as job applications, food stamp applications, medical, dental, police and legal services, housing opportunities, parent teacher conferences, driver license tests, income tax preparation, and other social services. They help families learn where free resources are available for food, clothing, furniture, etc. And, they help transport people to work and, most importantly, to church. This funding will also support ESL curricula and stipends for tutors. Other (unpaid) volunteers provide the ESL instruction for youth which have been sustained for four years.

They also provide transportation for our refugees from Burma to these different sites. In addition the funding will help as we continue to teach (ESL) English as a Second Language to help empower our refugees as they seek to one day become whole and healthy citizens of the United States. We also provide tutoring for youth.

It was an exciting year for FBC Trenton! Some of our youth graduated from high school. Tutoring was a great part of their success. This is a major accomplishment in Trenton where the high school graduation rate is low. Furthermore, this is a great accomplishment because more of our refugees are seeking to go to college. This being the case, we are tutoring and preparing them for the SAT; Presently, one of our refugees through tutoring and mentoring has done well in high school where she has now been accepted to Eastern University. It's truly a blessing.

We continue to provide ESL, tutoring, Bible study and choir practice for our youth each Saturday during the school year. Volunteers serve each Saturday. The paid tutors meet with the students at other times during the week. Other funds supported retreats and ice skating and visits to the park for our youth. During spring break 30 plus youth attended a retreat held at the church. Last August *Central: Christ Centered Church of Ewing* helped us with an evening Kid's Camp where 80 plus attended. With *Central's* generosity we were able to provide backpacks filled with school supplies for each child. Four of our children received monies so they could spend a week at the Baptist Camp in Lebanon. The youth help with clean-up projects and help provide food to the needy at Crisis Ministry.

We serve dinner three nights a week at our soup kitchen. The food pantry is available. The Praise Dance continues to minister. Free tax preparation is available for those earning less than \$67,000.

We appreciate your continuing support as we welcome the stranger and minister in Christ's name.