

## 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\_\_ Dominican Republic Mission Team\_\_\_\_\_  
Affiliation with ABCUSA\_\_ First Baptist Church\_\_\_\_\_  
Address\_\_ 146 Church Street, Wallingford, CT 06492\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone\_\_ 203-269-4796\_\_\_\_ Federal Tax ID#\_\_ 060899204\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact person\_\_ John Powers\_\_\_\_ email – john@drmissionteam.org

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 \$10,000

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant\_\_ \$,5000\_\_\_\_\_

6. Your other funding source(s) - private donors, team member donations, fundraising

7.

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)\_\_ John Powers (signed) \_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_ 2/14/16\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name/Title\_\_ John Powers, Director, Dominican Republic Mission Team, First Baptist Wallingford

**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](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



The Dominican Republic Mission Team, a ministry of First Baptist Church of Wallingford, CT, has been serving the very poor since February 1990. Over the past 26 years, this ministry has been blessed to grow in size and scope – what started with 11 volunteer missionaries on the 1990 trip has become 132 people on the 2015 team (and more expected for July 2016). Over the past 26 years, the DR Mission Team has been able to help build the Good Samaritan Hospital in La Romana, establish a biosand water filter program in the homes of the very poor, rebuild homes and entire villages, construct churches and schools, evangelism, providing educational programs and training, establishing a sustainable food garden including solar powered irrigation, and delivering food door to door in the bateyes to the very hungry families.

One of the main projects we have undertaken in the last five years included the total transformation of the poorest of all of the bateyes – Batey 50. The DR Mission Team has been able to facilitate the rebuilding of all shacks into sturdy and safe cinderblock homes, a church and school have been built, and through grants like Matthew 25, a sustainable food garden has been built. The next phase we are entering, through partnership with the Good Samaritan Hospital, Maranatha Mission, and the Haitian Missionary Baptist Church, is to add solar panels to the school and some homes in this village. The solar panels will bring electricity to a village that has never had this luxury – this will mean lights for the school (it is still dark in the classrooms even during daytime), computers can be powered, projectors may be used, cell phones can be charged, and radios and television will be powered to connect the people to the rest of the world. Currently, through previous grants and work in Batey 50, the DR Mission Team has installed five solar panels on the roof of the church which powers the irrigation pump for the garden and provides some lighting for the church building (the first electric lights ever in this village).

#### **Solar Panel Project Budget for Batey 50 - 2016**

\$10,000 Needed

(soliciting funding from Matthew 25 grant, other foundations, individual and church donations, fundraising)

Solar Panels                      \$7,000.

(50 X \$140 each: 100 Watts 12 Volts Monocrystalline Solar Panel)

Related equipment              \$3,000  
and costs:

- pvc piping
- electrical wire and clamps
- translator
- transportation
- maintenance

**PLEASE SEE PHOTOS OF THIS PROJECT CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGES:**

### Photos of the DR Mission Team Solar Panel Project – Batey 50



Batey 50 is one of the poorest Haitian sugarcane villages in the Dominican Republic. The DR Mission Team has been working to rebuild this village over the last five years.



Almost all shacks have been replaced with sturdy and safe cinder block homes. This summer, the DR Mission Team will celebrate the completion of all new homes



In the summer of 2015, the DR Mission Team installed five solar panels on the roof of the church in Batey 50, bringing the first lights and electricity to this village.



DR Mission Team members, workers from the Good Samaritan Hospital, and locals help install the solar panels on the roof of the church.





Local teenagers helped and were taught basic installation with the solar panels on the church roof.



Wires are pulled and prepared for lights inside the church.



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## Mission Statement

The mission of the Dominican Republic Mission Team is to bring hope, healing, and help to the very poor in bateyes and barrios of La Romana, Dominican Republic. This includes raising awareness and funding, providing the means for the very poor to improve their living conditions, and leading large annual mission trips to work directly with the very poor in La Romana.

More information may be found at [drmissionteam.org](http://drmissionteam.org).



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## **Projected Budget 2016 Trips Statement - 130 volunteers**

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$220,000

(airfare, room and board, transportation, translators, mission projects, special events, etc.)

TOTAL INCOME: \$223,000

(trip fees per volunteer, fundraising, donations, sponsorships, grants, multi-church support, etc.)