

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__New Calvary Baptist Church

Affiliation with ABCUSA__Yes_____

Address__3975 Concord Detroit, Michigan 48207

Phone__(313) 923-1600_____Federal Tax ID#__38-6007666_____

Contact person____Michael Nabors email____michael_nabors@msn.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. 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____\$8,560.00_____

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant__\$3,560.00_____

6. Your other funding source(s)_____In-Kind

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)_____Michael Nabors _____Date__September 1, 2014_____

Printed Name/Title_____Michael Nabors, Pastor

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 beth.fogg@abc-usa.org. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



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To Whom it May Concern,

This letter is to introduce the New Calvary Baptist Church's ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant Application.

The Health Ministry of New Calvary has been active over twenty years. We have built a strong relationship in our neighborhood with many of the less fortunate residents. Our various ministries include a Community Garden, Food Pantry, Clothing Closet, Hot Lunch Program and regular health care workshops and programs throughout the year.

If awarded the grant, our Health Ministry will be able to institute a very strong information technology component that will improve our regular presentations and provide greater quality service to our targeted population.

If there is anything more we can provide, please do not hesitate in contacting us. Our Parish Nurse is Janet McElrath. I can be contacted at (313) 282-7377 (cell phone) or (313) 923-1600 (church).

Sincerely Yours,

Michael C.R. Nabors

History and Mission Statement

The New Calvary Baptist Church has served the south east side of Detroit for sixty-five years. Since 1950, the church has been located at 3975 Concord and Stuart, 48207. Once a thriving neighborhood church with more than 1,000 members, the church has witnessed significant changes in the past twenty years. Most members are now commuters, traveling at distances of twenty miles or more, to attend worship services on Sunday and activities during the week. The neighborhood housing stock has plummeted with over half of the single unit homes now boarded or razed by the city.

The church congregation and leadership is committed to service, both to its commuter membership and those remaining in the neighborhood. For thirty-four years, New Calvary housed a Head Start Program for low-income families. For the past six years, the church has effectively gardened a community garden for neighborhood residents. For the past seven years, New Calvary has also hosted a Food Pantry, Clothing Closet and hot food lunch for neighborhood residents, all free of charge.

*In as much as you did it to the least of these my brothers and sisters,
you also did it unto me.*

New Calvary is a neighborhood church that is fully engaged in equipping, enabling and educating the at-risk population in its immediate neighborhood. We believe the gospel of Jesus compels us to be a "Center for Life" where love is shared and souls are saved. The focus on love has to do with our continued commitment to provide an excellent health prevention and life change ministry for low-income residents. Through our *Health Ministry and Parish Nurse Programs*, we have provided outstanding education programs in collaboration with Wayne State University, Michigan State University, Marygrove College, the American Diabetes Association, the American Cancer Society and the Detroit Area Agency on Aging.

The ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant will enable us to strengthen our health and community ministries by allowing us to excel in our continuing education programs. The equipment will be used to develop power point presentations that will enable us to educate neighborhood residents. We will also be able to utilize the equipment to provide public announcements that will be distributed throughout the neighborhood.

Low socioeconomic status is a risk factor for a multitude of medical conditions, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, respiratory disease, cancer and mental illness. The geographical location of New Calvary is the 48207 zip code of Detroit, Michigan. The population is 24,614 and the poverty level is 40.23%. The area lacks resources for the community to gain valuable information to provide support and improve health.

The Health Ministry of New Calvary has been active and serving the community for over twenty years. For the past twenty years, the church has had a Parish Nurse (first with St. John's Health System and currently with the Henry Ford Health System). This vital ministry is established to serve and educate the congregation and community. They have provided and provide, several different programs:

Fruit and Vegetable Mini-Market

Quality Education Programs on making healthy food choices

Diabetes Support Group

Blood Pressure Screenings

HIV/AIDS Education Presentations

Periodic Health Fairs

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 page. Maximum of one page.)

The requested funds from the Matthew 25 Grant will be used to strengthen our education presentation to the targeted residential population. We presently service from 25-40 neighborhood residents with our Community Garden, Food Pantry, Clothing Closet and Hot Lunch Programs. Our programs are conducted twice per month, twelve months out of the year. We also provide health education programs twice per month, twelve months per year. We will teach our targeted population how to find best choices for healthy eating on the internet. In addition, we will utilize the information technology to also assist our audience in preparing themselves for entry into the work force. The funds will enable us to-

- 1) Provide excellent presentation programs aimed at improving healthy choices
- 2) Assist targeted audience in resume and cover letter presentations to perspective employers
- 3) Strengthen the targeted audience's familiarity with information technology equipment
- 4) Expand the Health Ministry's presentation capacity to reach more at-risk residents

New Calvary enjoys important collaborative relations with Gateway Community Health, which has an Integrated Health Center near the church, Detroit Area Agency on Aging (which often provides excellent speakers for health related subjects) and the Henry Ford Health System. Through personal relationships and a proven track record of collaborative programs, Gateway Community Health and Detroit Area Agency on Aging will be helpful in strengthening the Health Ministry to become equipped in servicing those who are less fortunate in our neighborhood.

We will work with Gateway/Detroit East to provide health services to our target population at their Integrated Health Center. These services will include dental and medical services. Our IT equipment will also be used to aid our target audience in determining their eligibility for medical care. With the cooperation of Gateway/Detroit East, we will be able to;

- 1) Provide spiritual encouragement through our church relationship with the targeted population.
- 2) Provide medical services through our relationship with Gateway/Detroit East.
- 3) Provide preventive education services through our relationship with Detroit Area Agency on Aging.

As a result, we are poised to expand our influence and assist even more low-income residents in our zip code area. This program will run from October 15, 2014 to October 1, 2015 and continue annually thereafter.

Proposed Budget for the Matthew 25 ABCUSA Grant

Items to Purchase	Cost	In-Kind
Epson Projector	400.00	Paper products
Projector screen	120.00	Printing/Copier
Speaker	120.00	Volunteers
Wireless microphone	220.00	Space
DVD/VCR	100.00	Custodial services
Laptop Computer (3)	1950.00	Food

TOTALS	3,560.00 (requested)	\$5,000.00 (in-kind)
TOTAL COST	8,560.00	

Budget Narrative

The proposed budget for the Matthew 25 ABCUSA Grant is specifically related to enhancing New Calvary Baptist Church's Health Ministry presentations to a targeted population in the south east neighborhood where we serve. In-kind services include; all paper products (paper for printing cover letters and resumes, and paper products for meals), all printing and use of copiers for materials that will assist all persons aided by our health ministry services, a cadre of volunteers (generally between 8-10 persons who are members of the New Calvary Baptist Church congregation), space (use of our social hall for all meals and presentations), custodial services that will include setting up and clean up for all programs, and food (hot lunch meals and non-perishable bags/boxes for all targeted population people in need.

Specific item requests in the budget includes an Epson Projector, projection screen, speaker, wireless microphone, DVD/VCR and lap top computers that will be used each month for presentations on health care and work force development related issues including;

- healthy food choices,
- physical exercise routine,
- growing fresh vegetables
- tracking improvement of health status
- becoming equipped with cover letter and resume skills
- practice interview skills through oral communication development

Assessment of the program will be done each month by the Health Ministry Office that will include;

- tracking each person being assisted,
- keeping an independent health chart for each person,
- establishing a work force chart that will include copies of cover letters, resumes and interviews for jobs.

All material will be kept confidential and in an office of the church.