

## 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. Grant awards will be sent to the ABC church or organization, checks will not be made payable to an individual or ministry.

1. General Information:

Organization Name Madison Baptist Church Mission Board  
Affiliation with ABCUSA (Check made payable to) Madison Baptist Church  
Mailing Address 426 Second Street  
Madison, WV 25130

Phone 304.369.1061 (MBC) Federal Tax ID# 55-6021887  
Contact person Theresa Cocheran email [tacteaches27@yahoo.com](mailto:tacteaches27@yahoo.com)

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement Located on page 3 of document
- 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. Located on page 3 of document


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.)  
Located on page 4 of document

4. Total cost of the project \$10,050 - \$14,300

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$5,000

6. Your other funding source(s) Other (In-kind & Match): Donations from churches, school personnel, individuals & community organizations. Madison Baptist Church will provide a storage facility and as a site for donations. The Mission Board and other MBC members will be responsible for purchasing, collecting donations, transportation, and working with school contacts for distribution.

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)  Date August 31, 2015

Printed Name/Title Theresa A. Cocheran, MBC Mission Board Chairperson

**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.



### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

The Mission Board of Madison Baptist Church, will show Christ's love to our community, nation, and around the globe (indicated in Acts 1:8\*) and as expressed in I Timothy 6: 17-18: *"Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share."* (NKJV)

*\*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 (NIV)*

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Projected Budget of "Coats for Kids"**

# of Students (estimate per level)	\$ - Coats*	\$ - Hats & Gloves*	\$ - Footwear*
100 elementary	\$3,000	\$800	\$2,000
25-50 middle school	\$875-\$1,750	\$250-\$500	\$1,000-\$2,000
25-50 high school	\$875-\$1,750	\$250-\$500	\$1,000-\$2,000
Subtotals	\$4,750-\$6,500	\$1,300-\$1,800	\$4,000-\$6,000
<b>Project Total</b>	<b>\$10,050 - \$14,300</b>		
<b>Other (In-kind &amp; Match):</b>	Purchasing, Collection of Donations, Storage facility, Transportation, & Distribution – Madison Baptist Church Family & Mission Board		

\* Estimates based on prices from [www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com)

Boone County, nestled in the Appalachian Mountains amidst the southern coalfields of West Virginia is the home of fifteen schools. Once the most prosperous of the mining counties, the recent closures of multiple mines has wreaked emotional, social, and economic havoc on the well-being of the citizens of Boone County. Faced with tough decisions and situational poverty, many have severed their roots and left. The majority of those remaining, many victims of generational poverty, lack the resources necessary to improve their circumstances. Thus, the lives of those remaining spiral further into the depths of poverty; plunging Boone County into the battle against situational and generational poverty with all the negatives: drug abuse, hunger, school drop-outs, poor academic performance, and more. Schools once well above the poverty line and ineligible for federal funding are now below the poverty line and increasing with each mine closure. Located in the heart of an area with 1676 of 2890 students qualifying as free/reduced is Madison Baptist Church (MBC).

Realizing the impact the on-going loss of income from coal has forced upon our citizens and how the worry of providing food and clothing for their families inhibits productive changes, our church family is working (often through the Mission Board) to provide assistance and encouragement to students and families. We know students must have their physical needs met before they can focus on learning and staying in school. Some MBC areas of 2015 outreach include: providing a monthly home-cooked dinner for at-risk high school students, collecting and packing backpacks with hygiene items for distribution through the DHHR for students placed into the care of Child Protective Services, a community food pantry, funds and manpower throughout the summer to help supply, pack, and mail boxes of supplemental foods and hygiene items to at-risk students; and, with the rampant increase in drug abuse and births of babies with NAS, *Lily's Place* Infant Recovery Center was provided funds for a multi-bottle warmer.

Now, with harsh forecasts for the approaching winter and requests from caring teachers and administrators, it is time to focus our attention on students' need for winter apparel. The MBC Mission Board and church family, working in conjunction with Boone County school personnel and other community organizations, will collect and distribute new and gently used winter outer apparel to students. The requested \$5,000, if awarded, will be used to "fill the gaps" in providing coats, hats, gloves, and/or footwear for 150-200 K-12 students. By reducing their concern regarding the weather, our prayer and goal is that students' focus will be to stay in school and learn the skills needed for a life without poverty; and their parents, with some worry alleviated, will be able to concentrate on making positive life changes.