

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 Social Action Ministry
Affiliation with ABCUSA (Check made payable to) Primera Iglesia Bautista Dorado
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787-316-6909

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 \$5,000.00

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$5,000.00

6. Your other funding source(s) None

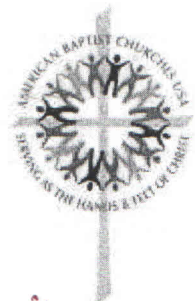
I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use any granted funds as described. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo within six months of receipt of the grant.

(Signed) Emiliaa Correa Date September 1st, 2015

Printed Name/Title Emiliaa Correa / Social Action Ministry Coordinator

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. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



American Baptist Churches – Mathew 25 Grant

From: First Baptist Church, Dorado, Puerto Rico

Mission Statement:

The First Baptist Church of Dorado, Puerto Rico, has the Ministry of Social Action, whose mission is to serve the community offering help to brothers and sisters in great need both personal and familiar. The Ministry of Social Action supports economic, emotional and spiritual type help as well as food, clothing, household items, among others.

Budget:

Our church is located near communities, mostly in low poverty levels. These suffer from high rates of unemployment, in addition to the general economic crisis in the country that affects them greatly.

To that end, The First Baptist Church of Dorado, allocated \$10,000 annual budget to fulfill our ministry and mission. Allocation comes from the tithes and we have designated to respond to requests having the highest priority as are many, and of all kinds. With this money we offer fixed monthly support to extreme needed brothers with critical health problems. To meet food needs, we conduct at different times of the year campaigns to collect food to keep inventory in store for this. However, each time it's more difficult to keep our non-perishable supplies due to the economic crisis in our country which is affecting all of us alike. Because of the problem, we have to go to other non-profit institutions to increase our economic budget and the food bank, among other priorities.

How we use the budget:

The Ministry of Social Action, in addition to attending regular requests for help with these funds, plans special activities of great social impact, whose expenditures are financed with special contributions also for these purposes in particular. One of them is the delivery of groceries for the Thanksgiving dinner to 30 families with food shortages for them to share the holiday together, with love, peace and family harmony. Each purchase will cost at least \$100.00 ($30 \times 100 = \$ 3,000.00$), for a total cost of three thousand dollars (November 2015). The other activity on the agenda, including Christmas, is to deliver 50 children and young people of the church, in need, school supplies and other assistance to facilitate their studies and access to schools by the beginning of the second semester (January 2016). This can range from notebooks, backpacks, uniforms ... to financial assistance for public transportation expenses. We consider the allocation of \$ 2,000.00 as a minimum, at a cost per participant of \$40.00 ($50 \times 40 = \$ 2,000$).

Both special projects, involve the allowance of five thousand dollars, at least to fulfill our goal, money that we do not have at this time.

How these funds help to combat poverty and its effects?

These funds will help us mitigate, even if it's on a small scale, the needs of our brothers and share with them what we have filled with love, peace and hope of a better life for them. It is a great way to show them that they are not alone and that God does not forget them and their needs. It allows us to bring the message of love of neighbor and evangelize through our solidarity actions to work with self-esteem because they feel they have value to our Baptist congregation and community.