

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 "SEND The Light" Fellowship
Affiliation with ABCUSA (Check made payable to) "Send the light" Fellowship
Mailing Address PO Box 98
Frankford, WV 24938
Phone (304) 497-4323 Federal Tax ID# 55-0356998
Contact person Rev. Jim Anderson email anderson@wvbc.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 \$3600.00

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$1,300.00

6. Your other funding source(s) US, + other local businesses, service organizations + churches.

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) Rev. Jim Anderson Date Aug. 11, 2015

Printed Name/Title Rev. Jim Anderson, president

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.



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A community of believers in Jesus Christ who are striving to Love God, Love Others, and Serve the World.

Explanation about the ministry, “Love in a Brown Bag” for the ABCUSA Matthew 25 grant request

If awarded, our home church will use the grant funds to enlarge a 6 year ministry where we give a brown bag of pre-packaged food and drink to the late bus students of our local Frankford Elementary School. We began this ministry through ABC, USA and its Mission Church movement and would like to increase the number of weeks we give out the bags. Right now we give out bags from January through May but would like to give out bags from October through June. We have been blessed to partner with many of our local businesses, service organizations, and fellow churches of all denominations for funding to help battle the poverty and its effects in our area. Our church buys the food and also prepares the bags during our Thursday evening worship and Bible study time.

Frankford Elementary School, which covers the northern portion of Greenbrier County in southeastern WV, has an 81% free and reduced lunch ratio among its 250 students. Our most at risk students (many of whom do not get a full meal unless at school) ride the late busses and live over 1 hour from the school. For many, this bag of food given out after school on Friday might be the only nutritious food they eat until returning to school on Monday.

Since food cannot be given to students (except for federally provided breakfast and lunch) during the school day by county policy, we target the late school buses meeting that policy with the approval of the principal of the school. Over the past 6 years, Susan Anderson, a member of our fellowship and teacher in the school has had many of her students express their thanks and appreciation for the food which sadly many of them end up sharing with the rest of their families. Every extra week we can give out food at least helps our most at risk students have at least something good to eat.

Thank you for offering this grant, and we pray for your consideration in extending it to our church.

In Christ,

Rev. Jim Anderson, president

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Mission Statement

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AFFLIATION

We are a home church organized in 2009 and in good standing with the Greenbrier Raleigh Association of the WV Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Churches, USA.

Applying for the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant

Financial statement for the ministry we are naming:

LOVE IN A BROWN BAG (giving a brown paper bag of pre-packaged food and drink to late bus students every Friday from October-June at Frankford Elementary School, Frankford, WV)

Total cost--\$3600 (\$120 a week for 30 weeks)

Funding from Send the Light Fellowship---\$500

Funding from local businesses, service organizations, and other churches--\$1,800

Funding request from ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant--\$1,300