

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

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Phone____203-269-4796____Federal Tax ID#__060899204____

Contact person____Aimee Powers

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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____\$5,000._____

6. Your other funding source(s)____private donors, team member donations, fundraising_____

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)____Aimee Powers (signed)

____Date____2/2/14_____

Printed Name/Title____Aimee Powers, Founder and Coordinator of FulFilling Smiles, Food Program for DR Mission Team_____

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.



The Dominican Republic Team has been serving the poor since 1990. We have grown in size and in ministry over the past 24 years. We have been building a much needed hospital, setting up water filters in homes, rebuilding homes (shacks), building churches, evangelizing, providing instruction and recreation and in 2010 began delivering food door to door in the poor sugar cane villages or bateyes (FulFilling Smiles). We are now moving into our next phase of FulFilling Smiles, and are setting up sustainable programs. This past Fall we began constructing container gardens on Batey 50 and the Joe Hartman School, which when we visited in January were flourishing with lettuce, tomato plants, and squash plants.

We would like to expand this phase to include building container gardens near a water source (many bateys have a small stream, pond or well), building a pump to get the water to the gardens and enclosing the gardens to protect them from animals or intruders.

An additional focus of this year's project will be to teach the locals to make their own charcoal. Most homes have no means for starting a fire and there is no electricity in these remote bateyes. We are blessed with a college student studying engineering who wants to collaborate with FulFilling Smiles and dedicate part of his summer to working on this project. We cannot move forward and capture this opportunity without the funds.

Sustainable Phase for FulFilling Smiles 2014

\$10,000.

Container Gardens	\$5,500.
(includes wood boxes, soil, plants)	
Enclosure Fence	\$2,000.
Water Pump set up	\$1,000.
Miscellaneous	\$1,000
-translator	
-transportation	
-salary native farmer	

Charcoal Project	\$500.
-native local materials and education	



Dominican Republic Mission Team

A Ministry of The First Baptist Church

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Mission Statements

Dominican Republic Mission Team

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.

Fulfilling Smiles

"For I was hungry and you gave me food." Matthew 25:35

Fulfilling Smiles, a ministry of the DR Mission Team, offers a unique opportunity to help solve the problem of hunger and starvation in one of the poorest areas of the world. Over the last several years, Fulfilling Smiles has provided several weeks of meals to each family in a variety of bateyes in the La Romana, DR region. Plans are underway to develop sustainable food programs to address long-term hunger issues, and the initial proposal will purchase a small farm near several bateyes and that will provide animals for families in the bateyes. This will not only help erase hunger in these bateyes but also provide micro-business opportunities for many. This will enable Fulfilling Smiles to meet its mission of providing for the immediate needs of these families as well as opportunities and education they need to sustain themselves nutritionally.