

## 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 Iglesia Bautista Comunidad Luz y Vida  
Affiliation with ABCUSA West Virginia Baptist Convention  
Address 1019 Juliana St. Parkersburg, WV 26101  
Phone 304-488-1027 Federal Tax ID# 27-5080392  
Contact person Juan R. Aragón email aragon@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 \$4,000.00

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$2,800

6. Your other funding source(s) church funds and volunteer's church in Puerto Rico

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) Juan R. Aragón Date 3-1-2016

Printed Name/Title Juan R. Aragón - Hispanic Ministries Strategist  
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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:**

*Iglesia Bautista Comunidad Luz y Vida* exists to proclaim the gospel and make disciples who love God, love their neighbor and change the world.

**Vision:**

We are a church that proclaims a message of hope and transformation through the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit to the Hispanic community in Moorefield, WV.

**Core Values:**

1. We are a church that seeks to glorify God in all it does. 1 Corinthians 10:31
2. We are a praying church. James 5:16
3. We are a church guided by the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:14
4. We are a church with a spirit of hospitality and service. Hebrews 13:2, Mark 9:35
5. We are a generous church in response to God's love. 2 Corinthians 9:6
6. We are a church that values relationships and fellowship as essential for Christian life. Acts 2:44
7. We are a church committed with local and global mission. Matthew 28:19

**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.)**

*Iglesia Bautista Comunidad Luz y Vida* is a young congregation in Moorefield, WV. The church began ministering to Hispanic immigrants from Mexico, Honduras, Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico 5 years ago. These Hispanic immigrants relocate to the town of Moorefield seeking work in the chicken processing plant Pilgrim's Pride. The Hispanic community in Moorefield is composed of people with documents and those without documents. Women without documents are very vulnerable to financial challenges and exploitation because of their legal status.

We are requesting the Matthew 25 grant funds which will provide seed money to enable us to train and teach 10 Hispanic women to manufacture handmade soaps and creams. Upon learning this new skill these women will be able to sell their product to earn an income that will complement their low income.

The West Virginia Baptist Convention has a mission partnership with the Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico. Sister Sara Díaz González from Iglesia Bautista de Mamey owns a business and is willing to come to West Virginia as a volunteer to share her knowledge and teach this craft these women. Our goal is to distribute the products through our network of churches in the West Virginia Baptist Convention and where the Lord opens doors.

The \$2800.00 dollars requested will purchase the materials that will be used to teach the women this new trade. Below follows a description.

**HANDMADE SOAP*****List of materials and prices for handmade soap:***

Description	Cost
Glycerine: 24 pounds	\$55.00
Color: 1 jar of 1 ounce	\$1.25
Fragrance: 1 jar of 1 ounce	\$2.75
Palm oil: 1 jar of 12 ounces	\$6.00
Vitamine E: 1 jar of 60 capsules of 400ml	\$10.00
Glass pitcher: 32 ounces	\$6.00
Kitchen rubber spatula	\$4.00
Whisk	\$3.00

Plastic food wrap: a box of 3,000 yards	\$19.00
Labels: a box of 1,000 labels	\$33.00
1 mold for 6 soaps	\$8.00
Alcohol 70%: 1 bottle	\$2.00
<b>Total per woman</b>	<b>\$150</b>

### **Detailed procedure**

#### **Materials for 6 medium size soaps:**

- 1 pound of glycerine
- 2 ounces of fragrance
- 1 vitamine E capsule of 400mg
- 1 ounce of color for 6 soaps

#### **Materials for 8 medium size soaps:**

- 2 pounds of glycerine
- 3 ounces of fragrance
- 1 vitamine E capsule of 400mg
- 2 ounce of color for 8 soaps

**Note:** 24 pounds of glycerine make approximately 80 soaps. This depends on the mold used to make the soap.

### **HANDMADE CREAMS**

#### ***List of materials and prices for handmade cream:***

<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>
Based of goat's milk cream: 1 gallon	\$35.00
Bottles: Package of 12 bottles of 4 ounces	\$8.00
Plastic caps for bottles: Package of 12 caps	\$4.00
Color: 1 jar of 1 ounce	\$1.25
Fragrance: 1 jar of 1ounce	\$2.75
Vitamine E: 1 jar of 60 capsules of 400ml	\$10.00
Kitchen rubber spatula	\$4.00
Whisk	\$3.00
Glass pitcher: 32 ounces	\$6.00
Wrap for creams: 1 package of 12 small bags	--
Labels: a box of 1,000 labels	\$33.00
<b>Total per woman</b>	<b>\$107</b>

- **Total investment per woman for materials is \$257.00**
- **Total investment for ten women is \$2570.00**
- **A total of \$230 have been included as cushion in case prices go up**
- **Other costs of the project, estimated at \$1200.00, include air fare from and to Puerto Rico, lodging, meals, and transportation.**

## **Iglesia Bautista Comunidad**

*Estimated Budget 2016 / Plan de Finanzas*

	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
	<b>Enero</b>	<b>Febrero</b>	<b>Marzo</b>	<b>Abril</b>	<b>Mayo</b>	<b>Junio</b>
<i>Renta/Rent</i>	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
<i>Misiones Locales/Local Missions</i>	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
<i>Misiones Globales/Global Missions</i>	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
<i>Fondo de Compasion/Compassion Fund</i>	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
<b>Egresos/Expenses</b>	\$550.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$550.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>Ingresos/Income</b>						
<b>Total</b>						

## Luz y Vida

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July Julio	August Agosto	September Septiembre	October Octubre	November Noviembre	December Diciembre	Total
\$250.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$2,650.00
\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$1,800.00
\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$600.00
\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$1,200.00
\$550.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$550.00	\$500.00	\$550.00	\$6,250.00