## ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

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1. General Information:

Organization Name: <u>Bondage Breakers, Inc.</u> Affiliation with ABC/USA\_<u>American Baptist Home Missions Society</u>, (Prison Re-entry Agency) Address\_<u>680 E. Market Street</u>, Suite 305, Akron, Ohio 44304 Phone\_<u>330-376-6245/701-0576</u>\_Federal Tax ID# <u>31-1637218</u> Contact person: <u>Rev. Dr. Alicia Malone</u> email awdove@aol.com /www.bondagebreakersinc.com

- 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 <u>\$8,280.00</u>
- 5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant \$<u>5,000.00</u>
- 6. Your other funding source(s) <u>Akron Bar Foundation (TBR) Alpha Phi Alpha Foundation (TBR)</u> (to be requested)

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.

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Date

Printed Name/Title\_ Rev. Dr. Alicia J. Malone Executive Director\_\_\_\_

## Please note:

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- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
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# MATTHEW 25 GRANT [SECOND ROUND]

# 2. Mission Statement:

- BBI is dedicated to breaking the educational and economic chains (poverty) that bind many of the disadvantaged. We are always looking for ways to expand our mission. As a previous ATR provider, we still operating our faith-based programs. We are committed to serve children of incarcerated parents through programming, including support services and guidance to assist the re-entry population in making a successful transition back into community.

# 2(b) Financial Statement for (P.E.E.R) *Purpose Education Empowerment Restoration*) Ministry - **PROJECT FINANCIAL BUDGET**

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\*Estimated budget based on 30 children and 10 adults

# 3. How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? How do you plan to use the requested funds?

Many children of incarcerated parents and those living with a single parent are living 200% below the national poverty line. This disadvantage has systemic effects that tear at the fabric of the family. This reality has its negative effects on the educational system, social and civic and the church. BBI has found that paying intentional attention through various modes of camp programing has proven to be successful.

BBI measures the effects of the camping experience by realized "changed behavior." While behavior change is evident and obvious on the camp grounds, the authentic proof will manifest itself in the home, the community learning centers and church. Camping has a culture of its own. Through this personal and interpersonal interaction, dialogue etc. children feel more at ease and begin to "take of their mask" and share their inmost feelings. At the same time they begin to learn new ways to communicate their emotions and situations.

Inasmuch as most children of incarcerated parents are also poverty stricken, they are riddled with abandonment issues, angst and fear. Camp offers them a "safe haven" wherein they are able to release "pent-up emotions" and engage in healthy dialogue in this peer oriented community.

Bondage Breakers, Inc. plans to use the funds to purport, enhance the camp experience. Campers, since of the unexpected death of our "*Camp Cook Laura Zborowski*," will utilize Koinonia's Cooking Staff. The Camp K cooking staff will have to prepare three meals a day for four days and one breakfast on Friday. Camp K staff will receive compensation from the Camp Director who sets the amount for the total utilization of the grounds. This also means that we will not be located at the rear of the camp grounds rather "up front" where at cost lodging will take place. We estimate that the cost of Camp will increase by 75% of our former camp expense. Bondage Breakers, Inc.

A Prison **P** Re-Entry Program

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February 1, 2015

American Baptist Churches/USA

C/o Ms. Beth Fogg

Re: Matthew 25 Grant Application Second Round

Dear Ms. Fogg:

Bondage Breakers, Inc. is pleased to submit the attached Matthew 25 grant for 2015. We are equally pleased to be a part of the American Baptist Home Missions Society and play an active part in the ministry of "the least of these my brethren...Mt. 25:36ff.

The journey has not been easy, nor is it supposed to be and as I shared with you, at the loss of our most vibrant and loving staff person, Lora Zborowski, we are going to endure camp at a higher ratio, due to the Camp Staff supplying the meals within our week.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the number and or web address <u>www.bondangebreakersinc.com</u>.

May God bless you richly,

Rev. M. Alici Dr. Alicia J. Malone

Founder & Executive Director

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