

## 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\_\_Fulfilling Smiles/Dominican Republic Mission Team\_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation with ABCUSA\_\_First Baptist Church\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_146 Church Street, Wallingford, CT 06492\_\_\_\_\_

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Contact person\_\_Aimee Powers\_\_\_\_\_email - aimeelpowers@gmail.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 \$10,000

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant\_\_\$,5000\_\_\_\_\_

6. Your other funding source(s) private donors, team member donations, fundraising

7.

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\_\_1/31/15\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name/Title\_\_Aimee Powers, Founder and Coordinator, Fulfilling Smiles Food and Nutrition Program, Dominican Republic 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 [Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org](mailto:Tina.Turner@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.



The Dominican Republic Team has been serving the poor since 1990. We have grown in size and in ministry over the past 25 years. We have been building a much needed hospital, setting up biosand water filters in homes, rebuilding homes (shacks), building churches and schools, 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 nutrition programs. This past June and July, we constructed a sustainable garden in Batey 50, complete with a solar panel to power a pump to irrigate the crops. We sent photos and a full report of the project to Beth Fogg. During a site visit in January of 2015, we saw that the garden was flourishing with corn, carrots, tomatoes, and cilantro. Pictures of this visit were also sent to Beth Fogg.

We would now like to expand this program to double the size of the garden in order to feed more of the very hungry people in this village. Fulfilling Smiles is blessed with a college student studying engineering who designed and built the sustainable garden last summer and is excited to expand the project with additional funds. The success of this project will spur on further garden projects in other Bateyes equally poor.

#### Sustainable Phase for FulFilling Smiles 2015

\$10,000 Needed

Solar Panels	\$1500.
Enclosure Fence	\$2,500.
Top Soil	\$2,000
Water Pumps	\$2,000
Miscellaneous	\$2,000
-translator	
-transportation	
-hired help	
-salary native farmer	

**PLEASE SEE PHOTOS OF THIS PROJECT CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGES:**

## Photos of the DR Mission Team Sustainable Garden Project – Batey 50



The land in Batey 50 at the start of the sustainable garden project – June/July 2014.



Fencing in the garden along with topsoil wheelbarrowed in for the crops – June/July 2014.



Watering the newly planted garden using a pump and hose powered by a solar panel – June/July 2014.



The current state of the garden, full of corn, carrots, tomatoes, cilantro, and more – January 2015.





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Volunteers begin preparing the ground for doubling the size of the Sustainable garden – January 2015.