

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." The donor's primary concern is to help ameliorate poverty. ABCUSA will distribute grants of up to \$5,000 semi-annually as long as the generosity of this donor continues. A panel will select recipients 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.

1. General Information:

Organization Name The First Chinese Baptist Church
Affiliation with ABCUSA Through Growing Healthy Churches (Region of the West)
Address 6080 N. Angus
Fresno, CA 93710
Phone 559-438-0303 Federal Tax ID# 13-5563012
Contact person Rev. Danny Jack email djack26@comcast.net

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement
- Your most recent annual report or audited financial statement

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) FGE, Savemart, Wal-Mart, California Motor Company

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) 

Date 7-3-13

Printed Name/Title Danny Jack, Senior Pastor

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 to:

Mission Resource Development
American Baptist Churches USA
P.O. Box 851
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851

Or emailed to: Beth.Fogg@abc-usa.org



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Item 2: Mission/Vision Statement and most recent annual report attached.

Item 3: How do you plan to use requested funds and how will these funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects?

FCBC is in the middle of the largest immigrant and migrant labor population in California. As a mission driven congregation we have sought ways to bring medical and physical help to those within our community and around the world. Because of some professional networks within our church family we have been able to put together resources from Savemart (a California food chain), Wal-Mart, and California Motor Company in order to provide food, baked goods, along with clothes, health care kits, baby clothes diapers etc. The food items are distributed to the community and other churches four times a month to resource their communities as well. Bigger items are categorized, and distributed once a month. The California Motoring Company is currently providing storage space and vehicle for movement of goods to storage and distribution sites.

4-5. Currently the program is costing \$6700 mainly for gas/mileage and supplies. Obviously we are blessed with emergency items (food and clothes) yet poor in resources to pay for gas and storage space since we will lose use of the garage in January.

Subsequently we would like to use the requested Matthew 25 funds will enable us to continue this ministry which reaches across denominational, cultural and civic lines in order to reach community needs.

6. Other funding sources: FCBC (line item on our budget through outreach)

Savemart (Food)

Wal-Mart (Clothing, baby goods, no food)

California Motoring Company (Vehicle and storage and has committed to continuing to support through donations.)

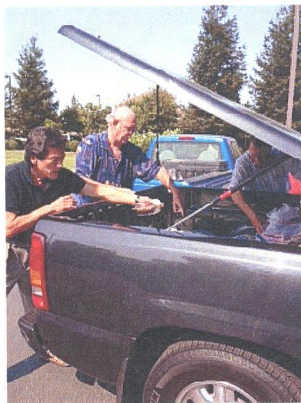
Fresno Pacific Mennonite Brethren Seminary

Dear Matthew 25 Grant Committee,

As pastor of FCBC of Fresno one of the things I've always been most proud of has been our willingness to reach out globally through our mission dollars and our medical teams. But...we have always asked God for some insight and direction in addressing poverty, hunger and emotional pain here in our own valley. We have waited and waited and waited but the mechanism or opportunity just has never materialized until now.

Because of some great networking within our own church we have made the first steps toward an outreach to address some of the emergency needs of others within our community. Currently we have been receiving baked goods from a local grocery store which is allowing us to supplement 31 different food pantries and other Church related outreaches within our community. Because of that success Wal-mart has asked if we would be willing to take returned items and make sure they reach the greater community. They are donating school items, health care kits, diapers, clothes, and other sundry goods. A real blessing but one that has brought budget needs and team building.

Fortunately we are great in the networking and team building. Already reaching out to the migrant labor community and immigrant populations but we do need some seed money for storage and fuel which is when I thought of our American Baptist team. So, please find enclosed our application for the Matthew 25 Grant and we look forward to partnering with our denomination as we reach out with physical and spiritual resources. If you have any questions at all please call me at 559-438-0303 (Office) or email at pastorjack@fcbcfresno.org.



Rev. Danny Jack
Senior Pastor

