

November 12, 2006

TO: ABCD Members  
FROM: Church Planting Council  
RE: Third Request of 2005

Thank You for your faithful support of new church planting within the Great Rivers Region through the American Baptist Church Developers. Two years ago our request for funds for summer children and youth programming brought in our largest ever response with a total of \$16,863.44.

Over the past two summers (2004 and 2005) we have given out thirteen grants of \$1000 from that ABCD call. New Churches Plants applying for and receiving grants were: Bread of Life, New Birth, Greater Star, New Journey, Christ United, Iglesia Misionera Shalom, and True Faith. The grants have been used for a variety of children's ministries from Vacation Bible School to Backyard Bible Clubs to Youth conferences. New Birth hosted five Good News Clubs at five different apartment complexes. Bread of Life used their grant to reach out to youth through Friday Night Youth Services and a special



Youth Conference. True Faith used the theme, "Teaming Up With Jesus" during their VBS to reach out to their community even planting seeds and flowers to beautify their neighborhood. Our new churches have been able to share the good news of Jesus Christ with a large number of children and youth because of your faithful gifts.

Since the funds for these grants are low we have designated the third grant of 2005 to be for summer ministry grants. Please use the enclosed envelope to send your ABCD gift of \$25 or more to support the children and youth of our new church plants.

This third grant always falls around Christmas time and historically has received less money, however this year we hope that you will consider that it is specifically for children and youth to learn about Jesus and what better gift could you give to a child this Christmas than an opportunity to learn about Jesus and accept him as Lord and Savior.

*Photos of Children from True Faith Baptist planting seeds and flowers around their neighborhood.*

