

**American Baptist Women's Ministries  
Break the Chains Proposal Submission Guidelines  
for 2010 Break the Chains Grants**

American Baptist Women's Ministries launched its "Break the Chains: Slavery in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" national mission project in 2007, with a goal to raise \$250,000 to encourage new ministries dedicated to ending sex trafficking in the U.S. and in other countries. (Refer to the PowerPoint presentation available at [www.abwmbreakthechains.org](http://www.abwmbreakthechains.org) for fund distribution information.) While the project's active fundraising phase concluded in July 2009, there will be residual contributions plus monies held in reserve from the first two years of fundraising, which will be disbursed in September 2010 to emerging ministries in the U.S. and other countries—new ministries that seek to end the trafficking and/or sexual exploitation of women and children.

"Human trafficking" refers to the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of people for the purpose of exploitation. People are trafficked into varied forms of forced labor such as quarriers of stone, road builders, rug makers, domestic servants, child soldiers, farm laborers, factory, hotel and restaurant workers, but the largest numbers are trafficked into prostitution. Some 80% of trafficked people are women and 50% of these are children. An estimated 65% of such victims are trafficked into prostitution.

The 2010 grants distributed from the Break the Chains project will provide encouragement and seed monies for new ministries begun by American Baptists individuals or organizations that seek to end the trafficking and/or sexual exploitation of women and children.

**Criteria for Selecting Projects for Grants:**

1. The purpose of the proposed project shall address sex trafficking. The project may serve at-risk women and/or children; it may serve women and/or children currently in prostitution; it may educate and empower communities to minister to victims of sex trafficking, or empower communities to engage in anti-trafficking efforts.
2. The proposed project must be related to an American Baptist 501(c)(3) organization (i.e., an ABC church, an ABC region)
3. The proposed project must be new. The Break the Chains grants are intended to be "start-up" funds that encourage new ministries that address sex trafficking of women and children.
4. The proposed project must have plans for continued funding from other sources.

**Application Deadline:** March 31, 2010

Projects selected by American Baptist Women's Ministries will be notified by April 30, 2010. Grant funds will be distributed in September 2010.

**Targeted Projects:** ABC International and National Ministries-endorsed ministry projects.

**Reporting Requirements:** Grant recipients will be required to submit three (3) project and financial progress reports (6 month, 1 year, and final report at 18 months after the receipt of grant funding). In addition, audited financial reports are required for the first two years following the receipt of grant funds. American Baptist Women’s Ministries reserves the right to follow-up at anytime on the progress of the ministry.

**How to Apply:** To be considered for a 2010 Break the Chains project grant, you must submit the following electronically (1 copy) to [Info@abwministries.org](mailto:Info@abwministries.org) and one paper copy with original signatures to: Executive Director, American Baptist Women’s Ministries, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851 by the above application deadline.

**Submission Guidelines:**

1. Narrative description (1-3 pages) of the proposed ministry project, which should include the following:
  - Description of proposed ministry project
  - For what and how you plan to use the grant from “Break the Chains”
  - Proposed time frame of implementation of grant funds
  - Amount requested for project
  - Personnel – Key staff who will be working on the project
2. Curriculum vitae for each key staff person
3. Financial Page(s), which should include:
  - Itemized budget page of anticipated expenses for the project
  - Financial plan of how the project will be sustained beyond grant funding, including other funding/income that your ministry receives.
4. Break the Chains Application Page

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