

## **BGMC New Church Plant—Correspondence to Districts**

District Children's Ministries Directors or Christian Education Directors:

As you may know, our office is enabling your district to determine the qualifications and availability for the BGMC New Church Grant based on your BGMC escrow account. We provide a 7% escrow fund to your district that is based on the quarterly BGMC offerings received from the churches within your district. The 7% funds are based on: 1% for new church plants and 6% for home missions endeavors.

Since each district can determine the qualifications and availability for the BGMC New Church Grant ...

... Your district can award funds to a new church plant for purchasing needed supplies, or

... Your district can provide a \$450 BGMC grant for purchasing My Healthy Church materials, while only \$250 will be deducted from your 1% escrow. In short, you can nearly double your giving ability to a new church.

The direct distribution of BGMC funds to new church plants enables you to build a strong, lasting relationship with the new churches in your district. Our hope is that these new churches will be encouraged to start the BGMC ministry.

Attached is a BGMC New Church Grant form that you can modify. Since the qualifications and availability for the BGMC New Church Grant may vary from district to district, you are encouraged to draft your own form. We are simply providing the attachment to assist you.

We are excited to offer your district the ability to be a blessing to your new church plants. Together we can help build God's kingdom and further strengthen the BGMC ministry in your district.

Feel free to email or call us if you have questions.

## **YOUR DISTRICT NAME**

**SAMPLE**

### BGMC New Church Grant

*Explanation for districts that offer this grant*

Starting a new church is a journey of faith every step of the way. Once you are confident God has called you to plant a church, you must begin to discover how He will supply the resources you will need to start a new church.

Most importantly, you will need prayer partners and launch-team members. You will need strategic connections in the community. And, of course, you will need financial resources. That is where BGMC may be a blessing to you.

Pastors of approved Assembly of God church planting projects in this district may apply for a one-time BGMC Church Plant Grant.

Our district office has the option of providing a BGMC New Church Grant in one of two ways:

- We may award BGMC funds to be used for purchasing needed supplies.
- We may provide a BGMC grant that will enable you to purchase \$450 worth of My Healthy Church materials.

### **Qualifications for the BGMC New Church Grant:**

The qualifications and availability of BGMC funds for new church plants is determined by each district.

The new church is encouraged to establish a Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge ministry. BGMC is the children's missions education and fund-raising program for the Assemblies of God. BGMC has two goals:

- To create a heart of compassion in the lives of children.
- To raise funds to help reach the children of the world.

BGMC funds are disbursed through the divisions of Assemblies of God US Missions and Assemblies of God World Missions. Contact My Healthy Church at 1-855-642-2011 to obtain Buddy Barrels (item 715-022) and a free BGMC Starter Kit (item 715-069).

**How to Receive the Grant:**

Send the following information to our district office—ADDRESS; Attn: NAME—within the first two years of your church plant. You can fax the information to \_\_\_\_\_ or email us at \_\_\_\_\_.

Pastor’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping Address (not a PO Box): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

If your church is approved to receive the BGMC New Church Grant, our office will contact you once the funds are available or placed into your GPH account. Either process may take 30 days or more. If funds are made available for your church to GPH, you may then order your resources by calling 1-855-642-2011. You will have one year to use these funds. Be sure to spend all \$450 at a given time and communicate with the customer service representative you are making purchases with this grant.

NOTE: The BGMC New Church Grant funds cannot be used to pay existing account balances. The resources purchased are given as a grant of assistance for as long as the church exists. In the event the church closes, any functional BGMC resources remaining should be turned over to your district.

Please be sure to thank BGMC for their generous investment into your ministry!

**For Questions:**