

# Mission Grant Application Form

*(All fields are required)*

Date: 2012.03.14

Name of Mission Project: Tchuma Tchato Project

Name of the <sup>1</sup>Initiative: *From Shack To Bricks*

*Applicant no. 1*

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TFI member login/ID: tchumatchato

<sup>2</sup>Country of residence: PORTUGAL & SOUTH AFRICA

*Applicant no. 2*

Legal name: CLARA EUGÉNIA COLLAZO CONDE (PROJECT COORDINATOR)

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<sup>3</sup>Country of residence: PORTUGAL & SOUTH AFRICA

*Applicant no. 3*

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Country of residence: PORTUGAL

(The applicants who cosign this form bear joint responsibility for any grant funds received for the Initiative, and for the repayment of the finances to the Mission Grant Fund should the disqualifying circumstances occur, which are noted in the explanation of the Mission Grant Fund.)

## 1) Description of the Initiative:

*From Shack To Bricks* is an Initiative that aims to help with the construction of the *Kingdom Life Worship Community Centre, KLV\*CC* from now on.

A promotional videoclip can be seen on YouTube; < <http://youtu.be/ATqis2RAqDk> >.

Early 2011 we met Bongani who worked as a plumber at our mission here in Barberton, South Africa. He lives at the location, the once black section of town and is part of the *KLV\*CC* Building Committee with Pastor Samuel Jabu Mathunjwa. This Pastor has been serving his congregation out of a wooden shack for lack of resources to carry on with the building of a more appropriate place.

They started out receiving help with the plans and the laying of the foundations. Unfortunately the assistance was discontinued.

Knowing we are missionaries, Bongani introduced Pastor Samuel Jabu Mathunjwa to us and he explained the need. Later we visited the church during a Sunday Service and were touched by their sincerity and devotion. This moved us to get involved and help with the organization of a campaign to raise funds and other logistics for the completion of the building.

By the way all pieces have fallen into place so far we feel this is another of God's engineering. Right now these people only have us to count on and we believe if we can pull this one through it will not only benefit them as a single group in the community but will also catapult us into a stage of credibility which will multiply the opportunities to reach farther in the ministry.

## **2) What are the objectives of this Initiative?**

The practical objective of *From Shack To Bricks* is to provide a congregation with a more dignified and appropriate building. At the moment only a very humble and inadequate place of gathering is available. The objective of being able to minister more effectively is the essence.

There is a comprehensive list of materials needed < 20120202\_KLWCC\_quote.pdf > and their cost based on current prices. We have been communicating with our friends and contacts for financial help which so far has amounted to 10% of the total cost.

This venture, once completed will enable us to;

- a) Have a high level of credibility within the community.
- b) Set the ground to other possibilities of ministry within *KLW\*CC* such as; Bible Classes using the 12 Foundation Stones, Sunday School, basic and computer literacy, and other occupational training.

In short, we believe this can take TFI ministry up quite a few notches in this part of the world we serve.

## **3) Please check one (or more) of the following aspects of TFI's core purpose that this initiative fulfills:**

Share the good news of God's love, truth, and salvation. Translate God's love into action in a way that brings a touch of the divine to someone's spirit, and leads people to the discovery of a personal relationship with Jesus.

Seek to improve others' spiritual quality of life. Share God's Word and truths to enrich others' lives. Apply spiritual principles so as to help meet others' needs, whether spiritual or practical.

Provide an environment that nurtures faith. Support and assist individuals in growing in their personal relationship with Jesus, and in their efforts to share God's love and truth with others, according to their unique calling.

## **4) Are you conducting this Initiative in the name of TFI?**

Tchuma Tchato Project is part of the NGO\_D Associação Acção Missionária Aurora - AMA (Aurora Missionary Action - AMA Association) in existence since the year 1999. This Association is run by TFI members and has in its Statutes, Chapter I, 1st Clause, Line 2, the statement as follows; "It is a Christian missionary and Humanitarian Association, affiliated to the Christian Movement "The Family Internacional," with no lucrative objectives, whose sphere of action can reach beyond international borders."

Since the foundation this Association, its Projects (3 at the moment) and their Initiatives have been inherently conducted in the name of TFI.

**5) Will you be using TFI materials and/or products in this Initiative, and if so, which ones and in what quantities?**

So far we have mainly used tracts and Activated magazines. Once we start the actual general public fund-raiser for this specific Initiative, both in Africa and Portugal, we'll be including TFI materials such as Mottos, Gift Books, Children's Books and other suitable TFI products.

Once the building is operational, as mentioned above, we wish to participate in the activities conducted therein with the use of the 12 Foundation Stones, Discovering Truth Books, Gift Books and any new or revamped TFI materials available then.

**6) What is the Initiative time frame, including the dates for its launch and completion?**

The Initiative is only lacking the funds to proceed. All other logistics are in place and ready to go. As soon as we have the funds and/or donations in kind, we can commence the work. Besides the people in the community and ourselves we have received offers of TFI volunteers to come and help with the construction.

*From Shack to Bricks* is divided into two stages, the first to build the walls and lay the roof. For this we need 6.400,00 euros (current prices) which will reflect 63% of the total costs. At the proposed time to commence stage 1, October 2012, the cost will probably amount to 6.635,20 euros, considering an inflation rate of 6,3% as of last January 2012. We expect this stage to be the shortest in time, up to 2 months, considering the factors weather and manpower availability. This cost is only for the materials. Members of the congregation with the necessary skills have offered their service. Nevertheless we will try to procure extra funds to give the local volunteers a love gift at the end, since most struggle continually to make ends meet.

Stage 2, windows, doors, plumbing and electricity, plastering, tiling, insulation, etc., will take up to 4 months.

**7) Who are the ones managing/overseeing this Initiative? If those individuals have had any prior experience and success with this type of Initiative, please explain briefly.**

Building Committee;

- Mr. Samuel Jabu Mathunjwa (Pastor) - Church Management experience
- Mr. Bongani Malindzisa (management) - Certified Plumber
- Mr. Thabo Mavimbela (management)
- Mme. Sibongile Khumalo (secretary)
- Miss. Fridah Banda (additional)

NetWorking Team;

- Missionary <sup>4</sup>João Rodrigues - Carpenter / Foreman experience
- Missionary Clara Collazo

**8) How do you anticipate this Initiative will provide your team with the opportunity to work toward winning and feeding potential new members and/or disciples?**

We believe such Act of James 2:16-22, will reap undivided attention of the congregation in particular and the community in general. Hopefully this will be translated into potential followers.

At this point we only need the means to honor the commitment made; to help with the physical need. We've been always welcome to preach, witness, teach, feed, win and pray for.

**8a) What is your follow-up plan for ministering spiritually to the friends and contacts you make through this Initiative?**

Together with the Activated Magazine and other TFI products, the course of action has been to create and regularly send out a number of newsletters which narrate, in word and in graphics, the Acts of us modern day Apostles. Alongside we keep the donors informed by way of financial reports, as money is quite a sensitive subject in determining the level of trust. As Father David so aptly put, people have to trust the missionary before they can trust God. With this motto in our hearts and minds that has been our successful follow-up plan.

We are once more claiming a shower of miracles that will give us lots of testimonies with pictures which in turn will knock the socks off friends and contacts and reassure their confidence in us and Who we represent.

**9) Budget projection. Please outline a detailed breakdown of the projected expenses for this Initiative, taking into account any potential variables or significant cost fluctuations.**

<sup>5</sup>Please see file < 20120202\_KLWCC\_quote.pdf >

**9a) How much of the preceding financial projection are you requesting a grant for?**

We would like to credit TFI for most of the financial part in this Initiative. However, not being possible, we request a grant of 63% which will cover stage 1. From the 10% referred in paragraph no.2, so far 67% has been used to pay for networking, representation, campaign promotion and materials.

**9b) If the grant were to only cover a percentage of the necessary funding, what are your means for acquiring the rest of the funds needed?**

Personal and GP fund-raisers are ongoing and will continue. There is also the possibility of provisioning some of the materials instead of the funds which will be pursued in parallel, although this option usually brings more uncertainty to the timeline projections.

**10) Financial details for receiving the funds. (Please include the following details of the person who would receive the funding transfer: legal name, email, country of residence, and TFI member login ID.)**

Legal name: João José Moreira Rato Rodrigues

Email:

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TT Project: jr@tchumatchato.org

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<sup>2</sup>Country of Residence: Portugal & South Africa

TFI member login ID: tchumatchato

I, <sup>6</sup>João José Moreira Rato Rodrigues, verify that each applicant has read and confirmed the information in this application.

*(Please send this grant application to [missionservices@servingtfi.com](mailto:missionservices@servingtfi.com). Thank you.)*

*João Rodrigues*

*Clara Colley*

*Pastor Correia*

(Digital Signatures)

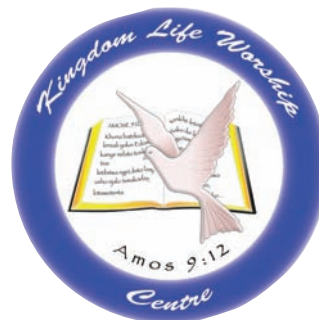
<sup>7</sup>Our logos:



<sup>7a</sup>*KLW\*CC & KLWC* logos:



(Community Centre logo)



(Church logo)



Superscripts:

<sup>1</sup>We will call it "Initiative" since the Tchuma Tchato Project has other components, this being the one we feel we need extra financial help to carry through.

<sup>2</sup>Portugal (+/- 6 months) / South Africa (+/- 6 months)

<sup>3</sup>Portugal (+/- 9 months) / South Africa (+/- 3 months)

<sup>4</sup>In the 12 years of african experience we've been involved in different Initiatives which included human resources management, building and renovations. Attached is file < [20111222\\_JobPortfolio\\_JR\\_ROB.pdf](#) >, the latest participated and supervised building job.

<sup>5</sup>Not included the NetWorking Team expenses with representation, i.e., travel, meals and accomodation.

<sup>6</sup>Signing as João Rodrigues and / or JR.

<sup>7</sup>Our logos (1999) + <sup>7a</sup>*KLW\*CC & KLWC* logos (2012) designed by missionary JR.

From: BiBi Brown <bibib@servingtfl.com>  
Date: April 27, 2012 11:04:19 PM GMT+02:00  
To: jr@tchumatchato.org  
Cc: Julie Young <julieyoung@servingtfl.com>  
Subject: **your Mission Grant application**

Dear Joao, Clara and Carlos,

We pray this note finds you well. Thank you so much for sending in your application for a Mission Grant. It was inspiring to read about the door that the Lord has opened for you to be a blessing there in Barberton.

While the project has a lot of value and we can see how you would be moved to organize a campaign to raise funds on behalf of Pastor Samuel Jabu Mathunjwa and his congregation, the Mission Grant Fund committee feels that this request falls outside of the guidelines for the MGF. Some grants have been approved that involve giving goods, food, or TFI products to churches or schools of underprivileged people, but it's not within the criteria of the MGF to finance the building of churches in this manner. In light of this, we're sorry to inform you that your request for a grant has not been approved.

We understand that such an endeavor could improve your credibility within the community, and could eventually lead to other possibilities of spiritual ministry within the church. But as you probably are aware, it's not usually the role of TFI to provide the finances for projects as much as it is to provide the spiritual teaching and leadership manpower, which are our specialities.

Another consideration is that the finances of the Mission Grant Fund are limited, and even for projects that fall squarely under the priorities of the MGF, such large grants as you requested are outside of the possibility of the fund.

If you feel you could reframe your request in a manner that would be more in line with what we explained here, you are welcome to send in another application for a Mission Grant at a later date, and the committee will reconsider your request.

Again, we're very sorry that the Mission Grant Fund will not be able to contribute to your project at this time, but we trust that the Lord will supply abundantly for you and Pastor Mathunjwa.

Thank you for everything that you're doing for the Lord and the mission there in South Africa. You can count on our fervent prayers for you and the others you are working with. God bless you with wonderful health, inspiration and supply.

With love and prayers,

Bibi and Julie, on behalf of the Mission Grant Fund committee

**From:** BiBi Brown <bibib@servingtfi.com>  
**Date:** 2012.05.18 24:13:40-GMT+01:00  
**To:** JOAO RODRIGUES <jr.ama@vodafone.pt>  
**Subject:** RE: your Mission Grant application

Dear Joao, Clara and Carlos,

Hello! Thank you for the follow-up note you sent us regarding your "From Shack to Bricks" endeavor and the additional details about the Tchuma Tchato Project. We certainly admire you for your 12 years of service to the people of South Africa. It was also inspiring to read how many people have been touched by your project over the years, and have gone on to receive the Lord and TFI's feeding products. Praise the Lord!

After receiving your second note with more explanation of the project, the MGF committee wanted to see what we could do to help support this project. We understand the projected cost of rebuilding the church of Pastor Samuel Jabu Mathunjwa, and it's reasonable, for sure. Unfortunately, due to limited finances, we will not be able to give the full amount you requested. However, a grant of 3,200 euros has been approved to help with the construction of the Kingdom Life Worship Community Centre.

We do understand that this project would serve as an "entrance fee" to the lives of the people of that community, as you explained. We are sorry that we cannot provide the full amount that you requested but we pray this will be a boost to your project and we trust that the Lord will raise up other supporters and contributors for the remainder of the funds you'll need, and that you'll be able to start phase one by October, as you have planned.

We don't expect that the funds we're sending will reach you before early July. As was noted in the explanation about the Mission Grant Fund, it will take between four and eight weeks from the time the grant is approved to receive the funds.

You might need to send your Mission Grant application or additional information to Family Missions Foundation (FMF), as they could be the ones issuing the funds. Since they are a registered foundation, they need to make sure all the funds dispersed have proper documentation for their legal records. In this case, FMF will be contacting you directly with the details and walk you through the process so that your grant funds can reach you safely and in the quickest way possible. If FMF does not contact you, then your funds will be released by the area finance desk.

Your project number is: #1.018

You can count on our prayers for you. Thank you for everything that you're doing for the Lord and the mission in South Africa. We look forward to hearing from you as "From Shack to Bricks" progresses. God bless you!

With love and prayers,

Bibi and Julie, on behalf of the Mission Grant Fund committee

PS: Please remember to document your project so that when you report on your activities and provide information for the TFI site, it's not a lot of work for you and you have the stats, photos and/or videos and reactions readily available. Thank you!

-----Original Message-----

**From:** JOAO RODRIGUES [mailto:jr.ama@vodafone.pt]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 29, 2012 1:14 AM  
**To:** BiBi Brown  
**Cc:** Clara Collazo; Carlos Correia  
**Subject:** Re: your Mission Grant application

Dear Mission Grant Fund committee,

We received your reply to our grant application which we would like to refute if it's ok.

1.a) In honesty we were prompted to explain in the grant application this stage of a 12 year ongoing African Project, which has been carried out in the name of the Tchuma Tchato Project itself, in the name of the NGO\_D Aurora Missionary Action-AMA Association from which this Project derives and, last but not least, in the name of The Family International, the Christian Movement these missionaries, the Association and Project mentioned are part of; because of James 2:16.

1.b) We can safely state the Tchuma Tchato Project has been the catalyst for thousands to accept Christ in their lives, thousands of TFI literature and audio/visual materials distributed. In short a great multitude touched by Heaven. All glory to Jesus!

2.a) This particular year the Lord has seen fit to cross our path and interact ever so closely with local people, at a time when political and social stress is reaching a peak of tension and the need for spiritual reassurance is the greatest.

2.b) The heart of man is the same the world over and here too one often has to show one's faith by showing one's works. We have to confront the act of giving on a daily basis, every time we meet someone, every time we park the car, virtually every time we step out of the house or someone comes to our gate. This we do gladly with our limited resources.

2.c) When we first met this group, counting adults, teens and children now nearly 50 people and growing, right away the Lord showed us the potential to be of service and share with them our over 30 years experience as missionaries in TFI. We saw

the Wisdom in this partnership, as the setting up of these facilities will grant the wedge for a greater scope of training opportunities and leadership consolidation according to the Core Purpose of TFI.

3.a) We understand now that perhaps the way the Grant Application was formulated it seems we just want to achieve credit and give credit to TFI for building a church; the physical building. This is not the end goal at all. We are certain this venture will cement our relationship and create the trust and willingness needed in the fulfillment of 2.c).

3.b) As missionaries affiliated with TFI we are presently at a cross road where attentions are turned on us wondering about our capacity to deliver, not only sermons and guidance but actions to match.

4.a) In conclusion we ask If you can reconsider the application, resting assured the funds are not destined to a building only but, if you will, as an "entrance fee" to these peoples lives.

Your prayers are also very much appreciated!

On behalf of the Application Committee,

JR  
(missionary)

P.S.: This last week we were doing some visits and a good friend from when we first came to Africa has pledged to help with the timber needed for the roof. A donation which will reflect over 10% of the materials needed. Also yesterday when I arrived for the meeting to celebrate a Protocol of Partnership I was pleasantly surprised to see a revamped wooden shack.