

# The White Rock Fund

Supporting Faithful Teachers for Future Generations

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## HOW CAN MEMBERS OF THE LORD'S CHURCH HELP SPREAD THE GOSPEL?

One of the greatest blessings we have is serving and giving of our time, talents and money to advance the kingdom of God. There are many opportunities to do this! Have you heard about **The White Rock Fund** which provides support for missionaries in Churches of Christ? This is perhaps the best kept secret in the brotherhood!

**The White Rock Fund** is led by a group of individuals, all faithful members of the Lord's Church, who volunteer their talents and time to fulfill the "Great Commission" -- "*Go and make disciples of all nations*" (Matthew 28:19-20). Some are Elders, Deacons, Preachers and Bible Class teachers. We invite Christians everywhere to partner with us by pooling our resources so more faithful preachers can be sent into the world. Around 75 missionaries in 40 nations already receive financial assistance through grants provided by the Fund.



**BRIAN BUSH**  
TRUSTEE

We encourage members of local churches to support their local congregation and its budget. However, many people enjoy contributing to worthy causes over and beyond what they give to their local church on an individual basis. There is no greater privilege than spreading the gospel message. The Fund does not have the expenses of typical congregations. It owns or rents no property, carries no property insurance, has no building and grounds expenses, and pays no salaries for any of its Trustees or Advisers. The highest percentage of donations goes to evangelism in the United States and overseas.

At the **Annual Reporting Day** stories abound on how the gospel is reaching the lost. Denominational preachers are being converted and churches which once bore denominational names are now Churches of Christ. Hundreds of Buddhists, Hindu's and Muslims are coming to know the true God. Thousands are being immersed into Christ "*for the forgiveness of sins*". Jesus' words still ring true: "*The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few*" (Matthew 9:37).

Well-known leaders among Churches of Christ speak highly of the good works being accomplished through **The White Rock Fund**. See the website ([whiterockfund.org](http://whiterockfund.org)).

We ask you to prayerfully consider being part of this outreach. Freewill offerings may be made by mail (**P.O. Box 180274, Dallas, Texas 75218**) or on-line ([whiterockfund.org](http://whiterockfund.org)).

If you have questions please contact us via email ([whiterockfund@swbell.net](mailto:whiterockfund@swbell.net)), or by phone (**214-926-2747**).

Attend the annual **REPORTING AND FUND-RAISING DAY (October 28, 2023)**, hosted this year at the *Webb Chapel Church of Christ*, 13425 Webb Chapel Rd. in Dallas. See for yourself the great things God is doing.

— Brian Bush, Mesquite, Texas  
2nd Vice President  
The White Rock Fund

# GETTING THE WORD OUT



Trustees and Advisers are attending Brotherhood Lectureships and Events sharing the news about **The White Rock Fund**. Many people are pleased to learn how Christians can contribute to the Fund so that grants will be provided to Churches of Christ for faithful missionaries around the world.

In the United States special focus is on evangelizing the **Northeast**, where one in every 5 persons in America now lives. The Northeastern states are the most neglected domestic missionfield for Churches of Christ in our entire nation.

**The White Rock Fund** is also spreading the gospel to nations of the world on 6 continents and in several languages. At this time around 75 missionaries are receiving assistance in at least 40 nations, and the list is growing. Below are some brotherhood events where Christians will be introduced to the Fund in 2023:



**Freed-Hardeman University  
Lectureship  
Henderson, Tennessee  
February 4-8**



**Revive Us Again Workshop  
Waxahachie, Texas  
March 22-25**



**Inspire New England Conference  
Manchester, Connecticut  
March 24-25**



**New England Lectures  
Mansfield, Massachusetts May 5-7**



**Northeast Men's Retreat  
Kent, Connecticut  
June 16-17**



**Red River Encampment  
New Mexico  
Red River, June 24-27**



**Polishing the Pulpit  
Sevierville, Tennessee  
August 16-24**

# TWO MORE MISSIONARIES ADDED IN NORTHEAST UNITED STATES

Did you know that more than one out of every five persons who live in the United States lives in the 9 Northeastern States? These states are: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont. There are 60,000,000 souls there. Yet, there are fewer congregations, fewer preachers, fewer elderships, and fewer members in proportion to the population than anywhere else in America.

In our zeal to take the gospel to all the nations of the world, we must not overlook the vast populations of our own nation -- the United States of America!

In 2023 The White Rock Fund will include two additional domestic missions points in the Northeast.

## HORSEHEADS, NEW YORK

Paul & Dawn Cowles are working with the church in **Horseheads, New York**. This congregation has around 30 souls and is growing. The *Horseheads Church of Christ* had most of the financial support needed for Paul to be full-time in ministry, and **The White Rock Fund** stepped into provide the balance. The congregation has begun aggressive outreach into the community which includes sending “*Christ for Today*” to a few thousand residences each quarter. The Southern Tier Expressway (combined Interstate 86 and New York State Route 17), a major east-west highway, runs through Horseheads.



Paul Cowles

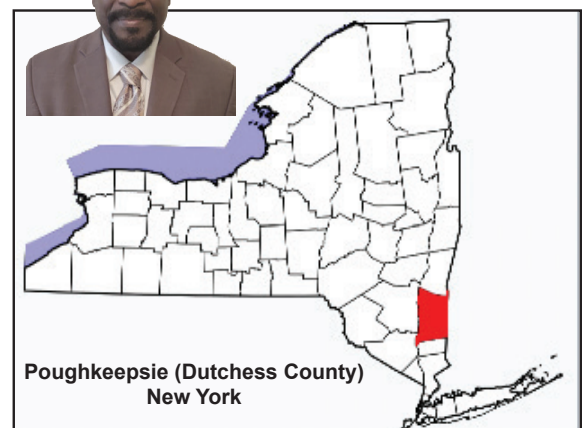


## POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

God willing, **Drew and Sandy Robison**, will move from Waxahachie, Texas to **Poughkeepsie, New York** to serve the **Dutchess County Church of Christ** in June. They are in the final stages of raising their full support. Drew and Sandy are soulwinners with a proven track record. They look forward to taking on the challenges of this metropolitan area of over 295,000 people, located about 75 miles north of New York City. At the present time, the congregation numbers around 30 members. **The White Rock Fund** will provide a grant toward Drew’s full-time ministry.

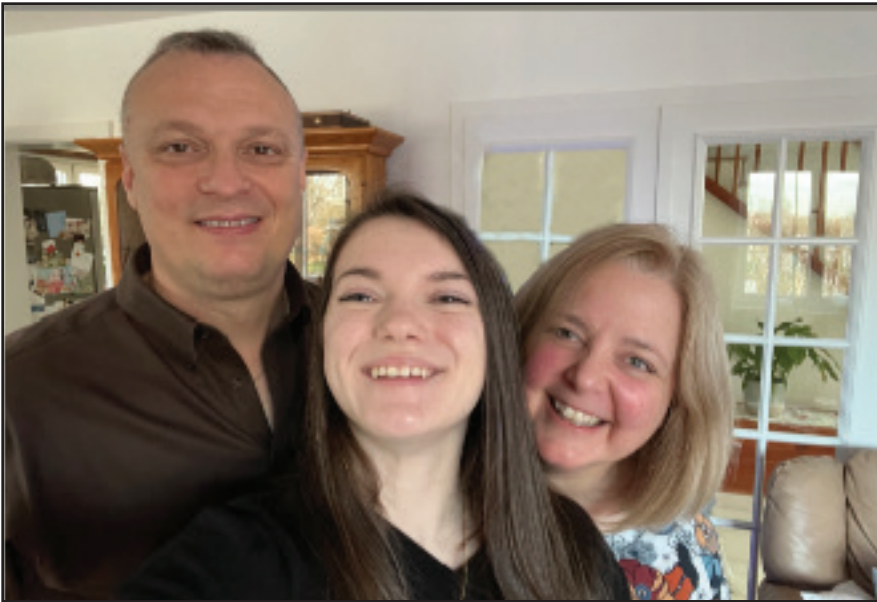


Drew Robison





# READY FOR EVERY CHALLENGE IN FRANCE AND BEYOND



**Daniel and Tammy Frerot and daughter, Marilène  
STRASBOURG, FRANCE**

by Daniel Frerot

Historically God has used war and persecution to disperse His people and thus spread His word. Millions have flooded into Europe from Syria, Afghanistan, warring African countries, and Ukraine. In Strasbourg, there are shanty towns in the local parks and rest stations of hundreds of such refugees including families with small children. In order to best determine how to help these people and reach out to them, Tammy has applied to work benevolently for an association that helps refugees get off the streets. They also have a program to help orphans or foster children transition when they reach 18 and are no longer helped by the state. We hope that we can learn of the specific needs by volunteering with a reputable association so that we can know how to better evangelize these groups.

We use a variety of methods of outreach. Friendship evangelism has allowed us to share the gospel on multiple fronts. We have a tangled knot of misconceptions about God and faith to loosen, and this takes time. But we are encouraged by the progress. We feel as though we have reached the level of trust that we need to have in our relationship with them and so we do not attend a social event without making sure that God is brought into the conversation.

Just last week, we were invited to eat at a restaurant for a friend's birthday and had a very long and positive conversation about Christian apologetics. I sat next to our friend's daughter's boyfriend who is studying History at the University and he was very astonished to hear the defense of the gospel and God's existence for the very first time. We are working to set up a time to study Christian evidences in our home.

Through internet podcasts, correspondence courses, and the distribution of Biblical materials to workers in Africa and other French-speaking countries we are able to extend our outreach outside France's borders. We continue to act as a "middle man" of sorts for our brothers that preach in both the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Ivory Coast and Belgian Congo by helping them find support, translating their newsletters and correspondence with supporters, answering their various questions about the scriptures, and providing written resources for outreach. There have been numerous baptisms as a direct result of correspondence studies and a couple of churches have turned away from their false teachings and embraced truth.



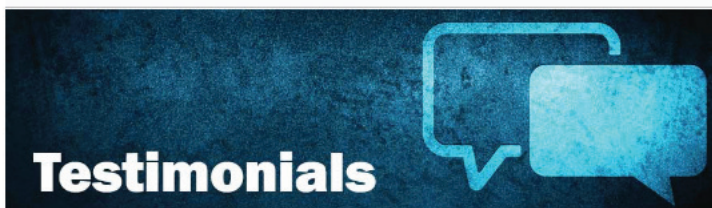
**Trustees Note:** Daniel and Tammy Frerot are some of the most effective missionaries for Churches of Christ in Europe. **The White Rock Fund** considers it an honor to participate in their work in Strasbourg, France. Strasbourg's metropolitan area had a population of 853,110 in 2019, making it the eighth-largest metro area in France. The Frerot's sponsoring congregation is the Church of Christ in Rockport, West Virginia.

# WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL REACHES MANY PEOPLE IN ZAMBIA



A large number of faithful gospel preachers in Zambia attended a *World Bible School International Leadership Conference* at Muhare, Zimbabwe, in April 2023. Plans are well underway to print *World Bible School* lessons in the language of the villagers and to eventually establish a WBS lesson distribution center in Chipata. Handing out lessons in villages by our preachers leads to many Bible studies. These are significant developments as WBS has proven to be a very effective way to spread the good news to the African people.

**The White Rock Fund** provides grants for 13 faithful gospel preachers in Zambia, whose work is sponsored by the *Baker Heights Church of Christ*, Abilene, Texas, and another faithful preacher in the Lusaska Providence of Zambia sponsored by the *Circleville, Ohio Church of Christ*.



“I had heard of The White Rock Fund before attending “Inspire New England Conference” in Manchester, Connecticut, but I had no idea it is doing such a great work and providing assistance for so many gospel preachers in the Northeast. This is fantastic!”

— Arthur (Bud) Fenner, Minister  
Church of Christ  
Meriden, Connecticut

“Thank you for the memorial for Melburn to The White Rock Fund. I’m sure he would be pleased to know you honored him in such a special way. He always read the Newsletter when we received it in the mail. So many good works are done. Thank you!”

—Caruth Johnston  
Clovis, New Mexico

“After attending the “Revive us Again” workshop at the Brown Street Church of Christ in Waxahachie, Texas, and receiving information from The White Rock Fund booth, I have read with great delight about the work you are doing. It is thrilling to hear of such an endeavor. I began a work a few years ago called Gospel Teaching Network, and would like to place some information on my website regarding The White Rock Fund. I am thinking in reference to especially letting people who are devoted to evangelism know about this marvelous work! I certainly subscribe to the “Statement of Faith” utilized by The White Rock Fund for screening applications for support.

I had no idea this work existed. What a great idea and work. I am very proud to know that Christians put together something so simple yet so effective. ”

—Don Huddleston  
Ponca City, Oklahoma



# NEW INTERNATIONAL GRANT IN 2023

## Ben Little Benoni, South Africa



**Ben, Melony, Zach and Kayla Little**

Benoni is a city in Ekurhuleni municipality, east of Johannesburg, South Africa.

**POPULATION:** 158,777. Its racial/ethnic composition is Black African (45.2%), White (38.1) and Indian/Asian (13.9%). Its first language is English followed by Zulu and Afrikaans.

**RELIGIONS:** According to *Britannica* “The majority of South Africans are Christians. The largest established Christian denominations directly rooted in European settlement but now drawing members from all ethnic groups are the Methodist, Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Dutch Reformed churches. A large number of people follow independent African Christian churches, which vary in size from a few to millions of members. These faiths differ widely in their degree of theological orthodoxy or heterodoxy from traditional Christian beliefs, but they tend to be more open to aspects of indigenous culture and religion and to emphasize physical and spiritual healing.

There is a sizable minority that adheres to traditional beliefs. Other religions are Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism. There are approximately 70 (urban), and 40 (rural) Churches of Christ in South Africa, including 2 in Benoni. Benoni is the home of Southern Africa Bible College which trains preachers and church leaders.

Ben Little (age 60) is minister of the *Benoni Church of Christ*, near Johannesburg, South Africa. His sponsoring congregation is the *Keller, Texas Church of Christ*. He writes:

“My family and I are committed to the Great Commission in this country that so desperately needs it (Matthew 28:19-20). Covid-19 has led to an increase in the number of people seeking God. Most of this appears to be on-line. As a result, my list of online *World Bible School* students has grown tenfold, and we are baptizing people every month due to this program. We baptized 29 people last year, 25 of whom were *World Bible School* related, and all were on-line or web students. A major goal is to uplift communities through the gospel, because where there are Christians, one finds a better community with better morals and higher ethical standards.”

Ben and his wife, Melony, have been married 23 years and have two children.





# ABOUT GIVING TO THE WHITE ROCK FUND

**"ARE 'ONE-TIME' GIFTS APPROPRIATE?"** Yes, 'one-time' contributions are welcome

**"CAN I SET UP A 'MONTHLY' DONATION?"** You can schedule this through the website at [whiterockfund.org](http://whiterockfund.org).

**"WHEN CONTRIBUTING BY CHECK, TO WHOM DO I MAKE OUT THE CHECK?"** The White Rock Fund

**"WHERE DO I MAIL MY CONTRIBUTION?"** The White Rock Fund, P.O. Box 180274, Dallas, Texas 75218

**"WHAT HAPPENS TO MY CONTRIBUTION?"** Donations are used to help provide monthly support to faithful preachers and mission efforts, as well as cover the necessary administrative expenses.

**"IS MY CONTRIBUTION TAX DEDUCTIBLE?"** The White Rock Fund is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All contributions are tax deductible just as they are for churches.

**"CAN I DESIGNATE MY DONATION AS A 'MEMORIAL' OR IN 'HONOR' OF SOMEONE?"** Yes. Your memorial or honorarium will be acknowledged with a letter to all parties and included in the next newsletter.

**"DOES THE FUND HAVE A RECOMMENDED ESTATE PLANNING ATTORNEY?"** Craig Friesland, 700 Central Expressway South, Allen, Texas 75013 (Tel:214-644-1970). Craig is a trustworthy Adviser to The White Rock Fund.

**"WILL MY CONTRIBUTION BE USED TO SUPPORT FAITHFUL TEACHERS?"** The Trustees of The White Rock Fund make sure only faithful gospel preachers and teachers receive grants from the Fund. (See the *Statement of Faith* every grant-recipient must sign affirming he teaches the fundamental truths of Scripture at [whiterockfund.org](http://whiterockfund.org)).

**"ARE THE TRUSTEES OF THE FUND COMMITTED TO THESE SAME TRUTHS?"** Every administrator affirms commitment to the truths expressed in the "*Statement of Faith*".

**"WILL THE AMOUNT OF MY DONATION BE CONFIDENTIAL?"** Absolutely

**"WHAT STEPS ARE TAKEN TO GUARANTEE THE FUND'S INTEGRITY?"** The Fund is audited annually by an independent firm: Still Burton, LLC, Dallas, TX 75244.

**"DO TRUSTEES OR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WHITE ROCK FUND BENEFIT PERSONALLY FROM THE FUND?"** The White Rock Fund is a volunteer organization. Its only paid employee is a secretary. No officer benefits personally from the Fund's assets and donations.

**"WHO MANAGES THE FUND'S INVESTMENTS?"**  
We have used a reputable independent financial adviser for over 20 years.

**"WILL MY CONTRIBUTION BE ACKNOWLEDGED?"**  
Donors receive an acknowledgement signed by a Trustee.



# OCTOBER 28, 2023

## THE WHITE ROCK FUND

### Annual Reporting & Fund-Raising Day

Saturday, October 28, 2023 the  
Annual Reporting & Fund-raising Day  
of The White Rock Fund

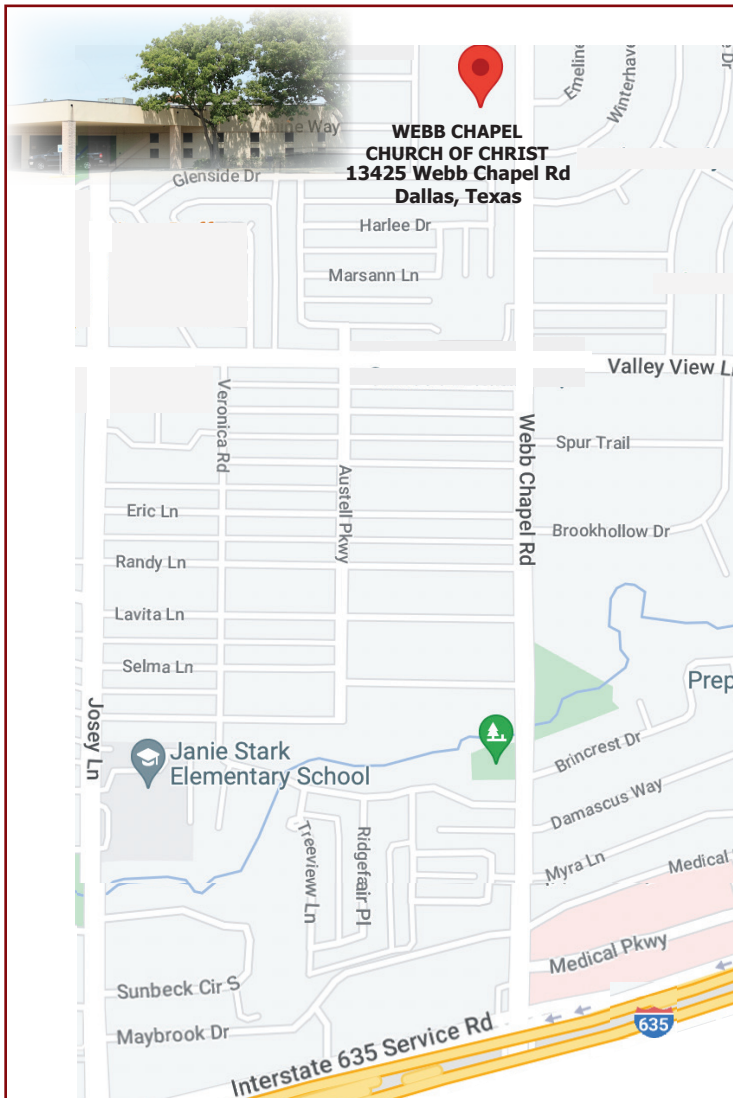
will be held at the  
**WEBB CHAPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
13425 Webb Chapel Road, Dallas, Texas  
10:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

Missionaries will speak about effective and  
successful works in various parts of the world,  
including the  
Northeastern United States.

We'd love to have you join us!  
Make plans to attend this  
inspiring event. You will be encouraged and  
you will be an encouragement to those who  
preach the gospel in difficult areas of the world.

It's not too early to make reservations for this  
catered luncheon.

**Call today (214) 926-2747.**



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# BAPTISMS IN THE NORTHEAST U.S.



Jeff McBrairity being baptized in a heated pool at a gymnasium, New Milford, Connecticut



Janet Blessing baptized at cold Tanglewood Park Lake Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Sometimes a galvanized stock tank on the church property is used for baptisms.



Ebenezer being baptized at Ghanian church baptistry North Bronx, New York



Zorlinda being baptized in communion table/baptistry, Bennington, Vermont



Robert, a former atheist, baptized at church building, Worcester, Massachusetts



J. Millington. being baptized in portable baptistry, Castleton, Vermont

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THE WHITE ROCK FUND	REPORT & FUNDRAISING DAY	EXCITING NEWS
The White Rock Fund is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization providing grants to Churches of Christ for faithful teachers and preachers around the world. A word from our Director	Annual missionary reporting & Fund-raising day will be Saturday November 5, 2022. Location Speakers	The White Rock Fund is proud to provide the latest news & updates on what the Fund is doing for Missionaries all over the World.

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