

The White Rock Fund

Supporting Faithful Teachers for Future Generations

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PARTICIPATION IN THE WHITE ROCK FUND IS PARTICIPATION IN EVANGELISM!

What a privilege it is to be associated with The White Rock Fund (TWRP). Had I not decided to visit the Baker Heights Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas, one Wednesday night almost 15 years ago, I might never have met David Tarbet, who was a guest speaker that night. Months later, David accepted an invitation to preach a gospel meeting in Katy, Texas, where I served as an elder. David was well received by the Katy congregation and has been faithfully supported by the Katy church for over 10 years.

About 10 years ago I was honored to be asked to become a trustee of TWRP. I truly believe the opportunity to work with TWRP was an answer to prayer to spread the gospel to a lost world, especially in the Northeastern United States, the largest mission field in America. I'm thankful David and his wife, Paula, saw the need for a way to give additional financial support to preachers and small congregations in the Northeast and elsewhere. Recognizing that need led to the creation of TWRP in the mid-1990s by the elders of the White Rock Church of Christ in Dallas. David and Paula have been the driving force since TWRP began.



Mac and Beth Brockman

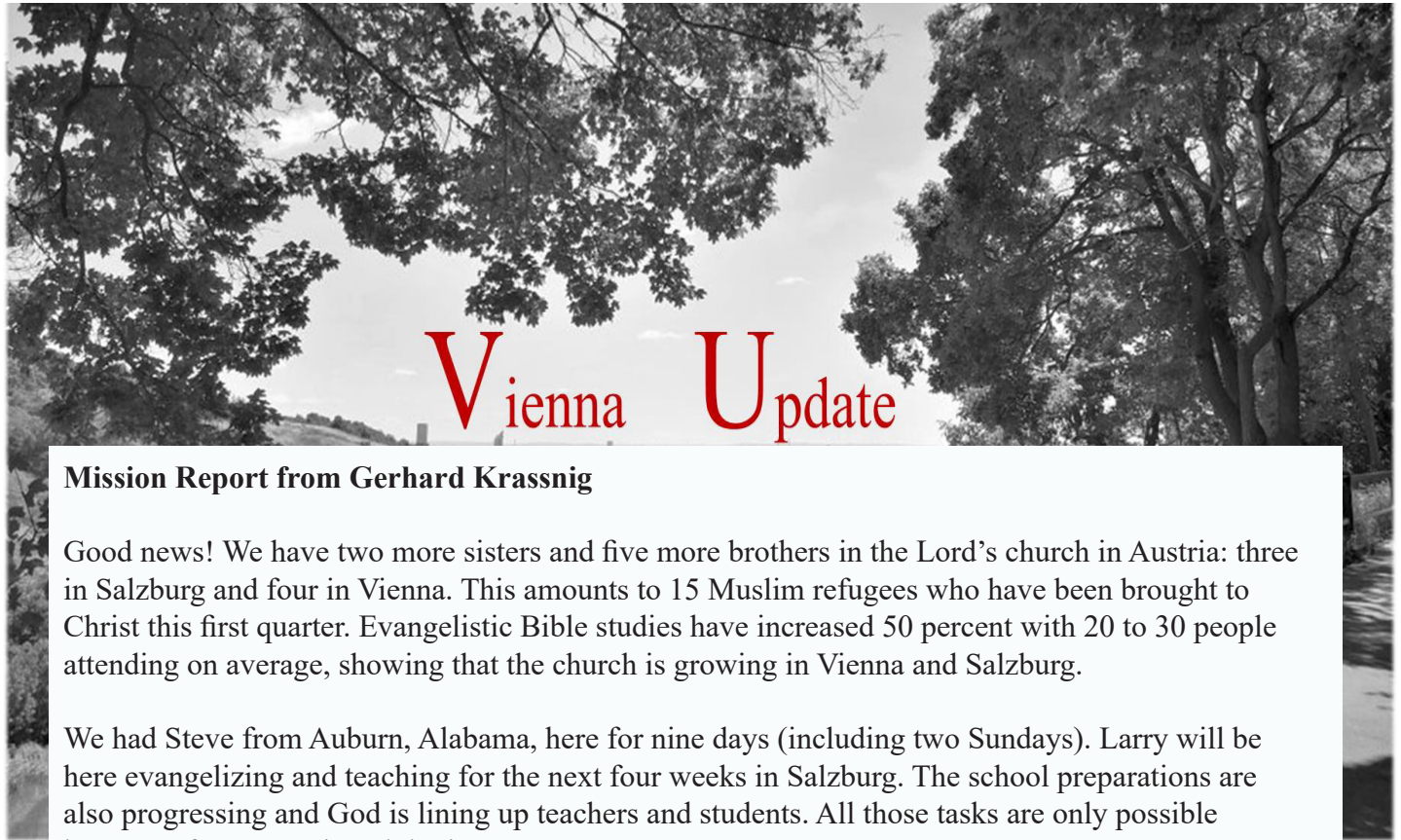
It is my prayer that

- the Lord will continue to bless TWRP so it can support faithful preachers and missions for many years
- God will provide wisdom to the trustees in how support money is distributed from the professionally managed investment funds
- those receiving support continue to be passionate about sharing the gospel in their mission field
- more people will learn about TWRP and the crucial support it gives
- more people will be compelled to financially support and pray for the efforts of those involved
- those being saved will remain faithful servants in His church
- God will continue to bless all those associated with TWRP: its supporters, donors, preachers, and congregations; those being saved; and those yet to be saved

It is incredibly rewarding when we receive encouraging reports throughout the year about the mission efforts & hear at the annual fundraising luncheon from some of the missionaries about the souls being saved. This year's luncheon is scheduled for October 12 at the Prestoncrest Church of Christ in Dallas. We hope those within driving distance will be able to attend. We'd love to see you! Please keep TWRP in your prayers.

— Mac Brockman, elder of the Woodland Oaks church of Christ, The Woodlands, Texas,
and trustee of The White Rock Fund

CROSSING BORDERS AND CULTURES



Vienna Update

Mission Report from Gerhard Krassnig

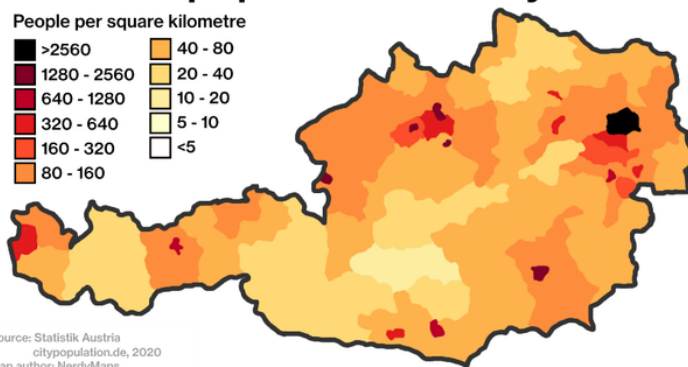
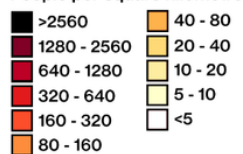
Good news! We have two more sisters and five more brothers in the Lord's church in Austria: three in Salzburg and four in Vienna. This amounts to 15 Muslim refugees who have been brought to Christ this first quarter. Evangelistic Bible studies have increased 50 percent with 20 to 30 people attending on average, showing that the church is growing in Vienna and Salzburg.

We had Steve from Auburn, Alabama, here for nine days (including two Sundays). Larry will be here evangelizing and teaching for the next four weeks in Salzburg. The school preparations are also progressing and God is lining up teachers and students. All those tasks are only possible because of your continued, loving support.

Many thanks, Gerhard

Austria - population density

People per square kilometre



Source: Statistik Austria
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ONE NEW MISSIONARY ADDED TO THE NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES

Did you know that one out of every five people in the United States lives in the nine Northeastern United States? That is approximately 60 million people. These states are Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont. There are fewer congregations, fewer preachers, fewer elderships, and fewer church members per capita in the Northeast 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 2024, the White Rock Fund added an additional domestic missions point in the Northeastern US:

GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Stephen and Cathleen Harr are working with the Greensburg Church of Christ in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. In October 2023, Stephen became the new full-time evangelist for the small congregation. For the previous 20 years, the Greensburg congregation has only been able to afford a part-time minister who provided preaching and teaching but couldn't devote much time to evangelism and ministering to the members. When Stephen accepted the full-time position he knew he needed outside support. TWRWF trustees decided to provide monthly support for Stephen and the Greensburg church in their efforts to evangelize in that mission area.



The Harr Family

The Greensburg congregation has 35 members with a good makeup of young families with children and older, mature Christians. Greensburg has approximately 15,000 residents and is home to two colleges and a nearby community college. Greensburg is about 33 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

Stephen is 47 years old and married to wife Cathleen. They have five children: Isabelle (24), Emily (22), Jacob (17), Austin (16), and Owen (10). Daughter Isabelle is married with three children. Emily graduated college in December 2023 and plans to go to medical school. The HARRS have also been very involved with Pennsylvania Christian Camp (PCC) as campers and staff. The camp serves Christians from Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Before full-time ministry work, Stephen was an accountant in Pittsburgh and worked as a regional controller for Grane Healthcare. However, he saw the great need for workers to evangelize within the area and decided to get training in Bible and ministry. He attended the West Virginia School of Preaching. During preaching school, Stephen worked with the Hillview Terrace church of Christ in Moundsville, West Virginia, primarily doing evangelistic outreach. Stephen also helped the West Virginia School of Preaching with advertising and recruiting. During this time, Stephen had numerous Bible studies with people in the community, and 12 people were converted through his efforts. After graduation, Stephen felt compelled to return to Pennsylvania where the need for evangelism and planting churches was even greater than where he was in West Virginia.



Owen getting baptized.

The White Rock Fund trustees are excited about Stephen and his family's work in Greensburg and look forward to hearing about the work's progress.

Mission Report: Ben Little

Benoni, South Africa

FAMILY NEWS

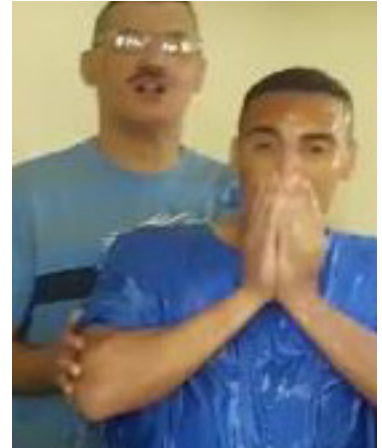
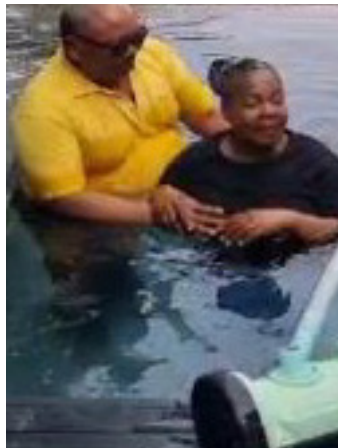
We are all well, by God's grace, and quickly heading toward the end of 2023. Zack has 4 weeks left of grade 7 and is working very hard to pass all his exams; so far so good. Kayla recently fell victim to a smash-and-grab incident which resulted in the theft of her cell phone and driver's license. Thank God she sustained no serious injuries except for some small cuts to her fingers from the shattered glass. She was extremely traumatized, but is doing much better now.

KEMPTON PARK CHURCH RESTORATION

Around 25 years ago, the preacher (now deceased), by sheer force of his will, led this congregation away from the New Testament church model. This involved introducing musical instruments, giving the church a manmade name, abandoning the teaching and practice of baptism for the remission of sins, and other practices. However, this preacher died shortly after Covid and a new preacher was appointed who began returning the congregation to New Testament teachings and practices. Their elders reached out to the Benoni congregation and to the Bible College to restore fellowship connections. Some church members left who wanted to continue the unbiblical practices. A letter was written by the Kempton Park church elders, publicly repenting of doctrinal errors of the past and asking to be accepted back into fellowship with the churches of Christ.

BAPTISMS

We were blessed with several baptisms. One of the baptisms was a visitor to our youth program.



WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

Registrations have now reached 2000. We will soon need more volunteers to help with grading and follow-up work. Students are asking many questions in their quest for Bible knowledge.

FEEDING PROGRAM

We are continuing with the feeding program in Tembisa, as well as the teaching program for the ladies who cook and serve the food. There are four ladies and one man who run this program, and our goal is to establish a congregation in Tembisa in the near future. We are using the *New Life Behavior International* teaching materials.



Ben Little Mission Report (Cont.)

SOUTH AFRICAN BIBLE COLLEGE (SABC)

We try to keep up with what our grads are doing around South Africa. Owen, who graduated 10 years ago, has been faithfully working in a rural part of East London, called Komga. He is sound in the Faith and is a tireless worker for the Lord. He hands out Bibles to those who request one.



We are two weeks away from final exams, so it's quite hectic with assignments that are due, exam papers to complete, and courses to finish in time. The Bible College closes in one month for the academic year. We are actively recruiting new students, and I pray that when I go down to Cape Town I will be able to meet with a couple of brothers who have expressed interest in coming to study at SABC in future.

I'm excited about 2024 because of the positive changes that are coming. The new director, Marcel Bergh, comes with a fresh vision and energy to take the college forward. I hope to work closely with him on the recruitment and social media side to promote SABC more vigorously, especially among the coastal congregations and those that are farther away.

COUNSELING

It feels like I've never done this much counseling in my life in such a short span of time. From teenagers with their challenges, to marriages, to depression sufferers, there's definitely an upsurge in the amount of folks who are suffering with depression. Fortunately, I've been able to help as many as I've been able to meet with.

YOUTH PROGRAM

It's been a difficult couple of years with our Youth program. We started up the program again last year, post-Covid, with nothing. But slowly we've been rebuilding and baptizing visitors and teens from among the members. JC, a visitor who was taught by a volunteer youth leader and me, was baptized by his best friend, who had brought him to our youth program.



Testimonials

“Our friends have supported The White Rock Fund and recommended it to us. We are impressed that it supports only preachers who teach the pure gospel of Christ. We believe this fund is a good place to put some of the blessings God has given us so those blessings will be extended past our lifetime.”—*Steve & Linda Bailey, Gainesville, TX*

“As a retiree, I aspire to have my financial blessings to perpetuate goodness now and beyond my passing. The White Rock Fund empowers me to achieve this goal as it steadily grows. I am unaware of any other organization spreading the gospel in the impactful manner demonstrated by this fund. It welcomes anyone desiring their blessings to preserve a positive legacy now and after life’s journey on earth. I deeply appreciate The White Rock Fund and express my sincere wish to witness it achieving even greater impact!”—*Ken and Ginny Lily, Richardson, TX*



“The annual ‘Reporting and Fund-raising Day’ helped me realize how far-reaching The White Rock Fund really is. Preachers all over the globe are being supported. It is important for us to think beyond ourselves and our local congregations, and to have a worldwide vision for the gospel.”—*Darrel and Melissa Allen, Irving, TX*



“We received information through our missions committee about the ‘Reporting and Fund-raising Day’ hosted last fall at the Webb chapel church of Christ. Going to that event was overwhelming! Missionaries gave reports showing how God is working through them. I was impressed to discover that every trustee of TWRF is a volunteer. I was blown away by the entire event, and look forward to attending the next ‘Reporting and Fund-raising Day’ at the Prestoncrest church of Christ on October 12. The fund is in my prayers. It’s such a blessing!”—*Julia Thacker, Dallas, TX*



“We are amazed at the reach of The White Rock Fund. It is well organized and uses its resources very efficiently. With limited expenses, it is able to put most of every dollar contributed directly into mission work. I am especially amazed at its recognition of the Northeastern United States mission opportunities. I had no idea that the Northeastern states are the most neglected domestic mission field in America for churches of Christ. This is a good work for Christians to contribute to.”—*Jack and Carobeth Bennett, Dallas, TX*



“Because the Fund’s preachers are able to preach the gospel full time instead of having to divide their time and energies with a secular job, new congregations are being started in places close to where people live. In Africa, The White Rock Fund has helped preachers go from church to church, encouraging them to be faithful. It is doing a very good job. I hope more people become aware of and involved with the Fund.”—*Nola Udoh, Carrollton, TX*

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"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 'IN MEMORY OF' 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 an adviser of 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 benefit from the Fund. (See our *Statement of Faith* that every grant recipient must sign affirming he teaches the fundamental truths of Scripture at whiterockfund.org.)

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

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

"DO TRUSTEES OR ADVISERS 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 trustee or advisor benefits from the Fund's assets and donations.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024

10:00 AM-2:30 PM

Held in the fellowship hall of the
PRESTONCREST CHURCH OF CHRIST
6022 Preston Crest Lane
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Prestoncrest Church of Christ, Dallas

ENCOURAGING U.S. MISSION CHURCHES

AREA-WIDE SINGING EVENT ATTRACTED 125 CHRISTIANS FROM 11 CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THREE NORTHEASTERN STATES

On April 21, the Danbury, Connecticut, church of Christ hosted an Area-Wide Singing event and fellowship with Christians from three Northeastern states. Events like these can be great times of encouragement and fellowship to Christians who often have not experienced having so many fellow believers in one place.



Ryan Edmondson from the New Miford, Connecticut, church of Christ leading singing.



A multigenerational, multiracial group of Christians came together to sing to our God and Lord!

THE DUTCHESS COUNTY CHURCH OF CHRIST IN NEW YORK

This mission work started only six months ago in Poughkeepsie, New York, in Dutchess County (on the East side of the Hudson River). Poughkeepsie is just under an hour north of New York City and a little over an hour south of Albany. The White Rock Fund is helping support Drew Robison in this work.

Drew has spent time preaching and training church members to see their roles in the evangelism process. Additionally, four of the teenagers from families attending the congregation have begun studying the Bible and will learn the plan of salvation. Drew and the congregation have also been working to encourage and build up a number of recent converts and help them continue to grow spiritually and expand their knowledge of the Bible. Please pray for Drew and Sandy Robison, especially since Drew has been having some health problems and is undergoing some medical tests.

NEW BROTHER ADDED TO THE LORD'S CHURCH IN VERMONT



Mike Kent was added to the Lord's church on April 11 at the Castleton, Vermont, church of Christ, where the White Rock Fund supports mission preacher Kirk Israel.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!



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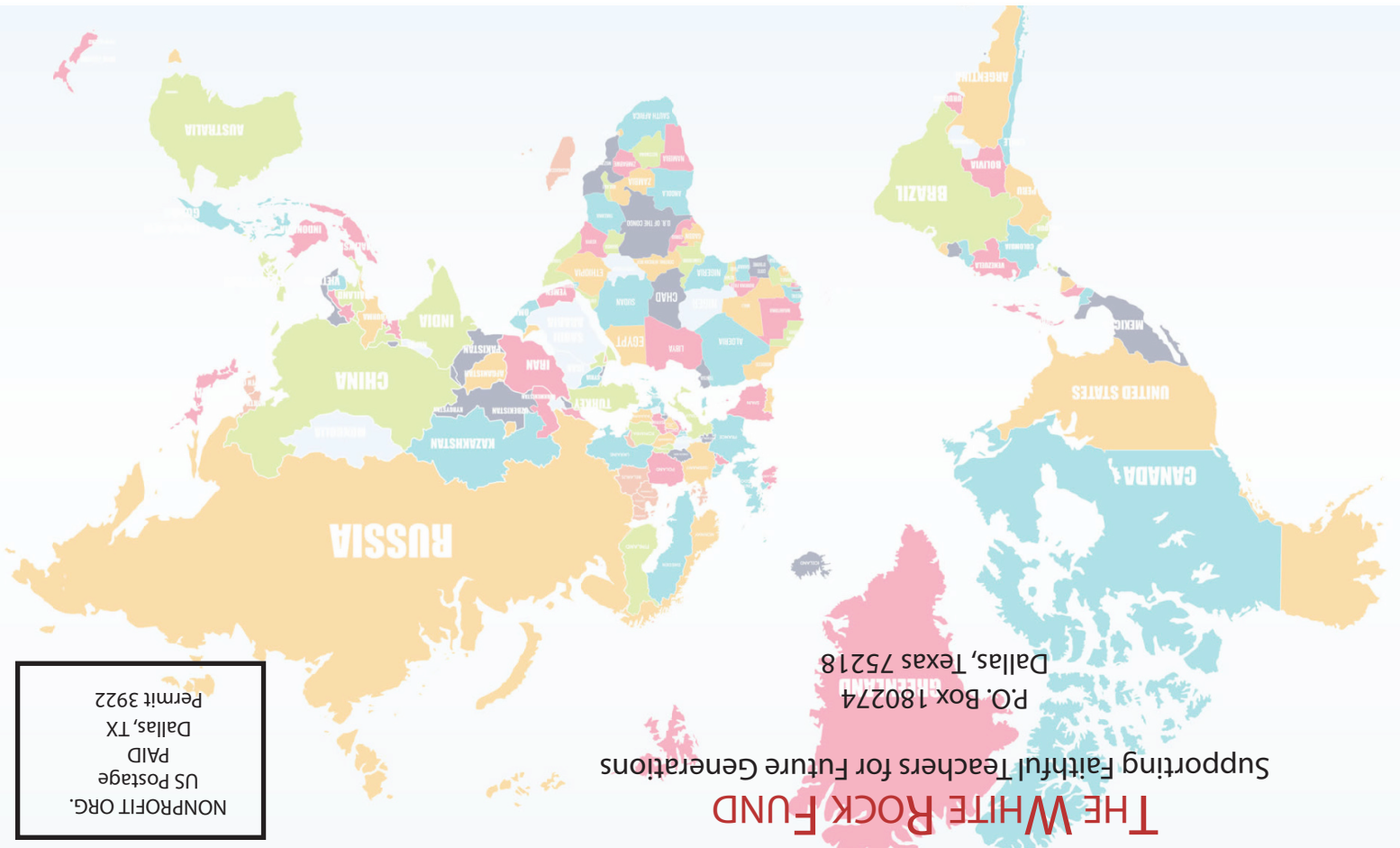
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