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IRM Africa Missions Trip June 15 – July 30, 2021



Rev. Arlene Tatum

Ministry Partners,

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Who knew we would still be dealing with this pandemic a year later? On top of the masks and distancing, we are all continuing to recover from the multiple other difficulties that have come our way since the coronavirus shut everything down. *Please know that we are praying for you!*

The IRM Africa team and I have also been praying for wisdom and direction in regards to future plans, as well. Although changing COVID-19 restrictions makes for cautious planning, the team is stepping out in faith by preparing for our 18th ministry trip to the Great Lakes Region. We are relying on God in scheduling crusades at 34 Uganda prisons, 17 Kenya prisons and several local village churches. In addition, the IRM team is also trusting God for a **second** trip in December. Previous Christmas visits have proved to be especially meaningful to the prisoners. One warden reminded his inmates that many of them had never had a family member come see them since arriving, but “Mama Arlene from America” came to visit them on Christmas.

One prisoner shared how thankful he was to God for IRM’s message. He confessed that he was sentenced to life imprisonment for abusing a 14-year-old. Later, he asked for the forgiveness of the elderly woman who reported him, but she would not give it. A few months afterward, she died. He has lived with consuming guilt for over 10 years, but upon hearing IRM’s teaching, he received Jesus as his Savior. He revealed that he saw that



woman in Bishop Arlene and, because she came with the forgiveness message, he believed God was telling him to forgive himself and let go of the past. He then declared that he is free even though he is still serving a life sentence.

“We thank God for IRM’s ministry; the impact in Kenya prisons is huge. Many have been transformed because of the messages of salvation and forgiveness. May God richly bless you, to continue being a blessing to others.” ~ Bishop Moses Mbito

"My child and I have had conflict, so my in-laws brought me here. I decided to never forgive my child or my in-laws but today, after receiving Jesus as Savior and listening to the forgiveness message, I have chosen to forgive all of them."

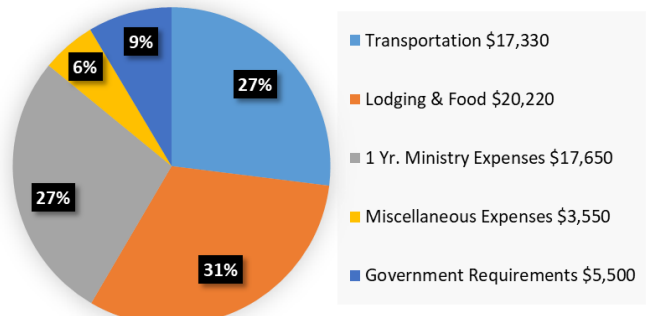


"When I came here I said I would not forgive the person who wanted to take my life (her legs were full of large ugly scars) but today I have Jesus in my heart and I forgive that person and I have peace. Thank you for teaching me."

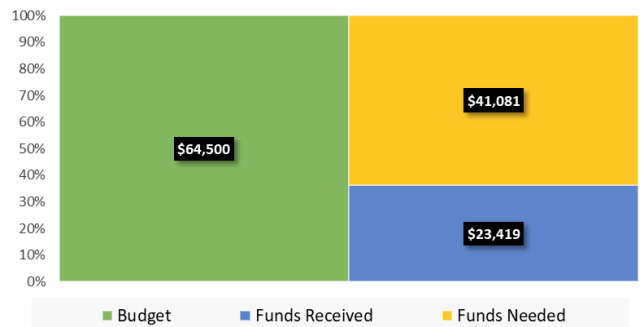
"We extend our appreciation to IRM for not stopping the financial support for prison ministry. Currently, we are working in 8 prisons as a continuing follow-up for the IRM Spiritual Leader Trainings that were previously taught."
 ~ The Rwanda IRM Chaplains



IRM Fiscal Year Budget \$64,250
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That none would be lost, **Arlene**

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