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## Letter from Martin Ruter to James B. Finley

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1808

Cincinnati, April 5, 1823.

Dear Brother,

I thank you for your letter, & rejoice to find you so much encouraged in the work of the Lord. O how precious is the gospel of Jesus Christ. It must spread, & will spread, until the banner of the Cross shall wave in triumph from the forests of the West to the walls of China. God bless you my brother, & prosper your way before you. Heaven is on our side, & will carry us through all difficulties to eternal blessings.

We have formed an independent Missionary Society in this town (not an auxiliary to the one formed at Conference) with a view to aid the Sandusky Mission. The brethren chose this course in order to send their funds directly to the Mission. They appointed officers, committees &c. and have raised about 30 dollars in money, & will from time raise more. This you can have when you come, and the money I owe you. I have written to Br. Jacob Young to collect a hundred dollars, or more, of a man in his district who owes the Book Concern, & pay it to you. If he does not do it I shall pay you the whole here. You shall have it, & every thing else that we can raise for you. The Plough & chain were procured in a short time, without taking the money we had raised, & they are sent to Urbana. Br. G. R. Jones is here & says they have 60 dollars subscribed in West Union, in goods & articles of clothing. Br. J. Young has written that clothing is wanted, & I have requested Br.

1808

M. Butler Apr 5 1823

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Rev. James R. Finley

Upper Sandusky  
Chio.



Jones to get you 100 or 150 yards of factory cotton cloth,  
which he says he can do. O may the God of the gospel  
spread it, & spread it, untill millions & millions shall  
join in the praise of King Jesus. —

The cause in this place does not prosper as I could wish,  
but I hope for better times. Difficulties have arisen,  
& a spirit of division has crept in. The meetings, however,  
are large, & we have some additions. The preachers are  
trying to do well, & I trust God will prosper them.

We are now expecting you here in June. Do write  
& let me know how you do, & when you will be here.

Yours in the love of Christ.

M. Ruter

Rev. J. B. Finley.

In haste —