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Urgent! Urgent! Urgent! **India & Myanmar (Burma) Trip**

By Louis Rushmore

Over \$3,600 for round trip plane tickets from Jackson, MS to Bangkok, Thailand, plus over \$2,200 for plane tickets within Asia and just under \$300 for two different night's lodging at the Bangkok airport between flights, for a total exceeding \$6,000, is what a sister in Christ graciously permitted us to charge to her credit card. Bonnie and I respectfully seek your earnestness and devotion, coupled with ours and this good sister's, to take the Gospel to those overseas who may near have heard of Christ. We urgently request that you and/or the congregation where you worship help us monetarily repay this indebtedness with which we begin this missionary journey, plus help with the additional funds that will be needed to complete and contribute to the success of this campaign.

So far, we have spent just under \$350 for visas to India, and we will experience additional cost for visas to Myanmar (Burma). In addition, we will have non-plane travel and meal expenses in Asia. Bonnie and I will have to rent a motel room for three weeks in Yangon, Myanmar, while teaching daily at the Bible School. I am certain that there will be other miscellaneous expenses as well during our trip.

(Unless you have embarked on such an adventure as this, you may question the advance preparation and expenditures months ahead of one's departure date. Really, we are already behind, because significant lead time must precede one's boarding a plane for the mission field: (1) Plane tickets with all their connections must be painfully scoped out to produce an itinerary **before** one is permitted to even apply for visas to various countries. (2) One's itinerary must be carefully coordinated with overseas brethren to schedule the respective preaching and teaching occasions in several cities in multiple nations. (3) Plane and lodging reservations fluctuate upward sometimes on a **daily** basis; our plane tickets to and from Asia increased \$500 apiece in less than a week, necessitating us to change airports, plane connections and even airlines. All in all, the details preceding one's departure are tedious and time conscious to the nth degree.)

I will be preaching in Gospel meetings in Bangalore and Delhi, India, to which Indian brethren will bring precious souls with whom they have been studying already. In Myanmar, Bonnie and I will be teaching women and children, and I will be teaching chiefly men and preaching. We will be teaching church leaders and their families the Word of God more perfectly, so that they can more confidently and effectively teach their countrymen the Gospel.

The rainy season in India at that time of year will make the climate more bearable for us compared to India's summer months. However, we anticipate the tropical Myanmar weather with its intense heat and high humidity to be a sweltering, sweaty challenge.

This missionary tour is absolutely necessary so that Bonnie and I can more fully embrace and help perpetuate the decades old missionary labors of J.C. and Betty Choate. We will meet several of the foreign brethren with whom J.C. and Betty have been yoked together in the cause of Christ for so many years. Be-

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sides the good for our Lord with the Gospel that may occur through our efforts on this particular trip, we will build for ourselves relationships with brethren in India and Myanmar with whom we usually work for the cause of Christ on the other side of the world. Consequently, Bonnie and I will be able to be fellow laborers with these good brethren more effectively.

Do you believe that every soul on earth ought to be able to hear the Gospel at least once? Do you believe that you have the responsibility from the Great Commission to help send the Gospel message throughout the world? Do you believe that it is possible for the whole world to be made aware of the Gospel, as it was made aware of the Gospel in the first century? Will you help us through your fervent prayers take the Gospel to the lost in foreign fields? Will you help us monetarily take the Gospel abroad through your gifts and by encouraging other Christians and churches of Christ also to help finance our missionary labors?

Please send your contribution to the *Rushmore Evangelism Fund* in care of the elders, Vermilion Church of Christ, 5116 Driftwood Dr., Vermilion, OH 44089. You can also help by sending contact information for congregations that we might be able to acquaint with our efforts in world evangelism.

The current **urgency** not only pertains to securing needed finances, but the current urgency, rather, has everything to do with saving souls. However, in foreign evangelism, the later is dependant upon the former. Whereas hundreds of dollars toward this mission trip have already come in, thousands of dollars are necessary. Please don't allow this newsletter to be an idle piece of paper or merely a dutiful posting on a bulletin board, but please share our keen interest and commitment to lost souls. 📖

Visitors

By Bonnie Rushmore

Being absent from the office most of the first two weeks of July (see last months article, "3000 Miles, Ten States & 60 Hours") left us behind in our office responsibilities. As we feverishly tried to play catch-up, additional projects required our immediate attention as well.

About the time of our move to Mississippi last October, we committed to print the Ohio Valley Lectureship book for the Harmar Hill church of Christ in Marietta, OH. The manuscript arrived about a week after our return to Mississippi from the long July trip. This book had to be printed and shipped to Ohio for receipt no later than August 18 for distribution during the lectureship. Many late hours at the office permitted us to ship the four cases of books on Monday, August 8.

Thursday night July 17th a group of four teen girls, four adult men and seven teen boys from the Strickland church of Christ in Corinth, MS arrived to assist with work at the buildings. After refreshments and a devotional all retired for the night. Breakfast was served at 7:00 a.m. Friday morning and work duties were assigned. The girls assisted with long overdue cleaning projects, moving books in the archive room and assisted Louis with some of the printing. A group of boys mowed, weeded and trimmed the yard while the rest of the group cleaned and sorted boxes of books in the old office building now used for additional storage. Many boxes of books were moved to the current warehouse for easy accessibility. They all worked hard and we thank them for their help in completing long neglected tasks that we simply do not have time to do on our own.

Wednesday afternoon, July 23, fellow missionaries began arriving for the annual team meeting with others arriving throughout the night and early Thursday morning. Thursday began with breakfast at 8:30 a.m. The next two days we discussed the various works with which each team member is associated and talked about additional works that need to be addressed. Thursday night we honored Eulene Ramsey with a dinner in respect to her retirement of 15 dedicated years as bookkeeper and typesetter for World Evangelism. Byron Nichols did an outstanding job as emcee and after dinner speaker.

Anytime we have a gathering of team members or any one interested in World Evangelism, we are honored to provide lodging and meals for the duration of the visit. Thus, twice in July, the extra beds were freshened, extra food was prepared and the office (and my house) received a little extra cleaning. Some would be overwhelmed with providing meals and lodging for 20-30 people, and yes, we are tired when everyone leaves. Betty, Paula and I work together in planning and preparation, and everyone pitches in with cooking and clean-up duties. The fellowship and encouragement we receive during these visits far outweigh the physical weariness. Come by for a visit! 📖

Guyana

By Rebecca Rushmore

On July 26, 2008, I began my first mission trip outside of the United States. I flew with five others to Georgetown, Guyana (South America). Brother Nigel Milo picked our group up from the airport at about 2:30 in the morning (we were delayed over twenty-six hours in Miami, FL) and drove us an hour away to Linden. After a brief rest, we began the work we had been planning for many months.

My main job for the week involved teaching ten

through twelve year olds in a Vacation Bible School. Since the Vacation Bible School was held at an outdoor, sports center, we had to set up each morning before we could start. At the end of the session, we had to pack up all of our materials and store them in a room at the top of the bleachers. The youngest two classes met in this room. The oldest class met in a room below the bleachers. The remaining three classes, mine included, met in separate sections of the bleachers. On two of the days, I taught the lesson; on the other two days, I assisted while the young lady from the local congregation taught. By the end of the week, my class consisted of twenty-six eager students.

The afternoons were spent in a variety of ways. We spent part of each afternoon or evening preparing for the next day. On Tuesday afternoon, I walked with two others from the group and one teenager from Linden to check on individuals who had participated in Bible studies the previous year. The first individual was not home; the second individual agreed to a Bible study on Thursday, but was not home when we arrived for the study.

Wednesday afternoon produced another new experience. While I have participated in door-knocking efforts in the US, it is a much different experience in Guyana. Homes in Linden are surrounded by fences. Instead of knocking on a door, a person wanting to visit stands at the gate and calls, "Inside!" The homeowner either calls for the visitor to come in the gate or walks to the gate to see who is there. At the second house we attempted to visit, the lady agreed to a Bible study for the next week. At the third house, we sat outside and studied the Bible for about an hour. When we left, plans were made to study again the following day. From the various door-knocking sessions during the week, approximately two dozen studies were scheduled and another half dozen were conducted by members of our group.

On Thursday afternoon, we visited the local market. The open-air market is the major shopping facility for all household needs. Thursday evening brother Milo drove us into the jungle to participate in a Thursday evening Bible study with the church at Dora. We drove off the main road onto a sandy path surrounded by vegetation. When the van could go no further through the trees, we walked a few yards into the clearing that housed the church building. It was a wonderful opportunity to worship with brothers and sisters several thousand miles from home, and on another continent.

Due to a national holiday, we were not allowed to hold Vacation Bible School on Friday. Instead, we spent the day conducting Bible studies, sorting and organizing leftover materials, and preparing to leave at 1:30 Saturday morning. After many long hours, we arrived in Memphis at about 5:30 PM on Saturday, August 2.

The trip to Guyana was a long, tiring and amazing week. As the week progressed, I repeatedly thought how

World Evangelism Statistical Summary

- 46 years of foreign evangelism
- 36 foreign weekly radio programs
- 8 foreign weekly TV programs
- 9 foreign Bible schools
- 250,000 responses annually
- 3,500 conversions annually
- 75% to 80% retention rate
- 200 congregations established
- 40,000+ *Voice of Truth International* quarterly (English)
- *Voice of Truth International* (Tamil, Telegu & Spanish)
- Internet (*Gospel Gazette Online*)
- Massive literature distribution
- Foreign campaigns

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wonderful it is to be able to fly thousands of miles away and meet brothers and sisters in Christ. The visit to Guyana served as a reminder that though there may be differences between people in the many countries of our world, there are just as many similarities. My stay in Guyana also demonstrated in a way words cannot express how truly blessed we are in America. The necessity of using bottled water for everything from cooking, drinking, washing fresh fruit and brushing one's teeth gives me a new appreciation for turning on the faucet and having sufficient, safe water. Other modern conveniences such as air conditioning, washers and dryers are more appreciated after a week in South America. It was a great week and I look forward to returning next year.



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| Beginning Balance | | \$1,253.76 |
| Income | | |
| Contributions | \$3,239.00 | |
| Printing/Book Sales | \$465.84 | |
| Foreign Travel | \$100.00 | |
| Travel | <u>\$488.90</u> | |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$4,293.74 | |
| Expenses | | |
| Auto Expenses | \$986.98 | |
| Stateside Travel | \$310.99 | |
| Foreign Travel (Immunizations & \$75 earmarked for Rebecca's Guyana Trip) | \$157.00 | |

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| Office | \$0.22 |
| Postage & Shipping | \$132.51 |
| Internet (yearly fee) | \$0.00 |
| Printing Expenses | \$170.55 |
| Office Telephone | \$97.67 |
| Medical Treatment | \$110.00 |
| Bank Fees (Rebate) | \$0.59 |
| Medical Insurance | \$0.00 |
| Life Insurance | \$50.29 |
| Housing | \$270.40 |
| Salary | <u>\$2,000.00</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$4,287.20 |
| BALANCE | \$6.54 |
| Ending Balance | \$1,260.30 |
| Foreign Travel Balance | \$1,125.00 |