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Everything Breathing!

By Louis Rushmore

While speaking with a preacher for a little congregation, he remarked about the meager attendance of the small church the past Sunday morning, adding, "That counts everything breathing," meaning babies through adults. However, "everything breathing" would have included a lot more, recently, at the World Evangelism Missionary Retreat at Maywood Christian Camp outside of Hamilton, Alabama on May 1-3.

Weather permitting, the lectures throughout the days and nights occurred in the semi-outdoor setting of a roofed amphitheatre. Of course, birds flew about or even through at will, but a couple of dogs wandering through from time to time, even climbing through the seating, produced some personal amusement on my part. The whole setting was very different from the norm for lecture series with which I am accustomed, though the quality of the lectures and the earnestness with which they were presented paralleled the best I have experienced over the decades. After all, the object of our gathering was **not the place** (or even the attire), but edification with the Word of God, becoming more abreast of ongoing missionary work around the world and mutual encouragement for zeal in good works. I remember another somewhat unusual gathering of Christians in Acts 4-5 where brethren were coming and going (as well as some were lying, dying and burying).

Bonnie and I felt a sense of connection with others, many of whom whose involvement in world missions is not directly associated with what we are doing with World Evangelism. In addition, Bonnie and I grew closer to the team of which we are members, though we team members live in various states. Our batteries were on one re-charged, and on another hand, the fullness of days from first light to well past last light was physically challenging. We were the better for our involvement in those several days of fellowship, edification and moral encouragement. Bonnie and I are ready to be the most useful tools we can possibly be in the hands of Almighty God, with your help, moral support and prayers. 📖

Help Send Rebecca to Guyana

By Louis Rushmore

Our daughter, Rebecca Rushmore, is going to Guyana on a mission trip this summer. Shortly after she returns from a stateside mission trip in July, she will leave for Guyana. In both instances, she will be teaching VBS (besides teaching VBS at her home congregation in Collierville, TN). Rebecca still lacks \$875 of the funds needed to make the Guyana mission trip; any Christians or congregations desiring to help her financially may send a check to Rushmore Evangelism Fund, 5116 Driftwood Dr., Vermilion, OH 44089 with "**Guyana Trip**" on the memo line. Rebecca is a schoolteacher, and therefore, she cannot accompany Bonnie and me on our spring and fall mission trips abroad; she must make her trips during summer break, though

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she will be a day late getting back from Guyana for the first day of the upcoming school year. Thank you in advance for your prayers and help. 📖

May '08 Trip Talk

By Louis Rushmore

Hamilton, AL: May 1-3. Bonnie and I spent days and nights at Maywood Christian Camp for the second annual *World Evangelism Missionary Retreat*. It was no less than a lectureship in the woods, and a fine one at that.

Columbus, MS: May 7. Bonnie and I felt really privileged to be the guests of the *Tenth Street church of Christ*, where Robert Johnson is the minister. Nowhere that I have ever preached have I received more encouragement from the auditors of my lesson. Bonnie and I were the beneficiaries of sweet hospitality at the hands of Emma and Robert Johnson. We consider them new friends and look forward to time we may spend together as opportunities present themselves.

Henderson, TN: May 9-10. Bonnie, Rebecca and I stayed overnight in a Lexington motel in preparation for ceremonies the next day at Freed-Hardeman University. Our daughter, Rebecca, received her Masters Degree in Student Counseling. Afterward, we had a great catfish dinner in a local restaurant. Rebecca has been burning the proverbial candle at both ends for the last couple of years or so, working by day as a schoolteacher in a public, alternative school for problem children, working by night at her continuing education, as well as immersing herself in Christian service. It is not difficult to be proud of our daughter.

Winona, MS: May 19. A missionary returning to the states visited us at the World Evangelism offices. We enjoyed one another's company and offered mutual encouragement in the greatest pursuit among men, the edification of one's fellows with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jackson, MS: May 22. Bonnie and I experienced a different kind of trip, dental cleanings. Brother and sister Dulaney were away vacationing that day, but they left us in the capable hands of a friendly staff.

Our appointments in May were comparatively few (considering the 3,300 miles we averaged recently in previous months), but our Gospel chariot was probably relieved. Imagine how relieved it will be when we travel abroad for weeks at a time (beginning about October 10). Anyway, the continu-

ally rising price of gas is a threat to many facets of life for us all, including the trips stateside to apprise Christians and congregations about mission work.

Whenever time in Winona, MS is afforded us, we simply apply ourselves more to the unending workload behind the scenes to the perpetuation of the work begun decades ago by J.C. and Betty Choate; we have as our daily helpers in this task Paula and Jerry Bates, and of course, Betty Choate. Please remember our humble efforts in your prayers from time to time. 📖

Note: Part of our behind the scenes work with *World Evangelism* involves writing, typesetting, editing and other preparation for the printing of *Voice of Truth International* magazine as well as books, both of which types of literature are used stateside and abroad. Following, is Bonnie's **Book Review** of the newest among hundreds of books we keep in print. ~ Louis Rushmore

First Sisters

By Bonnie Rushmore

First Sisters by Debra Mitchell, J.C. Choate Publications, 2008, 120 pages, paperback, \$8.00.

First Sisters is the latest book written by Debra Mitchell. This book discusses all the named and unnamed women mentioned in the Book of Acts. The first lesson in this thirteen lesson class book begins with a brief overview of the world from creation through the birth of our Lord, His death, burial, resurrection and the beginning of the church.

The subsequent lessons discuss the biblical account of the women mentioned in Acts with an application of the lesson to lives of modern women. Both Christian and non-Christian women are studied. The circumstances and unique characteristics of each of these women give insight into their reaction to the events surrounding them. This information will help today's woman succeed in imitating Christ in all that she does.

Chapter Thirteen talks about the great faith and dedication of the first century Christians and their ability to "turn the world upside down" (Acts 17:6). Sister Mitchell discusses the urgency for all Christians to work together to once again "turn the world upside down" by showing the love of God to a wicked and perverse world.

Throughout the book, there is an emphasis to reach out to the lost souls around the world. A thoughtful study of this material will certainly en-

courage all Christians to be faithfully workers for God.📖

This & That

By Bonnie Rushmore

The month of May started out with a bang. About eighty missionaries and those interested in mission work gathered at Maywood Christian Camp in Hamilton, AL for the second annual World Evangelism Missionary Retreat. Several of us arrived on Wed. April 30 to set up, clean cabins and the monthly World Evangelism team meeting. Thursday afternoon through Saturday morning was saturated with lessons for and about mission work by several missionaries. Time was allotted for reports and the needs of the many different works represented. The lessons were great, and the fellowship was wonderful.

The next weekend found us in Henderson, TN. Our daughter, Rebecca, graduated from Freed-Hardeman University with a Masters Degree in Education in Student Counseling (3.95 GPA). After three years of working fulltime as a teacher in Mississippi and taking two classes a semester, she is looking forward to a well-earned break. That break includes teaching VBS at her home congregation in Collierville, TN, two VBS mission trips and several weeks in Winona working in the World Evangelism archive room. She will travel with us to Pennsylvania for my mother's 80th birthday in July. Occasionally, we stay with Rebecca when our appointments are in the area. Until our move to Winona, she was 800 miles away since graduating from FHU with a BS in Education twelve years ago. Thus, we only saw her a couple times a year. We are enjoying our frequent visits with her (we only hope she is enjoying our visits).

Our Sunday appointments this month have been closer to home, thus allowing us to make improvements to the house. We have cleaned up the yard, trimmed the shrubs, planted flowers and enclosed a corner of the carport for storage. Since, we do not own any pets (inside or outside) we were surprised to discover a flea infestation in the house. After a couple of weeks of repeated spraying inside and outside with flea spray, I think we have won the battle. We decided the excessive rain a few weeks ago flooded their home outside, and they made their way inside where it was dry.

We enjoyed the weather this spring. Temperatures were in the fifties and sixties at night and upper seventies during the day. However, now that summer

has come we have **high** humidity with temperatures in the upper eighties and low nineties. Since we are not accustomed to this "southern weather," as Betty puts it, she cautions us to work in the yard in the early morning hours before the temperatures and humidity rise.

The white board I wrote about a couple months ago is getting some empty spots on it. It seems as though we are slowly catching up. However, Louis tells me there are several things that need to be added to the board. Until those items are written, I will enjoy the white spaces and believe there is light at the end of the tunnel. Nevertheless, there is more work to do than hours in the day to get it all done. We are as busy as ever.📖

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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Foreign Travel Balance	\$1,000.00
Beginning Balance	\$3,889.76
Income	
Contributions	\$2,905.00
Printing/Book Sales	\$165.84
Travel	\$200.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,270.84
Expenses	
Auto Expenses	\$796.29
Stateside Travel	\$200.42
Foreign Travel (passports & toward tickets)	\$100.00

Evangelism (missionary retreat)	\$173.41
Equipment Repair	\$654.00
Office	\$46.98
Postage & Shipping	\$177.87
Internet	\$34.95
Printing Expenses	\$13.63
Office Telephone	\$127.82
Medical Treatment	\$260.00
Bank Fees	\$24.56
Medical Insurance	\$0.00
Life Insurance	\$50.29
Housing	\$800.75
Salary	\$2,100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,560.97
BALANCE	-\$2,290.13
Ending Balance	\$1,599.63
Foreign Travel Balance	\$1,100.00