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Danger! Danger!

By Louis Rushmore

Bonnie and I are headed for Bangalore and New Delhi, India, beginning October 14. Both cities have experienced bombings this year in which people lost their lives. Blasts in New Delhi today killed up to 20. We will twice pass through Bangkok on this trip, and citizens have been rioting in Bangkok, interrupting public transportation. We will spend three weeks in Yangon, Myanmar where Bonnie and I will teach classes in the Bible college. Bonnie, of course, will teach women and perhaps children in attendance, too; I will teach church leaders who have come to improve their Bible knowledge so they can be more effective in their villages. Myanmar, as you remember, recently suffered a catastrophic cyclone.

Why do we and other missionaries go to the far reaches of the earth with the Gospel of Christ, in view of some of the known dangers? It's all about souls! Souls need to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and thousands are eager to hear about Jesus, our Savior, and obey the Gospel. That's why we and others go, despite the dangers, and the inconveniences even if dangers do not threaten. It's all about souls. Please pray for us. 📖

Trip Talk

By Louis Rushmore

August 3, 2008: Carrollton, MS It was our pleasure to worship for the second time with the Old Union Church of Christ; this time I was afforded the opportunity to teach the Bible class (*Bible Archaeology* PowerPoint) and preach during the morning worship (*Evangelism* PowerPoint). Old Union is one of the oldest if not the oldest congregation of the churches of Christ still meeting in Mississippi. Modern transportation routes have bypassed the rural neighborhood where the meetinghouse sits, though it probably was well situated once, especially during horse-and-buggy days. The quaint, white frame building accents a mowed area and nicely kept cemetery otherwise surrounded by dense forest; one must travel two dirt roads to access Old Union, and the dead-end driveway is nearly long enough to qualify as a dirt road itself. I had spent hours one day looking for the meetinghouse to no avail, but upon finding someone who could give me directions, happily we found the Old Union Church of Christ. The friendly, family congregation of less than 50 was a comfortable opportunity to worship God in spirit and in truth.

August 22-29, 2008: Sevierville, TN I accepted the invitation of brother Allen Webster to teach *Bible Geography & Maps* to children (6-11) at *Polishing the Pulpit*. Within a matter of minutes, these children learned most of the main places on three large Bible maps. Then, we made a game out of it (boys vs. girls), and the competition was vigorous. On the second occasion of teaching the Bible maps to the children, they were able to locate the primary places in biblical Palestine on the imaginary map of a blank wall! Through the use of red, plastic buckets, each labeled respectively "Patriarchy," "Judaism" and "Christianity," the children learned to place laminated sheets of people and events as well as three dimensional objects into the correct buckets of time. Most parents would be challenged to accomplish what these youngsters demonstrated in short order.

This was Bonnie and my first time to attend PTP, and we found it invigorating. Last I heard, about 1,000 preachers, elders and their families attended this year. We were able to set up a display about World Evangelism, give away 130 Voice of Truth magazines and give away over 500 books about missions. During the course of the week, we also placed packets of information in 20 pairs of hands to take back to their respective congregations; we hope that at least some of these disseminations of facts about our labors in world evangelism ultimately will result in more congregations participating with us financially in our missionary work. Please pray toward that end.

August 24, 2008: Morriston, TN Sunday evening, I was privileged to speak during the worship about *Evangelism* (PowerPoint presentation). The Morriston Church of Christ has been a longtime supporter of the work of J.C. and Betty Choate in World Evangelism. This

is only one of the congregations that due to the illness and eventual death of brother Choate that had not been updated recently about the ongoing labors to take the Gospel to the masses abroad. Everywhere we go we meet brethren with whom we had not previously been acquainted and go away thankful for befriending and being befriended by them. We look forward to visiting these good brethren again in the future.

Bonnie and I look forward to the trips to apprise brethren about the good works in taking the Gospel to the lost throughout the world. Often, though, it is difficult to get an audience by the brethren in many congregations; if you know of one or more congregations that may be interested in hearing about world evangelism, please let me know. Please pray for us. 📖

Back at the Office

By Louis Rushmore

Back at the office, there is more work to do than we can possibly get done. Always! There is no light at the end of the tunnel.

My book, *Beverage Alcohol*, is almost all gone again; we distributed free 4,000 copies over the past year and a half. A kind benefactor and encourager has committed to reprinting another 10,000 for free distribution. This time the format will be 5X8 perfect bound with a full-color cover. I have spent numerous hours reformatting the manuscript, as well as updating the manuscript to keep it current. Any day now we will send it to the printer.

Bonnie and I have been printing short runs of lectureship books over the years for various congregations, and we have three lectureship books to complete before we leave in October for India and Myanmar. Two have been completed, and one remains. As I am composing this, we have hit a snag; all of the ink we have left is too old and dried to use. Especially since lectureship books are date-sensitive, we will have to replace this ink as quickly as possible. We also have a short run of a paperback book for a preacher's wife and supporter to print before we head for Asia.

The various newsletters that go forth from here all pass through our hands and consume time and demand attention. As much as possible, we are making preparation for the fourth quarter issue of *Voice of Truth International* before we leave for India and Myanmar. (One issue is at the printer now, and we had to make an adjustment to it recently as well.) Correspondence, phone calls, requests for literature, time spent making appointments for speaking on Sundays and Wednesdays, typesetting, editing, writing, etc. require long hours. We have two other of my books to reformat for printing as soon as possible. *Gospel Gazette Online* for September is half a month late already, and I have to work ahead regarding that Internet journal for October and November while we will be overseas. Many other things, because they rank a lower priority, remain undone or on the proverbial back burner. We spent two days in classes in the School of Missions here in Winona. I don't remember a time when the surface of my desk has been so hard to find! 📖

Time Flies

By Bonnie Rushmore

It is hard to believe that we are already into the second

week of September. It seems as though it was just a few weeks ago that we were looking forward to visiting our families and friends in PA and WV. We completed that trip two months ago. Just a few short weeks ago, we purchased our tickets for the upcoming trip to India and Myanmar, thinking we had plenty of time to accomplish all the tasks needed before our departure. Just the other day I realized our departure is approaching faster than I imagined. Oh, how time flies when you are having fun—busy doing the Lord's work.

The month of August was full of firsts for us. The School of Missions began on August 14-15. The school was a dream of J.C. Choate. His desire to train missionaries to be effective tools in the hands of God as they reached across the globe to bring lost souls to Christ finally became a reality. About 30 individuals spent all day Thursday and most of Friday discussing missionaries and their work. About half of those in attendance were students; the others were experienced missionaries. The school will meet in Winona two days a month for the next two years. Of course, those traveling to Winona are provided lodging and meals for the duration of their visit. The days are long, and the fellowship is wonderful. Please plan to join us for an upcoming session. Call for the dates and book a room at the Rushmore, Choate or Bates' residences. We hate to see anyone spend money on lodging if empty beds are available in our homes.

Another first for us was attending Polishing the Pulpit. The last week of August, we traveled to Sevierville, TN to attend Polishing the Pulpit. The lessons were edifying and uplifting. Sometimes it was hard to choose which class one would attend as several classes were in session at the same time. While there, Louis taught Bible Geography to the children (6-11 year olds), which was a hit with the students and the teachers. On one occasion, a young boy saw Louis and called him the "map man." At the conclusion of the last class, one young girl told her teacher "he (Louis) taught my dad the maps (when he was a student at West Virginia School of Preaching)."

One evening, while in Sevierville, TN we had supper with my niece, her husband and 20-month-old son who live in the area. They, like the rest of my family, are not Christians. We had an enjoyable time together and would liked to have had more time to spend with them. They invited us to come spend a couple of days sometime so they can show us the area (Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg). We left a copy of *The Voice of Truth International* and a copy of Rebecca's book in hopes that they will read them and be interested in further study. Please pray that we will be able to reach them with the Gospel of Christ.

On our way to Sevierville, we had planned to take an extra day for some enjoyable, much needed recreation. Unfortunately, work the day before required us to leave Winona several hours later than we planned, thus limiting our recreational time to a few hours enroute. We did stop in Chattanooga, TN to visit Ruby Falls. We have seen the signs for Ruby Falls for many years as we traveled through that area and never stopped. This time, we decided to see what it was. We were amazed! Deep inside the mountain is a 150-foot waterfall. We truly enjoyed the guided tour through the caverns. Unfortunately, time did not allow a trip up the incline railway. Perhaps, another trip through the area will afford time for that excursion. We also made a brief stop at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo in downtown Chattanooga. We toured

the model railroad and browsed the passenger cars and steam engine. Later in the week, we were told that the railroad museum is located elsewhere in Chattanooga. That excursion will also be added for a future date through the area.

We have two books to print, other books to typeset, the next issue of *The Voice of Truth International* to typeset and lessons to prepare for our overseas classes, along with the normal day-to-day office activities before our trip to India and Myanmar on October 14. With Jerry and Paula leaving Saturday, September 14 for India, Louis and I will assume the daily task that they typically handle. Along with the Sunday out of town appointments, a mission weekend at the Mastin Lake Road Church of Christ in Huntsville, AL and a lectureship at Heritage University, our days will be filled to overflowing between now and our departure. Please pray for us as we prepare for and are on our trip. We look forward to meeting some of the brethren the Choates have worked with all these years and pray much good will be accomplished. 📖

Just \$23.08 a Week!

By Louis Rushmore

Could the church of which you are a member afford \$23.08 a week to have the meetinghouse cleaned? Or, could the congregation where you worship afford \$23.08 a week for lawn care? Likely, either one of these two services and several other expenditures that many local congregations incur equal or exceed \$23.08 a week. Do you realize that \$23.08 a week equals \$100.00 a month with which a congregation could help support a missionary family? I have a family in mind, namely Bonnie and me as we dedicate ourselves to evangelism at home and abroad.

Do you realize that with \$11.54 a week a Christian family could help support a missionary with \$50.00 a month? Or, do you realize that \$5.77 a week equals \$25.00 a month that you could use to help support a missionary?

We never want to divert money from the local church treasury that belongs there, but please do me this favor. Please examine your family budget to see if there is \$5.77 a week above what you put in the local collection plate that you might invest in missionary work. Further, please ask your congregation if it is willing to invest \$23.08 a week above its current commitments in our missionary labors. We covet your prayers and moral support. 📖

Getting By

By Louis Rushmore

None of our creditors is angry with us, and we are not hungry. We are getting by. However, we would not be able to survive presently were it not that we are living rent and utilities free at this time, and were it not for the \$500 a month being diverted from other facets of World Evangelism toward us until we are able to raise minimal support of our own. Getting by also means that there is no money at this time for frivolous things like health insurance and retirement. Further, getting by means that we have had to borrow money for our upcoming mission trip to India and Myanmar. In the long term, we are going to need to do a better job of convincing congregations and Christian families to participate with us financially in mission work. Otherwise, our effectiveness as missionaries will continue to be seriously hampered. Please

pray for us, knowing that those things for which Christians pray are not only important to them, but they are the very things the children of God strive to accomplish. 📖

Pay Cut

By Louis Rushmore

Recently, Bonnie and I were able to pay off some debts on which we have been making payments for years. Having reduced our personal indebtedness and still facing substantial deficits in our projected monthly budget, Bonnie and I have decided to reduce our salary by \$500 a month. Whereas no one likes a pay cut, especially in an inflationary economy, reducing our salary seemed like the appropriate thing to do for now. We trust in the providence of God and the goodness of his people to enable us to serve our Lord effectively as missionaries. Again, we solicit your prayers. 📖

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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Evangelism Fund:
August 2008 Report**

Beginning Balance		\$1,260.30
Income		
Contributions	\$2,610.00	
Printing/Book Sales	\$268.15	
Foreign Travel	\$4,950.00	
Travel	\$0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$7,828.15	
Expenses		
Auto Expenses	\$981.66	
Stateside Travel	\$546.40	
Foreign Travel (Visas & Tickets)	\$3,141.00	

Office	\$77.62
Postage & Shipping	\$291.01
Internet	\$0.00
Equipment Maintenance & Repair	\$41.91
Printing Expenses	\$406.21
Office Telephone	\$117.55
Medical Treatment	\$102.00
Bank Fees	\$3.79
Medical Insurance	\$0.00
Life Insurance	\$50.29
Housing	\$901.85
Salary	\$1,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8161.29
MONTHLY BALANCE	-\$333.14
Ending Balance	\$927.16
Foreign Travel Balance	\$1,125.00
Foreign Travel (Tickets)	<u>-1,125.00</u>
Foreign Travel Balance	0.00