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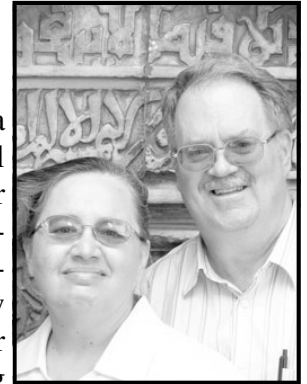
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Stateside Travel

By Louis Rushmore

Since our return November 15, 2008 from India and Myanmar, Bonnie and I have traveled to several stateside congregations to apprise them about our mission trip abroad. Numerous photographs embedded in my PowerPoint presentation acquainted brothers and sisters with our movements through New Delhi and Bangalore, India; Yangon, Myanmar (Burma) and points in between, as well as our going to and coming from Asia. We hope that each of these brethren were as moved by the dedication of our foreign brethren and as joyful over the conversions as we are. For sure, our ministry as well as our lives would not be complete nor will they be complete in the future without foreign mission work. This is so, largely because of how much our brothers and sisters overseas appreciate and long for Gospel teaching and preaching. Bonnie and I left our hearts in Asia and can hardly wait to go back.



On November 30, 2008, Bonnie and I visited the **Old Union Church of Christ** (Carrolton, MS) in the morning and the **West President Church of Christ** (Greenwood, MS) Sunday evening, showing each congregation my PowerPoint presentation, "Same Planet, Different World." The following Wednesday night, I made my PowerPoint presentation to the **Winona (MS) Church of Christ**. Sunday, December 7, 2008, we worshipped with the **Flatwoods (KY) Church of Christ**, where for the Bible class I gave my Bible Archaeology PowerPoint lesson, and at the worship hour, I made my PowerPoint presentation about our mission trip. That Sunday evening, we worshipped with the **Sandyville (WV) Church of Christ** at which time I gave my presentation, "Same Planet, Different World," again.

Many hours away from Winona, MS, we often rely upon the hospitality of brethren to lodge and feed us along our nomadic path. For this we are always most grateful, but we were especially delighted while in Sandyville to spend time with Rodney and Julene Nulph and their two precious youngsters. Rodney is the Associate Editor for *Gospel Gazette Online (GGO)*, as well as the minister for the Sandyville congregation; Julene is a frequent writer for *GGO*.

Short on Sunday and Wednesday assembly days and passing through, we updated some dear brethren in Cameron, WV on Monday about our mission trip. We lodged overnight with Emanuel and Judy Daugherty in Bethlehem, WV; Emanuel and Judy are among some of our dearest friends and greatest encouragers, as well as supporters in our work.

This particular excursion northward was a working trip to visit our parents; we don't know what a true vacation is like! Again between assembly days, Bonnie and I visited my father, a widower, in Hadley, PA. Later that day, we visited Bonnie's mother, a widow, in Cambridge Springs, PA; we

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were also able to meet for lunch with one of Bonnie's brothers, his wife and his daughter with her two young children (along with Bonnie's mother).

On Wednesday, December 10, 2008, we worshipped with the **Vermilion (OH) Church of Christ**, our sponsoring congregation. Following my PowerPoint, "Same Planet, Different World," I fielded questions about our foreign missionary work for about thirty minutes. We lodged overnight with Mark and Dawn Weaver and their children. Bonnie and I met the Weaver clan as he was a student and when I was an instructor at West Virginia School of Preaching; we have been the closest of friends ever since.


Sunday, December 14, 2008, we worshipped all day with the **Hanoverton (OH) Church of Christ**. I gave my "Bible Archaeology" PowerPoint lesson for Bible class, and I made my PowerPoint presentation about our mission trip at the worship hour. That evening I gave my PowerPoint lesson "Beverage Alcohol"; everywhere we traveled, we also gave away copies of my book, *Beverage Alcohol*.

Bob Noland is the minister for the Hanoverton congregation, and his wife, Martha, is Bonnie's best friend (besides me, of course!). They, too, are among our closest friends, encouragers and supporters; we lodged with them for a few days and hope they enjoyed the visit as much as we enjoyed it.

Having returned to Winona, MS, we launched out Wednesday, December 17 from there to Walls, MS; Bonnie and I spent hours in a public school where I showed my PowerPoint presentation of our foreign travel, and we displayed clothes, carvings, money, etc. from India, Myanmar and Thailand. That evening, we worshipped with the **Collierville (TN) Church of Christ** where our daughter is a working member, showing that congregation "Same Planet, Different World."

Sunday evening, December 21, 2008, we worshipped with the **Elliott (MS) Church of Christ**. We always feel at home at the Elliott congregation. Once more, I presented "Same Planet, Different World," but it never seems old even to me, and everyone seems to appreciate the combination of applicable Scriptures intermingled with pictures of our mission trip. The next Lord's day, we repeated the same scenario with the **Huntsville Church of Christ** at French Camp, MS. Many congregations we visit, like the Huntsville church, not only give us a warm, friendly welcome, but also enable our ministry financially through either occasional or

monthly support.

Throughout the weeks and months ahead, Bonnie and I will be visiting numerous congregations to either bring them an update on our mission work in which they have invested, or we will be visiting churches of Christ, hoping to persuade them to participate with us in world evangelism. I would that every person reading this newsletter had the same degree of interest in souls at home and abroad as we do. One of the most important things that you can do is to have the congregation of which you are a member invite Bonnie and me to come. If you are too far away from Bonnie and me to permit us to come to your congregation, please persuade your church to help us financially to take the Gospel of Christ overseas; we can provide you audio/visual presentations on CD and literature that the congregation can review. Your prayers, moral support and financial assistance in any dollar amount will help us enact the Great Commission. 

Teacher's Activity Bag

By Bonnie Rushmore

Not every Christian can go overseas to teach others about God. Financial and family responsibilities, personality makeup and physical capacities hinder some from making trips beyond one's home environment. However, we still have the responsibility to take the Gospel to the whole world (Matthew 28:18-20). Some go and others assist those going with financial and moral support.

God expects all Christians to serve Him with the abilities and opportunities available to them (Matthew 25:15-30). Ephesians 4:11-15 teaches that each Christian has a responsibility to grow in Christ and has various responsibilities in service to God. Thus, we learn that every Christian has a job to do, but no Christian can do everything. We need to evaluate our talents and put those talents to work serving God.

On our recent trip to India and Myanmar, I became aware of a great need within the local congregations. The Christians there do not have the resources, and many times, they do not have the training, to teach children's Bible classes. Some missionaries have included lessons on how to teach a children's class in the Ladies' classes, but the resources to teach are not readily available.


To assist each lady willing to teach a children's class, it has been suggested that we encourage ladies'

classes, teen girls' classes or other groups looking for a service project, above what the local congregation is already doing, to prepare **Teacher Activity Bags** for disbursement overseas.

Included in each bag:

1. A large Bible Story book
2. A Bible Story coloring book with simple pictures
3. A pack of thin paper for tracing pictures from the coloring book
4. A pack of crayons
5. Fine tip markers
6. Simple children's Bible songs that teach a lesson; type on paper and if possible record on cassette tape or CD-Rom
7. Bible Story flip charts (laminated) to teach the lessons
8. A typed list of items in the bag; include the titles and texts for lessons taught on the flip charts

All of the above items should be inserted into a large canvas tote bag for easy transport overseas and for use by the local sisters. When making the flip-charts, please remember that English is not the first language in India and Myanmar, and some of the ladies do not speak any English. Keep all wording short and simple and the pictures easily discernable.

On our next trip, I plan to prepare several lessons on the importance of and how to teach a children's Bible class. Providing a teacher's activity bag to each interested lady at the conclusion of those lessons would be a wonderful bonus. If you want to participate in this opportunity to reach out to the lost souls across the world, please contact me at rushmore@gospelgazette.com or (662) 417-7536. 

Family Time

By Bonnie Rushmore

One of the blessings of moving from West Virginia to Winona, MS is being closer to our daughter, Rebecca, in Collierville, TN. As a school teacher, Rebecca has holidays and weekends off from work. Since she is just two hours away, we are blessed with her frequent visits and help in the office and archive room at the World Evangelism building. Also, when we are travelling to Memphis and beyond, we can easily stop by for a visit or a free room when we are too tired to drive home after a Sunday evening appointment.


We were pleased to have Rebecca home for almost a week for Thanksgiving; an impossibility when we

lived in West Virginia. Three short weeks later, she returned for two and a half weeks during her Christmas break. Spending time with her is always a pleasure, and her help with the day-to-day task at the office and home are always appreciated.

We were wonderfully surprised when we learned a couple of weeks before Christmas that our son, Raymond, serving in the Coast Guard Reserves, would return from overseas duties in time for the holidays. We were thrilled when Raymond emailed to say they would be coming to visit for a few days after Christmas while our grandsons were on school break.

Sunday evening December 27th Raymond, Vanessa, Eli and Nate arrived to spend some time with us. We had not seen them since our move to Winona a little over a year ago (the downside of moving several hundred miles away). We enjoyed our two and a half days. We made cookies, played games, showed pictures of our trip and of course the boys played trains with Grandpa. All too soon it was time for them to return home.

While in Pennsylvania the first part of December we visited my mother. She is in the early stages of Alzheimer. Unfortunately, she did not recognize me when we first arrived at the nursing home; however, after speaking to her, she realized who I was and was glad for our visit. This has been the case with each of our last few visits. Part of the problem is that she was not expecting to see us as we do not tell her we are coming. Mom and several other residents and some of the staff enjoyed the pictures of our overseas mission trip, and we have an invitation to make a full presentation on our next visit.

Family time is always enjoyable. We thank God for the opportunities we have to spend with families and love ones. 

Our Greatest Needs

- Prayers
- Congregations or individuals to purpose funds for each trip (two trips a year)
- Congregations or individuals to purpose funds for overseas distribution of Bibles and literature
- Monthly support (for health insurance, retirement, housing)
- Funds for Rebecca Rushmore's upcoming mission trip to Guyana
- Funds for a computer for Philip (evangelist in Myanmar)

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I (we) plan to send a monthly contribution of \$_____, beginning _____ (month) to help the Rushmores spread the Gospel far and near.

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Beginning Balance		\$2,522.32
Income		
Contributions	\$9,550.00	
Printing/Book Sales	\$9,504.53	
Foreign Travel	\$2,785.00	
Travel	\$1,086.00	
Philip's Computer (Myanmar Preacher)	\$15.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$22,940.53	
Expenses		
Auto Expenses	\$2,638.87	
Stateside Travel	\$414.72	
Foreign Travel	\$3,020.66	
Office	\$69.88	
Postage & Shipping	\$166.62	
Equipment Maintenance & Repair	\$844.03	

Printing Expenses	\$9,321.32	
Office Telephone	\$437.25	
Medical Treatment	\$480.00	
Bank Fees	\$1.77	
Medical Insurance	\$0.00	
Life Insurance	\$150.87	
Housing	\$2,346.25	
Salary	\$2,773.18	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$22,665.42	
MONTHLY BALANCE	\$275.11	
Ending Balance		\$1,879.69
Foreign Travel Balance		\$902.74
Philip's Computer Balance		\$15.00