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Send the Light (Psalm 43:3)

Louis Rushmore

A well known song in our hymnals speaks to sending the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ into a sin-darkened world (Psalm 43:3). Other missionaries as well as Bonnie and I will continue to **take the light** in to the distant world as long as individual Christians and congregations voluntarily cooperate with us to **send the light**. No single supporter sends us a monthly gift exceeding \$333.33, and our smallest monthly gift is \$10.00. The smallest onetime monetary gift we have received is \$5.00 from an elementary age girl. You see, then, that truly financial participation by many in relatively small amounts makes our missionary efforts possible; thereby many Christians and churches of Christ combine their efforts to send the light of the Gospel by our hands into foreign lands.

Bonnie and I, accompanied by our daughter (Rebecca) and Randy Gaddy, will leave America **June 18, 2010** for Myanmar (Burma) and **return July 5**. We will be teaching 30 young people from about age 12 to 20-years-old. Many of these will be denominational persons, and doubtless, some present will be Buddhists, too. This is a first time effort focusing on young people, both to evangelize unsaved young people and to help prepare Christian young people for lives of service in the years ahead. Burmese brethren have requested that we make this special first step in training Burmese youth in the Word of God so that a couple of decades from now the church in Myanmar will more likely have brethren who meet biblical qualification for appointment as elders and deacons.

Airline tickets are expected to be approximately **\$2,000 each**; visas will cost us about **\$85.00 apiece**, and exit fees from Myanmar are **\$10.00 each**. Lodging in Myanmar may cost about **\$600 per room** for the duration there, and meals will cost about **\$150 each** for the weeks in Myanmar. Transportation to the seminar and back to the hotel for the two weeks will cost about **\$400 combined** for all of us. Travel incidentals, which could be insurmountable if we have to replace tickets for cancelled flights, conservatively and barring the unforeseen will be about **\$250 combined** for us four. Additional known costs include **\$1,000 for the seminar** (i.e., expenses related to building rental, food for attendees, etc.) and **\$2,500 for literature** for Myanmar and border areas of mainland China.

These are not extravagant or wasteful amounts, but these figures are realistic and moderate expenditures for the cause of Christ. Nevertheless, we must rely on the charity and good will of individual Christians and congregations to **send the light** so that we can **take the light**. For good planning and because some of these expenses occur almost immediately, **it is imperative, Brethren, that you send your monetary gifts today**, or at least contact us now so that we can factor your coming gift into the developing plans. You may send checks made out to Rushmore Evangelism Fund either to Vermilion Church of Christ, 5116 Driftwood Drive, Vermilion, OH 44089 or to Louis Rushmore, 705 Devine Street, Winona, MS 38967. You may call me directly on my cell phone at 662.739.3035 or email me at rushmore@gospelgazette.com. 

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Out & About

By Bonnie Rushmore

The past two months found us in KY, TN, FL, WV, OH, PA and AR, listed in no particular order. I do not want to think or try to calculate how many miles or hours in the car were involved in traveling to these locations. I will mention a few of the highlights from our travels.

We were scheduled to attend the Freed-Hardeman Lectureship the first full week of February. However, since we attended the Florida School of Preaching Lectureship in January and were planning to attend the East Tennessee School of Preaching Lectureship in March, we opted to “hold down the fort” in Winona while our co-workers, Jerry and Paula Bates attended the Freed-Hardeman Lectureship.

Since we were not going to the lectures, we agreed to an all day appointment in Lexington, KY for Feb. 7th. Following the evening worship service, we drove as far as Cave City, KY before bedding down for the night. In the morning, we received an email from our daughter, Rebecca, to call her before continuing toward home; she also attached a couple of pictures to the email. Her car and yard were covered with several inches of snow. When I called about 8:30 a.m., she instructed us to avoid travel through Jackson and Memphis, TN (our usual route of travel), since they were covered in snow with more snow predicted, and northern Mississippi was blanketed in ice. Upon evaluating our options, we determined that there was no way to avoid the snow as it stretched across the entire southern border of TN. Fortunately, the roads were clear until we reached Memphis, TN late in the afternoon. Louis slowed the car down to a reasonable speed with the roads covered in a slushy, wintery mix, and we arrived back in Winona a few hours later with no problem (other cars however, slid off the highway to the left and right). The ice had melted in north MS, leaving only wet roads.

On Valentine’s Day, as Louis and I were standing at the back of the auditorium following the morning worship service, a young girl gave Louis a valentine with a sucker attached, but I did not get one. Maybe she thought he needed to be “sweetened up” and that a piece of candy would do the trick.

We have had several appointments requiring us to travel through the Memphis area. Usually, we stop and

spend the night with Rebecca when this happens, and she graciously gives us her queen size bed, and she sleeps in her bedroom office on a twin size bed. She recently purchased a full bed for the extra bedroom she calls her library, allowing us to have our own room when passing through. A year or more ago, we offered to buy her a bed or give her one of the beds from our house, and she refused stating she wanted “to keep one room for a ‘library.’” Perhaps, she is tired of giving up her bed so frequently. Hopefully, she will not grow tired of seeing us!

The first week of March found us at the East Tennessee School of Preaching Lectureship. This was our first visit to the Karns Church of Christ (the elders oversee the school and host the lectureship each year), and we thoroughly enjoyed the lectures and fellowship that accompanies such a program. An added blessing was lodging with Jody and Evelyn Apple, long-time friends. We first met the Apple’s when we all lived in the Philadelphia, PA area in the mid 1980’s. They were gracious hosts to us, another couple, a man whose wife was unable to attend, a woman and her three teenage children, and an unexpected female friend who called and needed a place to stay while traveling through for an appointment in Chattanooga, TN. One other couple was scheduled to lodge at the “Apple Hotel,” but sickness prohibited their attendance. The Apple’s sent their dog to a babysitter for the week.

We chose not to visit my mother when we travelled north in December because of the snowy weather. So, the last weekend in March found us travelling north once again. This was the earliest time for travel without the risk of snow and ice along the way. As usual, Louis scheduled speaking appointments while in the area. Of course, we visited dear friends, Bob and Martha Noland who always open their home to us when we are in the area. We also took time to visit Emanuel and Judy Daugherty (Wheeling, WV) and Gene & Shirley West (Moundsville, WV).

The visit with mom was bitter-sweet. She will be 82 in July and suffers with several medical conditions. Mom is a severe diabetic, was diagnosed with early stages of Alzheimer a few years ago and is now facing kidney failure. All three of these conditions contribute to memory loss. On past visits mom has not known me and temporarily refused to leave the nursing home with us. When we first arrived, she immediately recognized us and seemed happy to see us. However, an hour later she could not remember how to return to her room or the dining room (her room is beside the dining room). She was amazed with the bouquet of flowers in her room and did not remember when they arrived or from where they came (we brought them to her upon our arrival). We took her out to eat, meeting my brother, his daughter and her two little girls at a local restaurant. Mom wanted to know who the children were. Of the six great-grandchildren, she sees these two the most. She does not remember our visit or spending Easter at my niece’s home. While there, we discovered that my sister-in-law was just diagnosed with breast cancer and has begun treatment since our return home. Please, pray for my family at this difficult time, especially, my brother as he has the care of my mother in the nursing home (I am 900 miles away) and his wife with cancer.

Each day at the office is filled with the daily routine of answering the phone, filling book orders, typesetting and layout



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**Rushmore Evangelism Fund:
February 1, 2010—March 31, 2010**

Beginning Available Balance	\$13,477.47
Beginning Foreign Travel Balance	\$2,614.69
Beginning Tracts (for Asia) Balance	\$0.00
Beginning Bible Fund Balance	\$50.00
Income	
Contributions	\$11,206.66
Printing/Book Sales	\$550.63
Foreign Travel	\$0.00
Stateside Travel	\$1,859.00
Tracts (for Asia)	\$0.00
Bible Fund	<u>\$100.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,716.29
Expenses	
Auto Expenses	\$1,238.25
Stateside Travel	\$1,322.31
Foreign Travel (lodging, meals,	\$0.00
Lectureships/Workshops	\$220.75
Tracts for Asia	\$0.00
Office	\$132.20
Postage & Shipping	\$554.54
Internet (Gospel Gazette)	\$0.00
Printing Expenses	\$3,601.10
Office Telephone/Email	\$281.40
Medical Treatment	\$280.00
Bank Fees	\$11.76
Medical Insurance	\$2,193.00
Life Insurance	\$100.58
Housing	\$2,145.11
Salary	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,081.00
MONTHLY NET	-\$1,364.71
Available Balance	\$12,012.76
Foreign Travel Balance	\$2,614.69
Bible Fund	\$150.00
Tracts/Literature Balance	\$0.00

Coming to a Venue near You for a Limited Engagement

Louis Rushmore

I send you greetings from Winona, MS. I am scheduling appointments for May, the first two weeks in June, the last three weeks of July, August, September, the last two weeks of November and December. This involves scheduling around our trips abroad this summer and fall to Asian nations. Bonnie and I visit congregations (Sunday a.m. or p.m. or Wednesday or other days) for me to speak on any number of topics (or for Bonnie to address ladies' classes, inspiration days, lectureships or seminars). My topics this year include:

Because of the Center Cross: Worldwide Evangelism: PowerPoint presentation of our 2009 mission trip to India, Sri Lanka and Myanmar (Burma).

What Is the Mission of the Church: Local Evangelism: oral presentation, motivational in nature.

Bible Archaeology: PowerPoint presentation, faith confirming in nature.

The One True Church of the Bible: PowerPoint presentation, emphasizing the identity of the Lord's church in contrast to denominationalism.

Beverage Alcohol: PowerPoint presentation (30-45 minutes) detailing roughly the first half of my book by the same title (copies of which are made available free to the congregation); not presented bombastically, but firmly from Scripture that so-called social drinking is prohibited by God through the Scriptures. Also address medical, historical and political references to alcoholic consumption.

Special Bible Map Class: large maps on a stand, teaching classes ranging from 3-year-olds through adults (separately or together); within 20 minutes even most children will have learned more about Bible maps than most Christians know in a lifetime, and will have easy recall of the places, etc.

Special Subjects: available upon request, requiring some preparation time.

Gospel Meetings/Lectureships/Seminars.

We like to be fully used when present, for instance, me speaking on a Sunday a.m. at the Bible class and worship.

We are helping to continue the decades of mission work and publishing formerly done by the late J.C. Choate. Please confer with your elders for times and dates that are suitable and subjects that will be most beneficial to the Lord's church there.

Bonnie and I travel by car about 3,000 miles monthly in the states, and we travel about 50,000 miles annually by airplane overseas. Recently, our travels have taken us to Lexington, KY; Jacksonville, FL; Carrollton, OH; Sandyville, WV; Biggers, AR and places in between. We travel regularly in Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama, and shortly will visit multiple churches in Georgia. We could be coming to a venue near you, especially if you give me a call or email me to set up an appointment: 662.739.3035 or rushmore@gospelgazette.com. 

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A Troubled World

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It's no secret that we live in a troubled world. Even right here in America we can find ourselves in the proverbial *wrong place at the wrong time*, and we can fall victim to accident or criminal behavior. Of course, that wrong place at the wrong time scenario extends beyond the borders of America to the world Bonnie and I visit as missionaries.

For instance, several days ago, four bombs were exploded in Yangon. We had American brethren in Yangon at the time, and they were not harmed or in the vicinity of the explosions. Similarly in September 2009, seven bombs were exploded in Yangon preceding our October—November visit to Yangon, and we had no problems and traveled freely and felt safe. Myanmar is about to have elections at an unannounced date, and several truces (mostly in the north of the country) between anti-government, armed militias and the government are going to expire in April. Both of these circumstances could complicate visits to Myanmar in the near future and could possibly involve safety concerns or heightened security checks within the country, especially at the airport. Rioting in Bangkok, Thailand, where in the past we have made airplane connections, left 21 soldiers and protestors dead weeks ago. Last year after our departure from Bangkok, protestors took over the airport and closed it down for a week. We need to be aware of regional tensions while making our plans and make wise decisions accordingly.

We proceed cautiously, but nevertheless move forward, making plans for going to, returning from and being in Myanmar from June 18 through July 5, 2010. We will return to India and Myanmar October through November, 2010 as well. We do not take any unnecessary risks, but because of the cause of Christ, the need to reach lost souls with the Gospel and to glorify God, we go abroad when sometimes it may at least be inconvenient. Please occasionally remember us in your prayers. 📖

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of *The Voice of Truth International*, helping with the accounting when Paula is out of town, etc. Various visitors have stopped by to help where needed or to see the facilities and offer an encouraging word. We always try to see that our guests are well fed and have a place to lodge when in the area. The monthly "School of Missions" takes a day and a half once a month with several arriving in Winona to better prepare themselves for mission work. At least one tractor-trailer has arrived needing to be unloaded and the pallets of books and *The Voice of Truth International* stacked in the warehouse.

Jerry's mother passed away a couple weeks ago, necessitating their return from Asia almost a month early. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

The work on the house is progressing with two bedrooms, the master bathroom, the living room and dining room walls repaired and painted (the third bedroom has dark wood paneling, thus we will not paint it). Louis installed a new ceiling light in the dining room and new carpet was laid in several rooms. Rebecca says it looks like a new house. Since our arrival almost 2 ½ years ago, we have experienced a slow or clogged sewage line from the master bathroom. The problem became more pronounced the beginning of the year. Louis repeated poured mainline drain cleaner through the shower drain to no avail, then, he removed the toilet and used a drain snake from that opening and also from the outside drain cleanout opening. Still, no success. Not willing to give up, he dug along the pipe and discovered five holes in the pipe. Since Louis does not have the time to hand dig up the pipe to replace it, we hired a contractor. With 40 feet of new pipe we now have a properly working sewage system.

Now that spring has arrived, our attention will be toward the outside with mowing grass and pulling weeds from the flower beds. We also need to smooth out the dirt from the new sewage line.

Come by for a visit (call first to make sure we are home). We will put you to work (if that is what you want) or sit and talk, encouraging one another in the Lord's work! 📖