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Looking Back & Looking Forward

Louis Rushmore

Revolving Door

Many of you who receive our newsletter are the source of moral encouragement, Bibles and literature moneys, foreign travel expenses, work funds or personal support. Bonnie and I triage available funds, distributing expenses between evangelism throughout the world and our sustenance; if we don't have the resources, in either case, we reduce spending accordingly.

One of our critical needs presently concerns family medical insurance, which even with our \$5,000 deductible, is costly, but necessary; financial shortfalls threaten our continued coverage. Financial support is a fickle thing, characterized by gains and losses.

Recently, we lost \$300 monthly support that a small, dwindling congregation could no longer contribute, and we received \$5000 for a specific literature project. Whereas some of the monthly support sustains us, we do not eat, etc. from money designated for specific aspects of our ministry. Overall, fund-raising is somewhat like a revolving door, or a dance of two steps forward and one step backward.

2010 in Review

Bonnie and I made two mission trips abroad in 2010, working with Christians and non-Christians in India and Myanmar (Burma). We spoke to thousands and observed dozens being

baptized. In addition to Christians, we taught Baptists, Hindus, Buddhists, etc.; on two consecutive days, for instance, Bonnie taught 200 ladies.

We helped publish four issues of *The Voice of Truth International* and two issues of *Global Harvest*. I published to the Internet 12 issues of *Gospel Gazette Online*, completing 12 years of publication. I wrote two new tracts, and they and some tracts written formerly were published as a part of the 76 new, full color, shirt pocket size tracts added to our literature offerings.

Bonnie and I collected thousands of dollars for literature in Asia, which resulted in publishing tens of thousands of tracts for India, Myanmar and China, plus purchasing and distributing Bibles and hymnals in foreign languages. Brethren helped us expend nearly \$6000 for foreign literature in 2010.

We traveled nearly weekly in the United States, averaging 3,000 miles monthly by car; I spoke for 49 congregations or seminars. We traveled about 50,000 miles by air overseas, speaking for numerous congregations or schools.

Bonnie and I helped load and unload several tons of literature arriving and departing for points throughout the USA and abroad; for instance, in December we received and sent back out approximately 10 tons of books. There's a lot of work involved in addition to physically moving the boxes (one at a time) from and to the back of tractor trailers.

2011 Ahead

Bonnie has completed her first Bible class book, and it will be printed shortly. Several of my book manuscripts or books formerly printed but out-of-print await their turns for publication;



hopefully, one or more of them will see publication in 2011.

In 2011, we anticipate two trips abroad at least to India and Myanmar. Combined, these weeks overseas may amount to as much as four months away from the States.

Bonnie and I will continue to publish *The Voice of Truth International*, *Global Harvest* and *Gospel Gazette Online*. We work with additional literature and books behind the scenes to bring them into print.

Again, we will travel extensively stateside and abroad: weekly travels to acquaint and to update churches about our mission work, Gospel meetings, seminars and lectureships. Air travel overseas is predictable to match the previous year: Gospel meetings, seminars, Bible schools and lectureships.

Bonnie and I can expect to continue helping to package and to ship several tons of books, class material and other literature for distribution in America and around the world. Some things are shipped through the Post Office locally. Much more is shipped by freight trucks to ships on the East Coast, destined for Africa, Asia, Europe, South America and Pacific islands. Still other books and literature will be sent by freight or taken to containers being sent overseas by various congregations in the States.

Like the obscured, underwater base of an ice-

berg, there is a greater portion of daily and routine activity behind the scenes that results in the visible aspect of what we and those brethren with whom we voluntarily cooperate accomplish in world evangelism. Aiming to glorify God and edify souls, Bonnie and I do what we can to participate in one of the finest endeavors by the churches of Christ to evangelize this world; the program includes, foreign radio and television broadcasts, massive literature distribution overseas, foreign Bible schools, campaigns abroad and one of the largest responses of any mission work (about 250,000 responses to mass evangelism annually, resulting in about 3,500 conversions each year,

with 75% to 80% retention rate).

This is a cooperative effort between American Christians with Christians in many overseas nations. We primarily teach them more perfectly and give them the resources whereby they can more effectively evangelize their own countries. The eagerness with which many Hindus, Buddhists and others receive the Gospel of Christ enriches our lives, too. To God be the glory. We will continue to do our small part in turning the world upside down for Christ through your encouragement and empowerment by way of your gracious gifts. Thank you! 📖



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Here & There, This & That

Bonnie Rushmore

Our return from India and Burma the first week of November started off with a bang. The first full weekend home found us in Milledgeville, TN where Louis held a weekend Gospel meeting. The following weekend, we lodged at Rebecca's in Collierville, TN for Louis to report about our trip to the congregation with which she worships. While there Louis did some maintenance work on Rebecca's house – a small price to pay for room and board. After a quick lunch with Rebecca on Sunday, we steered the car toward Killen, AL for an evening appointment, arriving home around 11:00 p.m. that night.

The Saturday after Thanksgiving, we headed for New Antioch, AL for Sunday appointments. This trip was a rarity for us – Louis spoke to two different congregations **in the same town on the same day**. Since one congregation lodged us at a local hotel Saturday evening and the other congregation lodged us at the same hotel Sunday evening, we had the opportunity to relax Sunday afternoon rather than drive two to three hours between services.

In between our out of town trips, we tried to catch up on the neglected office work while out of the country for five weeks. Since our laptop computers travel everywhere with us, we did not fall as far behind as we used to. There is also the need to readjust to Central Standard Time – learning when to be awake and functional and when to sleep according to the time zone in which one finds oneself. The week we returned to Winona, one of the area congregations was having a Gospel meeting which we desired to attend. Thankfully, the speaker understood our drooping

eyes had nothing to do with his preaching or a lack of interest in God's message, just a major case of jetlag!

Soon, the month of December was upon us. The end of another year! Time certainly flies when one is busy and enjoying life! Don and Sylvia Petty arrived in Winona Thursday on their way to Double Springs, AL for a session of the J.C. School of Missions on Saturday. They arrived in time for an evening meal at our house along with Betty and her mother Theola. Jerry and Paula Bates were invited, but Paula caught a bug from their grandson the previous weekend, and they opted to stay home and rest.

Friday afternoon, the Pettys, Bates and Rushmores formed a caravan for the 3½ hour drive to Double Springs. After the program Saturday, late in the afternoon, we headed once again to Rebecca's – our own bed and breakfast – for an appointment in Dyersburg, TN Sunday morning. The Bates headed out for their appointments, and the Pettys returned to our home in Winona for overnight lodging before returning to Texas early Sunday morning.

Now things began to slow down a little. With the upcoming holiday season, our Sunday appointments tend to slack off. This allows us to spend more time in Winona, both at the office and at the house. During this time last year, we repaired and painted the walls in two bedrooms, the living room and the dining room. This year, we hired a contractor to add insulation to the attic (part of the house had no insulation) and separate the electric outlets into several breakers (the dining room, kitchen, den, laundry room and workshop were on one breaker).

With that project completed, we turned our

attention to the main bathroom. The floor tile had developed a crack indicating the floor had moved. Since we seldom use that bathroom, we did not know that the toilet moved when sat upon. Rebecca informed us the floor creaked when she was in there.

Fortunately, we decided to hire a contractor to lay the ceramic tile (left over from a project at Betty's home). A good thing since the floor joists were rotting and had to be replaced. Louis is very handy with repairs around the house, but this is one job he was not prepared to do. Since the floor had to be removed, we opted to replace the sink and vanity with a pedestal sink offering more space in the small bathroom. It is amazing how much bigger the room appears by just trading out those two fixtures.

One of the advantages of living in Mississippi is that we are only two hours from Rebecca instead of fourteen hours as before we moved to Winona. This affords her many more opportunities to visit. She came the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and stayed until Saturday. She returned the Sunday afternoon before Christmas and spent two weeks with us.

We scheduled the delivery and pickup of books the following Tuesday, thus providing an extra pair of hands to unload three pallets of books and then load two pallets of books headed for New York, with a final destination to various countries around the world. Some ask what we do when we are not overseas teaching the Gospel. Well, unloading and loading trucks are a part of what we do.

Providing literature is a large part of the work of World Evangelism. Many years ago, brother and sister Choate saw the need to make good, biblically based material available to congregations of the Lord's church. This foresight has developed into publishing 200-300 book titles (most dealing

with first principles and more added on a regular basis), *The Voice of Truth International* magazine and more recently the printing of 76 tracts making them available free of charge to foreign brethren. Thus, it seems that we are constantly loading and unloading truckloads of literature.

A new month and a new year have arrived, and we will once again travel each weekend to a different congregation – encouraging brothers and sisters in Christ to reach out in their own communities and around the world with the Gospel of Christ. You receive this newsletter because you have expressed an interest in our work. Many of you have made monetary contributions to our efforts, affording us opportunities to travel to the other side of the planet with God's message and to help develop good, Bible based teaching material. We begin this new year thankful for each of you and the assistance you have given us through your prayers, words of encouragement and financial contributions, and we pray that you will continue to remember us throughout the coming years. 📖



Helpers in for the Day

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The Pay Isn't Much, But the Retirement Is Out of this World!

Louis Rushmore

The pay isn't much, but the retirement is out of this world! Bonnie and I have a cross stitch wall hanging in our home that so reads. Though I (as well as thousands of others like me) never took a vow of poverty like the Catholic priest, many Gospel preachers voluntarily exemplify that saying in their own lives. Personally, I do not have a complaint against my brethren for those circumstances, and neither do I begrudge preaching brethren who fare better than the aforementioned slogan.

Not only must I essentially work for the Lord until I am dead, but I want to work for the Lord all the years of my life. The word "retirement" for me never has entered my mind; I cannot imagine retiring from whatever Christian service I may be capable of doing. I'm convinced from the tenor of the Scriptures that every child of God ought to have the same disposition of mind.

Appointments

In order for Bonnie and me to be effective in our worldwide ministry, we need to make appointments with congregations for me to update them about our mission work. I need to speak with elders and congregations that already help financially either the overall World Evangelism effort or assist Bonnie and me. In addition, I need to set up appointments with congregations that are not currently involved in our missionary labors, in hopes of persuading them to participate with us in a meaningful way to take the Gospel of Christ abroad.

You Readers can help by encouraging churches with which you are familiar to invite us by for

a visit. Or, you can provide me contact names and phone numbers of key persons in those congregations. Dear Reader, you can be an extension of me as I attempt to find someone on the other end of a phone line; many church offices these days have no one answering the phone, and one has to know who to contact, how to contact him and when to contact him. Inside information is needed.

The Economy

For many congregations facing joblessness among its members, attrition by death or members moving away and fears about the economic uncertainties of the future, it seems to them a natural thing to reduce or eliminate support of foreign missions. Mission work is the last item on the budgetary agenda of many congregations to receive funding and the first to be reduced or eliminated. How unfortunate, since evangelizing the world (at home and abroad) is the only job Jesus Christ gave his followers to do as He was about to Ascend back to heaven!

Bonnie and I are thankful for all moral encouragement and every gracious gift placed in our hands. Yet, it is essential to press forward in the work and in convincing more **congregations of the churches of Christ** (denominations will not and cannot properly evangelize the world) to sustain or increase their determination and financial investment respecting world evangelism. Please pray for the godly efforts to which we have surrendered the balance of our lives. Think about evangelism every day. Encourage other Christians and congregations to make evangelism a prominent part of their thinking – and action. 📖

**Rushmore Evangelism Fund:
November 7, 2010—December 31, 2010**

Beginning Available Balance	\$10,413.66
Beginning Foreign Balance	-\$777.40
Beginning Literature & Bible Balance	\$1,616.59
Income	
Contributions	\$7,463.16
Printing/Book Sales	\$20.00
Stateside Travel	\$950.00
Literature & Bibles	\$400.00
Foreign Travel	\$900.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,733.16
Expenses	
Auto Expenses	\$1,110.52
Stateside Travel	\$614.99
Foreign Travel	\$130.95
Printing	\$197.76
Bank Fees	\$21.76
Internet	\$731.15
Literature & Bibles	\$500.00
Office & Misc.	\$2,130.82
Postage/Shipping	\$120.77
Business Use Telephones	\$291.91
Medical Treatment & Insurance	\$1,435.06
Housing	\$2,167.04
Salary	\$1,808.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,260.73
Statement Period Balance	-\$1,527.57
Ending Available Balance	\$8,208.69
Ending Foreign Travel Balance	0.00
Ending Literature & Bible Balance	\$1,516.59

Yes, we want to help the Rushmores save souls as they continue the missionary legacy of J.C. & Betty Choate and labor with the Barriers and the Bates and others in worldwide evangelism.

- Here is a onetime gift of \$_____ to help perpetuate the proven work of evangelism in which Bonnie & Louis are participating.
- I (we) plan to send a monthly gift of \$_____, beginning _____ (month) to help the Rushmores spread the Gospel far and near.
- Here is my gift of \$_____ toward the \$5,000 needed for literature for Myanmar (Burma).
- We want to schedule Louis Rushmore for a PowerPoint presentation on:
 - Worldwide Missions
 - Bible Archaeology
 - The One True Church of the Bible
 - Beverage Alcohol
- We want to schedule Louis Rushmore for a Gospel meeting.
- We want to schedule Bonnie Rushmore for a Ladies' Day.

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Literature Shipped Out Recently

	Boxes
Various countries	111
Philippines by container	120
<i>The Voice of Truth International</i>	438
<i>The Voice of Truth International</i> by container to Nigeria	260
Other books to Nigeria by container	485
French books to Benin	32
French books to Haiti	4
Literature to Guyana	29
Total Boxes	1,479
Approximate Total Pounds	18,000

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