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Growing the Church • from the Inside Out

Louis Rushmore

Recently, Bonnie and I spent nearly two weeks in Guyana, South America. We taught five workshops in various parts of the country, visited patients in a hospital (distributing *The Voice of Truth International* magazine), participated in a home Bible study, visited an absentee member in his home, taught youth in a boarding school, attended a marriage seminar and worshipped with two congregations (for which I preached and taught classes).

Our primary purpose for being in Guyana this year was to teach the workshops. In the workshops, Bonnie taught Christian women about *The Role of Women in the Home and in the Church*. I taught *Male Leadership in the Home and the Church*. Sessions were conducted in Georgetown, Linden, New Amsterdam and outside of Charity. Panel discussions, some lively, concluded each appointment; a capable Guyanese brother and I fielded questions on the workshop theme and other Bible questions.

There is a lot of ongoing interest in Guyana by American Christians who devote themselves to the employment of various methodologies for evangelism in that country.

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On the Road A gain!

Bonnie Rushmore

The past two months found us visiting the following congregations: Coffeerville, MS; Hillcrest in Baldwyn, MS; Bear Creek and Barn Creek in Bear Creek, AL; Siwell Road in Jackson, MS; East Frayser, TN; Courtland, MS; West President in Greenwood, MS; and East Side and Central in Cleveland, TN. As always, we enjoyed spending time with the Christians gathered at each location, and we were treated wonderfully well.

When not on the road visiting churches, we work daily in the Winona office. The past two months have been extremely busy at the office/warehouse with a 5,000 piece special mailing for the new graded curriculum, “Into God’s World” (it is still in the planning stages). Fortunately, brethren from several area congregations have come to spend the day or parts thereof to help prepare the material for mailing. Individuals from the Huntsville, West President and Booneville congregations donated several hours of their time labeling, stamping, stuffing, sealing and banding the packages into groups of 50 before sacking them for the post office. Special events like this require extra help at the office as the five of us cannot complete this task in a timely fashion and still fulfill our normal daily duties. Besides that, during the timeframe of this mailing Louis

and I had to finish our lessons for our trip to Guyana, South America.

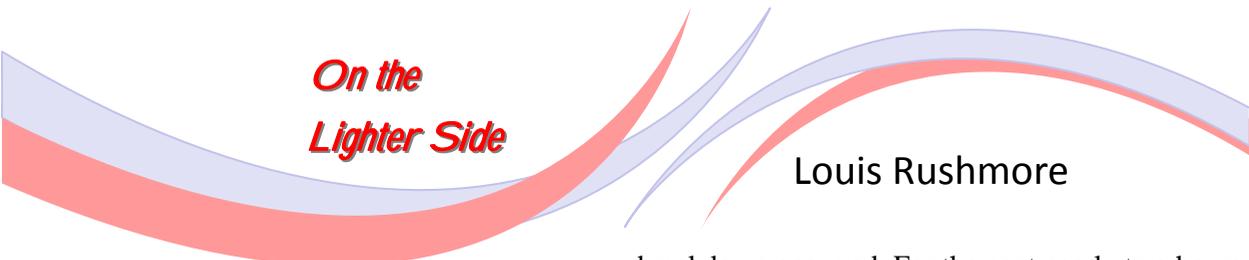
The first two weeks of June found us in Guyana, South America teaching at five workshops in four different locations. I spent three hours at each workshop teaching the “Role of Women in the Home and in the Church.” Each group of ladies reacted differently – some openly objected to the biblical standard of women’s roles, while others questioned certain aspects and still others quietly accepted God’s authority. One thing I have noticed in Asia and Guyana as I teach on “Women’s Roles” is that the excuse given for women overstepping their God-given responsibilities is that the men will not fulfill their responsibilities. Therefore, the ladies feel compelled to step in and complete the tasks left undone by men both in the



home and in the church. Or, the women feel that they are better qualified to lead than the men, and the men willingly let them and sometimes encourage them to take a leadership role. Thus, both men and women are sinning against God – men for failing to fulfill their God-given responsibilities as well as permitting or encouraging women to exceed their divinely given roles, and the women for taking leadership roles over the men.

After one of my sessions in Guyana, a lady

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On the Lighter Side

Louis Rushmore

On the lighter side, this year's travel to and within Guyana proved to have some interesting encounters. Crazy it seemed, but for us to go from Winona, MS to Linden, Guyana, South America, it was almost a "you can't get there from here" scenario. Bonnie and I drove two hours north to Memphis International Airport. From there we flew east to Atlanta, GA, after which we flew to New York City, NY to catch a flight to Georgetown, Guyana. From there it is an hour at sub-supersonic speed in a converted Toyota cargo van to Linden, Guyana – our base of operations. That was the plan!

Our Atlanta to New York flight was delayed significantly. Hence, we were in danger of missing our once a day flight from New York to Georgetown. We landed in a heavy rainstorm at JFK International Airport, it appeared too late to board our next flight. However, the plane waited for us and a few others, though it was otherwise completely boarded and sitting at the gate awaiting our arrival. Bonnie and I scurried from one gate across the terminal to another gate, where we were led into the pouring rain to board a bus. It took us to another terminal, which necessitated us getting in the rain once more.

Finally, we boarded the New York to Georgetown plane. Of course, by now there was no place for our carry-on luggage, and it had to be secured beneath the plane. Our preferred boarding benefit only works if the prior flight is not hours late! Ready to go, right? Wrong! Other passengers straggled in for the next little while. The plane door was even reopened at least once to allow another passenger entry.

Way late, the plane eventually made its way to the runway, but it broke down, so we could not take off. On the way back to the terminal, a second

breakdown occurred. For the next nearly two hours, hundreds of passengers herded like cattle confined to chutes mullied as technicians made repairs. About to push away yet again from the terminal, the cockpit crew appeared to have pushed some wrong buttons, intending to converse with the tower but instead addressing the passengers. A few moments later, attempting to talk to the ground crew, once more the cockpit spoke instead to the passengers. We could only hope that the plane was airworthy and that in the air the pilots would remember which buttons to push.

Pushing back from the terminal, the auxiliary lifeline to the plane was pulled unceremoniously from the underbelly of the aircraft. All power was lost in the plane, and auxiliary power was required to restart onboard motors to restore electrical power. As we made our way to the runway and hurled down it for a nighttime ride through torrential rains, we could only rejoice that we were not superstitious and further hoped that the balance of this leg of our journey would be uneventful. It was! We arrived hours late, but we arrived in Georgetown, Guyana to the loving embrace of dear and precious brethren in Christ.

We were in Guyana during the rainy season. It rained off and on every day! The combination of heat and high humidity made for sticky days. Bugs aplenty made their presence known, with ant, mosquito and spider bites populating our skin with pock marks from time to time literally from head to toe. Of all the places we travel in the world, Guyanese mosquitos cause the greatest, swiftest and longest lasting effects on me personally. One dark, early morning I felt the bite on my forehead, and immediately I began to swell in the affected area. The bulging bump stretched my skin until that hurt, too.

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Rushmore Evangelism Fund:
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| Beginning Literature & Bible Balance | \$2,225.00 |
| Beginning Foreign Travel Balance | \$1,213.74 |
| Beginning Available Balance | \$4,917.66 |
| Income | |
| Contributions | \$7,575.66 |
| Stateside Travel | \$875.00 |
| Literature & Bibles | \$503.43 |
| Foreign Travel | \$8,730.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$17,684.09 |
| Expenses | |
| Auto Expenses | \$1,161.90 |
| Stateside Travel | \$1,050.09 |
| Bank Fees | \$6.40 |
| Internet | \$60.00 |
| Literature & Bibles | \$1,133.19 |
| Office & Misc. | \$1,996.81 |
| Postage/Shipping | \$94.63 |
| Medical Treatment & Insurance | \$1,954.83 |
| Housing | \$1,715.41 |
| Salary | \$3,000.00 |
| Foreign Travel (Guyana) | \$4,883.95 |
| Business Telephones | \$390.18 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$17,447.39 |
| Statement Period Net Gain/Loss | \$236.70 |
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| Ending Foreign Travel Balance | \$5,059.79 |
| Ending Available Balance | \$1,938.07 |

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Perhaps some missionaries edify congregations that they encounter along the way, too. However, we are not aware of any widespread investment by American Christians to help *mature* the Lord's church in Guyana. That is why beginning in 2012 Bonnie and I are devoting ourselves to working with church leaders on a national level to help grow the church from the inside out. We want to contribute to the stability and maturity of the congregations throughout the country – in the more easily accessible areas as well as *in the bush* as the nationals say.

Our primary partner in Guyana is Nigel Milo. He is a graduate of Heritage Christian University in Florence, AL, and he was mentored by Edmond Cagle, an experienced and capable fellow evangelist. Nigel is academically qualified, experienced in the USA and his homeland of Guyana, and he is fully devoted to the cause of Christ. Nigel is more energetic and active daily in his local work and throughout the nation than most evangelists in our nation; we could learn much from brother Milo. Through him, Bonnie and I will continue to work with Guyanese preaching brethren and their congregations throughout the entire nation of Guyana.

We are already planning an extended mo-

bile program for 2013 that will take us to most areas of Guyana. Bonnie and I have committed ourselves to at least 19 days in February of next year, and we anticipate the total cost of the program, including our airfare, to be about \$7,500. Tentatively, I will teach church leaders about sermon preparation and delivery (homiletics) and correct biblical interpretation (hermeneutics). Bonnie will teach women how they can better teach women and children. We will offer these *value-added studies* to complement and edify church leaders and workers, being careful not to appear to be condescending but rather polishing their skills and talents. (Some Guyanese preachers have a little biblical education while many have no Bible training at all; a few Guyanese brethren like Nigel are apt to teach.)

We plan to take one additional brother in Christ with us as well as to use at least one Guyanese preacher in the 2013 workshops. Nigel Milo will continue to direct and facilitate the workshops as well as serve as moderator for panel discussions. Additional related topics will be presented by the preacher who accompanies me from the USA and by the added Guyanese preacher. 📖



Calling All Partners

Louis Rushmore

Bible School about 45 minutes from Yangon in the jungle.

Leaving Myanmar, we will travel to India. In that country, we will each speak in a lecture-ship program at Kakinada as we did the year before. We will work in Bangalore as we do annually, and we expect to visit brethren in New Delhi, too. In between some of these venues, we will work with Skinners Garden or other evangelistic endeavors associated with brother John Dean. We will make sure that we apply ourselves at every opportunity before returning home.

The programs we present in the northern part of Myanmar and throughout India, our travel to Asia and back as well as travel in Asia are only possible because you readers make it possible by providing the necessary funds for us to go. We spend about 25% of our annual budget in the 60 days we spend in Asia each year. Therefore, it is imperative that we start collecting monies as soon as possible toward that end. Please pray for our efforts for the Lord's cause abroad, and send your monetary gifts as soon as possible, marked for "foreign missions," to our sponsoring congregation. You can only "send the light" if you enable someone to "take the light" of the Gospel. 📖

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Our annual fall mission trip to Asia is shaping up as we publish this newsletter. We already know that we will need to leave the States the last few days of September and that we will arrive back in the United States just before Thanksgiving. We will go first to Myanmar (formerly called Burma), and our plans are to teach in the northern cities of Mandalay and Myitkyina again this year. There will be around 30 in attendance for three days and nights at Mandalay for Bonnie and me to teach. We are looking forward to teaching especially Christian Church leaders, Baptists, Buddhists and members of the Lord's church this year, too, in Myitkyina. Bonnie's book *Living Principles* has been translated into Burmese and will be printed shortly; this was made possible by monetary gifts for that purpose donated by stateside brethren. My book *The Church Divine* is waiting to be translated and published in Telegu, Burmese and Lisu languages, and *Living Principles* needs to be translated and printed in Lisu as well. Bonnie's book has already been published in Telegu through the financial gifts of brethren in America. The cost remaining for the four printings yet to occur mentioned above is about \$1,200 each or a total of \$4,800. In addition, I have been asked to write a tract about instrumental music versus a capella music in worship for use in Myanmar among denominational people. Following trips to Mandalay and Myitkyina, Bonnie and I will teach classes for a week and a half at the Hmawbi 6

asked me, “Can a woman read Scripture if the preacher asked her to do so?” I asked, “Is this during worship or a Bible Class?” After some thought she replied, “Worship.” I asked, “What does 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 say?” She said, “Women are to be silent in the assembly.” Thus, she answered her own question. She went on to explain that the men of the congregation refuse to read Scripture so the preacher asks women to do so. With some reflection she acknowledged that this practice is contrary to God’s Word and that “She will have to **tell** the preacher such.” Another lady sitting beside her said, “You can’t tell him, you have to **talk** to him.” Yes, these two ladies now have a greater understanding of God’s commands concerning men’s and women’s roles within the home and the church. I am convinced that they will encourage the men of the congregation to step up and accept their responsibilities rather than doing it for them.

The week of June 18th, brother Lester Grimmatt and his helper Tommy arrived in Winona to make some much needed repairs on the outside of the house in which we live. They also laid ceramic tile on the kitchen floor and countertop. You may remember that earlier this year we painted the walls and cabinets in the kitchen to lighten that dark room. With new floors and countertop it looks like a totally different room!

Since our appointment in Cleveland, TN was a Wednesday night, we opted to spend a couple of days in the Gatlinburg area for a little

rest and relaxation while waiting for our Sunday evening appoint in the same town, rather than drive back to Winona only to return to the same area a few days later. I am reminded that even Jesus withdrew from the crowds for rest and renewal of spirit. A cabin overlooking the Smoky Mountains is just what we need to relax and unwind. Typically when Louis and I steal a couple of days in the mountains, we have our laptops out working feverishly on whatever is next on our urgent to do list. Even though we are working, the setting is different and can be very relaxing for us. However, on this occasion we truly took some time off and relaxed. We spent Friday browsing the shops of Gatlinburg and rode the tram to the top of the mountain. At the close of the day, I commented to Louis, “Do you realize that I did not cook a meal, wash dishes, do laundry, sweep the floor or do any work on the computer today?” However, Louis did do some work early Friday morning (before I crawled out of bed).

The next few weeks, Louis and I will be traveling to Florida, Georgia, Tennessee as well as Alabama, and we are trying to schedule a trip to Pennsylvania to visit family. This will be the first trip back since the death of my mother last August. Again this year, Louis and I will teach children’s classes at *Polishing the Pulpit*. If you are in attendance, stop by our table and chat awhile. Time is fast approaching for our fall trip to Asia; we leave the end of September! Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we strive to serve God and take the Gospel around the world through our writings and personally.📖



The larger bridges we crossed were all floating on barges. These toll bridges were approximately a mile in length, and they bobbed up and down as voluminous traffic traversed them. The most interesting mode of transportation was a speed boat we rode each way across the mouth of the Essequibo River at the Atlantic Ocean. The boat held about 18 passengers and cargo. It was open topped and traveled around 60 mph crossway to the current and around islands. The water was calm in the morning, and the ride was smooth but we could barely open our eyes for the force of the wind. The return trip across the river that afternoon was bumpy, comparable I would imagine to riding a mechanical bull. We do not have to buy excitement at an amusement park! Passengers hold up across the benches what resembles the upholstery off of a couch when anticipating a blast of water shooting up over the bow or pushed by the wind over the side. Sometimes we deflected the water, and sometimes our timing was

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imperfect. Even when we managed to avoid being smacked in the face with a wave of water, still the water fell into the boat and soaked us. It was virtually impossible to open one's eyes due to the force of the wind. Forty-five minutes of bouncing on the waves with the boat battering our kidneys and bladders, sodden with saltwater baths, arms aching from using them as masts to steady the furniture fabric sail meant to protect us, we arrived on the opposite shore. This trip involved a two-day drive, boat ride and taxi ride to our destination near Charity. We went attired in dress shirt and pants with tie in place to be ready for the workshop upon our arrival. We could only laugh to ourselves and know that we could not adequately describe this affair to anyone back home. By the way, one Guyanese brother told us the life preservers were required – to locate bodies easier! Another Guyanese brother pointed out the plastic jugs strapped to the underside of the benches – so the boat wouldn't sink when it overturns! 📖

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