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Where Oh, Where Has the Time Gone?

Bonnie Rushmore

It seems like just yesterday that we mailed our newsletter. However, it has been two months since our last correspondence, and it is time once again to update all of you wonderful participants with us in reaching the lost around the world with the Gospel of Christ.

Our travels the last few weeks have taken us north to Indiana, east to middle Tennessee, west to Arkansas and two locations in Mississippi. We updated the brethren at the Lincoln and Winchester Road congregations in Huntsville, AL. We visited churches across TN – St. Joseph Avenue in Dyersburg, Fairview in Pulaski and West Riverside in McMinnville. On the rare occasion that we do not have an appointment, we enjoy visiting our daughter and the saints at the Collierville, TN congregation. Arkansas found us at the Southside Church in Batesville and the Biggers congregation. We spent several days in Indiana participating in the India Workshop held at the Central Church of Christ in Vincennes. This was our first trip to that part of the country, and we were amazed at the pivotal point in history and location the city of Vincennes contributed to our national history. On

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Lectureship in the Woods

Louis Rushmore

May 10-12, Thursday through Saturday, 96 missionaries and other brethren interested in missions met for the annual Maywood Missionary Retreat. The camp is outside of Hamilton, AL, and each year, brethren descend on this wooded vale from stateside and abroad. One first-timer showed up wearing a tie, and we promptly de-tied him. A camp setting with nailed lumber benches and a woody setting is hardly conducive to wearing fine clothes, but the quality of the lessons, panel discussions and



Wayne Barrier

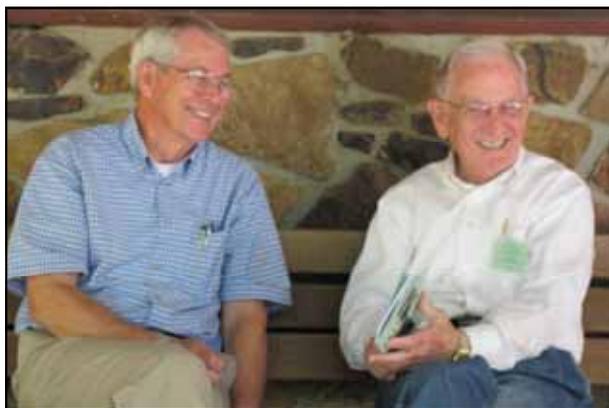
Christian fellowship is unsurpassed anywhere on the planet. Those present represented many different missions programs from across the brotherhood that take the Gospel into many nations on several continents and islands.

The World Evangelism Team from Winona, MS and the Double Springs, AL Church of Christ sponsor the annual missionary retreat. Missionaries recharge their batteries, give field reports and share information on methodologies that successfully reach into the

neighborhoods of millions of precious souls worldwide.

Bonnie and I along with a handful of others arrived on Wednesday to clean the camp and otherwise prepare for the retreat. After plenty of sweat, cleaning the grounds, toilets, sinks, cabins and the cafeteria, many of us resorted to a supper meal together at a local restaurant. Afterward, we assembled for Bible class at the Hamilton Church of Christ.

All ages are represented during the retreat, and activities commence on Thursday afternoon and last until after 9 p.m. Friday, sessions began with breakfast at 8 a.m. and went to after 9 p.m. again. Saturday morning concludes the retreat after a light breakfast and devotional before parting. Then Saturday, we all scattered for our Sunday appointments or mission works. The annual Maywood Missionary Retreat is a boost and encouragement to each attendee. May God bless each of us with many more years of active service in the kingdom of our Lord, whether stateside, abroad or both. 📖



Colin McKee and Gordon Hogan

Telegu and Burmese Editions of „Living Principles“

Louis Rushmore

Bonnie’s book, *Living Principles: Gleanings from Unnamed and Named Bible Characters*, has been translated into the Telegu language of India and into the Burmese language of Myanmar. Through the generosity of readers of the *Rushmore Newsletter*, the Telegu edition has already been printed, and it is being distributed now. The Burmese edition will be printed soon.

When Bonnie and I go abroad, her presentations to ladies are especially sought, and they are well attended. It is not uncommon for 300 women to swarm around her and listen for up to four hours as she teaches them from God’s Word. Bonnie provides a service as we travel together that is not often apart of the missionary travels, frequently engaged by Christian brothers unaccompanied by their wives. Together, Bonnie and I nearly double the teaching time that otherwise I could accomplish by myself.

In all societies, women occupy an important role in the home and even indirectly in the church, which far exceeds the typical devotion of teaching time and edification designed for them. Bonnie fulfills an important function overseas through both her oral lessons and her writing. I am proud of her and thankful to you for making it possible for her to be of service abroad for the cause of Christ in person and through her writing.

Bonnie is amending my class books on Ruth and Esther to include special, present day application lessons for students of those two

books. Other pressing matters are delaying progress on this, but eventually we will publish this study in one volume. My class book, *The Church Divine*, needs to be translated into one or more Indian languages and into one or more languages of Myanmar. I taught these lessons last year in both of those countries as well as in additional countries. The book was of special interest to Christian preachers in northeastern Myanmar, as I taught them about the identity of the Lord’s church – including how to worship God acceptably. These men expressed a desire for my book to be translated into the Lisu language for use in their churches. The Lisu language spans the international border between Myanmar and China. I have great hope that these people and the congregations that they serve can be led completely to Jesus Christ.

Other titles of books that I have written await funds to bring them to print in English, and as needed in other languages as well. They include, *The Cost of Discipleship*, a commentary on the *Book of James*, *The Spirit Summarized*, two volumes on *Restoration History* and 10 sermon outline books, *Preaching the Whole Counsel of God*. Recently, I wrote a book for consumption in India; it refutes a heretical book that is dividing churches of Christ in that nation. I have completed the first chapter of a book entitled, *Converting the Church of Christ to Christ*. It will note the apathetic and indifference often exhibited by members of the church in western civilization, and it will

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***Rushmore Evangelism Fund:
March - April 2012***

Beginning Literature & Bible Balance	\$0.00
Beginning Foreign Travel Balance	\$813.74
Beginning Available Balance	\$6,923.81
Income	
Contributions	\$8,021.66
Stateside Travel	\$1,706.00
Literature & Bibles	\$2,225.00
Lectureships/Workshops	\$40.00
Foreign Travel	\$400.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$12,392.66
Expenses	
Auto Expenses	\$1,800.02
Stateside Travel	\$1,798.61
Bank Fees	\$1.47
Internet	\$60.00
Office & Misc.	\$1,527.51
Postage/Shipping	\$133.37
Medical Treatment & Insurance	\$1,729.34
Housing	\$1,281.79
Salary	\$2,735.72
Business Telephones	\$372.73
Lectureship/Workshop/Seminar	\$153.25
Transfer to World Evangelism (misapplied)	\$180.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,773.81
Statement Period Net Gain/Loss	\$618.85
Ending Literature & Bible Balance	\$2,225.00
Ending Foreign Travel Balance	\$1,213.74
Ending Available Balance	\$4,917.66

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Yes, we want to help Louis & Bonnie Rushmore in their publishing of Gospel literature and foreign evangelism.

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Sunday, Louis preached for the Main St. Church of Christ in Monroe City, the Central church in Vincennes and the Washington Street Church of Christ in Washington.

One Sunday found us close to home where we visited the Coffeerville, MS Church of Christ and the Hillcrest Church of Christ in Baldwin, MS. **All** the congregations we visit make us feel welcome with encouraging words and offers of prayers. Most Wednesday nights, we gather with the saints at the West President congregation in Greenwood, MS, where I am enjoying teaching the first and second grade Bible Class.

May 9-12 found us in Hamilton, AL at Maywood Christian Camp for the annual Maywood Missionary Retreat. Louis and I along with a handful of others arrived on Wednesday to clean and prepare the camp for guests from across the country and locations outside the US. Thursday afternoon and Friday, we were privileged to hear biblical lessons from missionaries along with reports about the wonderful works conducted throughout the world. Saturday morning, we cleaned up the camp a little, before we dispersed to our appointments elsewhere. These few days are exhausting for those of us who host this program, but the rewards far outweigh the long, weary days.

The Winona office was honored with two groups of individuals who came to assist with bulk mailings and packing books for overseas distribution. The Booneville, MS Church of Christ brought a busload of workers (25) for a few hours. They prepared Betty Choate's newsletter, assembled Paula Bates' flashlight giveaways for when she went abroad next, packed boxes of books for overseas preachers, inventoried thousands of books, restocked tract supply

racks and book supply racks from which we pull to fulfill requests daily. We all unloaded seven pallets of books from a tractor-trailer and put them away in the warehouse. Altogether, they and we handled about 20,000 books – within an hour's time! They were able to accomplish all they did within four hours!

The second group consisted of Ruth Orr, Jane George (from TN), Prissy Sellers, Hope Stringfield and her daughter Amelia (from Missouri). These ladies spent several days packing hundreds of boxes of books for distribution to the Philippines, Nigeria, Ghana and Malawi. A few weeks later, we loaded three pallets of books onto the back of a tractor-trailer headed for the east coast where they will be placed in containers for shipment around the world. Eventually, preachers, church leaders, Christians and those seeking the Truth will give shouts of joy at the arrival of a small box of books they can claim as their very own, which will help them become better students of God's Word.

Of course, the day-to-day office duties continue to demand our attention – answering the phone, taking book orders, shipping book orders, preparing the next issue of *The Voice of Truth International*, *Gospel Gazette Online*, etc. There is always a long list of items that need our attention with never the possibility of being bored. It is just a matter of what demands our attention next or what do we feel like working on at the moment.

Now that spring has sprung, the grass demands mowing (a little extra exercise), and we have planted flowers in the front and back yards. With the backyard fenced in, Louis and I can steal a few moments in the morning or

Guyana, South America, Here We Come!

Louis Rushmore

Passage Paid!

It's not as if I can say that I have the tickets in my hand. There are no tickets as such anymore. Instead, Bonnie and I have our airline itineraries with confirmation acknowledgements on them. We may not even need our itineraries this time since either our passports or our trip locator numbers tell the whole story of our impending journey to Guyana, South America and back.

We paid for the passage! Despite Delta advertising to the bitter end that it has economy tickets for a certain price, the airline never released the seats to correspond with the advertised prices. Consequently, we ended up paying hundreds of dollars more for our seats than the advertised prices. How is this not *bait and switch*?

We leave for Guyana on June 1st, but by a circuitous route, for sure. We board our first flight in Memphis, Tennessee for Atlanta, Georgia. We want to fly *south*, but we will be flying *east*! After a layover there, we fly from Atlanta to New York City. We want to fly *south*, but we will be flying *north*! After a layover in New York, we board a plane for a long flight to Georgetown, Guyana. Finally, we will be flying *south*! Leaving Friday, we arrive the next day. Booking our return flight was quite a challenge. Most of the return flights were scheduled to take up to 35 hours, with big layovers along the way. Eventually, we found a se-



Bonnie Teaching Ladies

ries of flights that compare favorably to the time invested traveling to Guyana.

Funds Forthcoming

Even with short notice, several congregations and Christian families have responded already with funds to help us buy the airfare and attend to the other financial preparations. We thank God for each of you. Besides our air travel, money is needed for air travel of a national Guyanese brother who will participate with Bonnie and me in the seminars. Since we are traveling to various locations within Guyana, money must be spent on land travel for our group, too. In addition, at least two days during these seminars, we will have to rent hotel

rooms for our little team of teachers. Of course, we'll have to eat occasionally also. Besides feeding ourselves, we will provide meals for the attendees of our seminars. There are always legitimate expenses that I never think of for which we will be responsible as well.

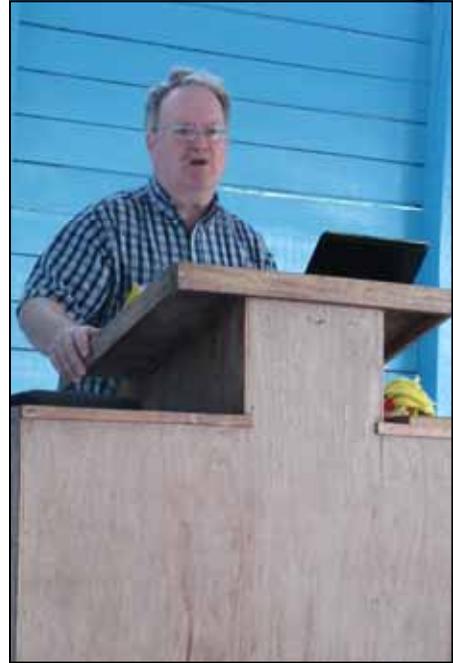
Many brethren and congregations routinely send workers to do outreach work in Guyana. We were a part of such an effort last summer as we traveled with brethren from the Collierville, TN Church of Christ. Some of the time spent then was also for edification of brethren. However, this year, Bonnie and I will concentrate our efforts on the edification of church leaders. We will be working primarily with preachers and their wives. Other interested church leaders and brethren are welcome, too. Bonnie and I specialize in teaching brethren to know God's Word more thoroughly and in equipping foreign brethren to evangelize their own nations more effectively.

We will be working with brother Nigel Milo, who has made arrangements ahead of time. He has divided the nation into five segments, and we will be traveling to those locations to conduct the seminars. Maybe next year, we will be able to schedule a seminar at a location to which the attendees can come. That, naturally, will be more expensive as we would compensate brethren for their travel expenses, need to lodge them and feed them. However, a central location permits more sessions; the teachers traveling cuts in on the number of classes that can be taught.

I will teach about the development of church leaders. A Guyanese brother will teach about the development of male leadership in the home. Bonnie will teach ladies about God's role for women in the home and in the church. Each seminar will conclude with a panel discussion, with male teachers fielding questions

from men and women in the audience.

While ongoing evangelism is certainly necessary, it is imperative to prepare foreign nationals to carry the load and responsibility for the stability of the church in their countries. Bonnie and I contribute to indigenous church



Louis Teaching

growth that releases foreign brethren from the perpetual dependence on foreigners that is often characteristic of foreign missions. Please pray for our efforts.

When We Get Back

When we get back from Guyana, we would like to schedule a visit with each of the congregations that helped make the journey possible. We want to update the church about the mission trip. You can help expedite our visit to your congregation by being proactive and contacting us. Call me at 662.739.3035 or email me at rushmore@gospelgazette.com. 

late at night enjoying the flowers, cool air and peaceful companionship.

Louis and I leave June 1st for Guyana, South America for a week and a half. On this trip, I will teach the ladies lessons on “The Role of Women in the Church and the Home.” I will encourage them to use their talents in service to God. Louis will teach the men lessons on leadership in the church. Please pray for us as we travel and teach God’s children in this far country.

I once was told, “I get tired just reading your newsletter.” Yes, we get tired and weary from our activities, but remember this: We will rest in heaven, if we fulfill God’s commands while on this earth. **What a wonderful rest it will be!** 

encourage exuberant, faithful Christian living and Christian service by the children of God.

Various titles of my tracts have been translated into at least nine foreign languages. The most recent language into which my tracts have been translated is Creole of Haiti. By far, my most popular tract is ***The One True Church of the Bible***. Many thousands have been distributed in the USA as well as in Myanmar, India, China, Sri Lanka, Guyana and various African nations.

None of this publishing and distribution of literature is possible without the financial participation of you helpers – good brethren. Thank you. We can do more when you enable us to do more through your continued funding. Every specified gift is spent 100% for what it is given. 

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