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It's Time to Buy the Tickets for My Fall Mission Trip to Asia!

Louis Rushmore

Lead time for purchasing tickets to Asia and for flying around in Asia for my approximately two-month, annual, fall mission trip necessitates buying them not later than next month. That means it is time for Christians and congregations who participate with us financially in this effort each year to signal their willingness to help again in 2013. Please send "Foreign Travel Money" ASAP to my sponsoring congregation: Siwell Rd. Church of Christ, 4075 Siwell Rd., Jackson, MS 39212. Inadequate availability of funds will require a shorter trip and fewer occasions to edify brethren and reach non-Christians with the Gospel of Christ. "Send the Light," unless you are prepared instead to "Take the Light" abroad.

Returning to the Road - Again!

Bonnie Rushmore

We have had a slow start getting back on the road following my major surgery in April, and now that I have Chemotherapy on Fridays. However, we have been out and about the last two months.

Out and About

May 5: Louis traveled to Columbus, MS and spent the day with the *10th Ave. Church of Christ* speaking four times to the good brethren there. I wanted to go with him but caution told me to stay home. It had only been a month since surgery, and we were not sure if I would have a place to lie down and rest in the afternoon. Reluctantly, I decided to remain at the house, and Rebecca served as my caregiver. We worshipped via the Internet with the *Siwell Road Church of Christ*, as was our practice since my return home from the hospital. I sent Rebecca home after supper so she would not have to leave early Monday morning for work. Louis arrived home around 10 p.m.

May 8-10: Each year the World Evangelism Team hosts the *Maywood Missionary Retreat* at Maywood Christian Camp in Hamilton,

AL. This is a little lectureship in the woods with an emphasis on how brethren are reaching out to lost souls of the world. Also, each missionary is allowed a few minutes to report on his program of work. The team members arrive on Wednesday to clean and prepare for the arrival of guests on Thursday around noon. Even though the doctor had not released me to clean, I was allowed to attend as long as I took it easy. I sat on the porch outside the dining room and instructed the cleaning crew to prepare the appropriate cabins. On Thursday, I registered our guests and directed them to their cabins. Just getting out in the fresh air, with beautiful scenery and the opportunity to spend time with friends we rarely see, was a great emotional uplift! The program goes through Friday evening, but Louis and I left early Friday morning so we could greet our son Raymond from Ohio who came to spend the weekend with us. Rebecca took the day off from work to pick him up at the airport, and then the two of them made their way to Winona. We had a wonderful time with Rebecca and Raymond, and all too soon, it was time for Rebecca to take him back to the

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airport in Memphis, TN.

May 12: Since Raymond was here to visit, Louis did not schedule an appointment, and the four of us worshipped with the *Old Union Church of Christ*, in Carrollton, MS.

May 18-19: Saturday afternoon Louis and I made our way to the home of brother and sister Counts in Leighton, AL for our Sunday morning appointment at the *Leighton Church of Christ*. As always, we were wonderfully received and well cared for while in their home. That afternoon, we made our way to the *Antioch Church of Christ* outside of Killen, AL for the evening appointment.

May 26: This weekend found us close to home. In the morning, Louis spoke at the *Old Union Church of Christ* in the absence of their preacher, and that evening he spoke a little further north at the *Courtland, MS Church of Christ*. Following the morning service we were treated to lunch at the building. After the evening service, the new preacher, Luke and Melina Hall, took us to a Mexican restaurant in Batesville, MS. We lingered long after finishing our meal, enjoying the fellowship.

June 1-2: Saturday afternoon we traveled to the Key West Inn in Hamilton, AL for our Sunday appointments at the *Bear Creek Church of Christ* in the morning and the *Barn Creek Church of Christ* in the evening.

June 22-23: Saturday morning we began our journey across Mississippi and Alabama, stopping close to the Georgia border at the home of Bob and Peggy Rogers in Piedmont, AL. We enjoyed the evening with the Rogers and were wonderfully treated as always. Sunday morning Louis spoke at the *Highway 9 Church of Christ* in Piedmont, AL. Following the morning service, Marty and Michele Wilson treated us to lunch at the local Mexican restaurant. Then, it was back on the road, heading northwest to the *Austinville Church of Christ* in Decatur, AL. After the worship hour, John and Melissa Cooper treated us to sandwiches at Subway. We thought we would arrive home around 12:30 a.m., but we were just plain tuckered out and opted to stay in Tupelo, MS for the night. This also afforded us the opportunity to purchase groceries at Sam's Club on Monday morning.

The Sundays Louis did not have appointments, we worshipped with the *French Camp, MS Church of Christ*, the *Old Union Church of Christ* in Carrollton, MS and spent one weekend in Collierville, TN at our favorite bed and breakfast (our daughter's home), whereupon we worshipped with the *Collierville Church of Christ*. Lastly, we worshipped with the *Siwell Road Church of Christ* in Jackson, MS. This gave us opportunities to personally thank the members of these congregations who are consistently remembering us in prayer and with cards during my illness.

At the Office

The past several weeks, all of the Winona team has been feverishly laying out and/or proofing the next issue of *Global Harvest, The Voice of Truth International, Gospel Gazette Online* and over a dozen new tracts, readying the documents for the printer. Louis and I spent the hours at my chemo appointments proofing pages and pages of literature. Our **mobile office** enables us to work wherever we find ourselves.

Tuesday, May 28: A tractor-trailer with six pallets of books pulled up in the World Evangelism Building parking lot. Four of those pallets were Issue 76 of *The Voice of Truth International* magazine. Each of the other two pallets had reprints of two of the over 300 titles of books printed through *World*

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Evangelism Literature and distributed around the world. I stayed upstairs and answered the phone while Betty Choate, Jerry and Paula Bates, and Louis and Rebecca unloaded and stowed all those books in the warehouse.

Monday June 24: Emmitt Channell, a friend and preacher from Pennsylvania, had contacted us a few weeks ago that he would be in Winona, MS, and we invited him to lodge with us. Late Monday afternoon he arrived at the office building for a tour and some fellowship. That evening, Betty treated Jerry and Paula, Emmitt, Rebecca, and Louis and me to dinner at the local Mexican restaurant. We were disappointed that Emmitt opted to stay elsewhere, but it probably was for the best as I became ill after eating.

Wednesday June 26: Moses Kendrick and Eric Dawkins came to the office for books for the *Sunnybrook Children's Home, Retirement Center* and a small, struggling congregation with which brother Dawkins is working some. Unfortunately, I was running a low-grade fever most of the day and stayed home (the doctor prescribed an antibiotic, and the fever finally cleared around 10 p.m.). As with any guests, we provided lunch and those at the office explained our work, and they talked about their work with *Sunnybrook*.

Later that day, several young people from the work group working with the *Winona Church of Christ* deep cleaned (dusted, wiped down cobwebs, cleaned stairs, etc.) the office building. This chore is one Paula and I (especially since I am on light duty) have difficulty keeping up.

I saw the oncologist after the chemo treatment June 28. She said my blood counts are holding steady and that I look good; so she will continue treatment as is, and I should continue as I have been.

July will be busy – the annual team meeting is July 10-12. Louis and I will celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary July 14th in Durango, CO. We are taking a weeklong vacation to celebrate this wonderful milestone. The doctor approved this trip and scheduled chemo so that our trip would be during the off week.

The foregoing is a sampling of our days recently. The hours fly, and the days swiftly flee, but we are content to spend ourselves in the service of our Great and Good God. Thank you for helping make that possible. 📖

In the Pursuit of Health

Louis Rushmore

Most days, Bonnie hardly shows any of the wear and tear of major surgery, chemotherapy and side effects. Some days, though, nausea, lingering pain and a low-grade fever, along with the daily early onset of tiredness, remind her that she is sick. In all probability, Bonnie spends too many hours daily at the office, but she has the continual reprieve from warehouse duties. She has resumed traveling with me for weekend appointments, and Bonnie is looking forward to her role in the upcoming Polishing the Pulpit program and a two-day ladies' retreat in which she will be teaching later in the year. Bonnie has hardly skipped a beat in the application of herself to the noble work for the Lord to which she has pledged herself.

In my case, we continue to monitor my health and periodically submit to various tests for that purpose. My diabetes continues to be under control. Both Bonnie and I expect to vigorously apply ourselves in whatever way possible to the advancement of the cause of Christ at home and abroad, wherever and whenever opportunities present themselves. Thank you for partnering with us. 📖

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Call Bonnie Rushmore at 662.283.9946 or email Bonnie@gospelgazette.com to schedule a ladies' inspiration day.

Rushmore Evangelism Fund: May–June 2013	
Beginning Literature & Bible Balance	\$3,172.19
Income	\$910.00
Expenses	-\$1,440.00
Ending Literature & Bible Balance	\$2,642.19
Beginning Foreign Travel Balance	\$3,200.30
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	-\$0.00
Ending Foreign Travel Balance	\$3,200.30
Beginning Medical Balance	\$1,465.00
Income	\$1,800.00
Transferred from General Fund	\$3,240.13
Expenses	-\$6,505.13
Ending Medical Balance	\$0.00
Beginning General Fund Balance	\$4,367.88
Contributions	\$10,706.66
Stateside Travel	\$1,750.00
Auto Expenses	-\$1,309.24
Stateside Travel	-\$1,437.82
Bank Fees	-\$22.95
Internet	-\$60.00
Office & Misc.	-\$689.69
Postage/Shipping	-\$146.51
Housing	-\$2,316.42
Salary	-\$2,500.00
Printing Expenses	-\$288.79
Business Telephones	-\$399.40
Transferred to Medical Fund	-\$3,240.13
Ending General Fund Balance	\$4,413.59

Literature Opportunities Exceed Capacity

Louis Rushmore

Publishing literature is a major part of what Bonnie and I do aside from my preaching stateside and abroad and our teaching in the states and overseas. We have our hand in the production of *The Voice of Truth International*, *Global Harvest*, *Gospel Gazette Online*, books and tracts in the USA. In addition, Bonnie's book *Living Principles* has been translated and published in two languages of Myanmar and India, and some of my books have been translated in several languages of Myanmar and India; my tracts have been translated into about 13 languages. We also direct funds to foreign brethren for the distribution of Bibles in various languages, as well as providing books in English to brethren overseas, especially in Guyana.

Two new literature opportunities presented themselves to us recently. My book *The Church Divine* was recently translated into Telegu, a language of India. It is ready to send to a printing company, but it will cost \$1,400 to print 2,000 copies. Bonnie and I have committed to send those funds to India for that purpose. (I have more than a dozen books awaiting their turn to be printed in English, and brethren frequently translate my material and desire money to have it printed overseas. There simply is not enough money to permit printing titles currently out-of-print, and we struggle to provide funds for brethren abroad to print books and tracts.)

Moreover, an outstanding and experienced preacher in India has requested \$500 to replenish 100 Bibles in a hotel in

the city where he lives and labors for the Lord. Actually, the hotel proprietors have asked for the Bibles toted off by their guests to be replaced. That is a difficult request to forestall, but Bonnie and I simply do not have enough funds in the Rushmore Evangelism Fund to commit to those Bibles at this time.

Just maybe a reader or a congregation to which this newsletter goes will be able and willing to respond to any of these literature opportunities. Literature is always ready when the recipient is prepared to access it – unlike public speaking, radio and television. Literature can go further than the teacher or preacher and in more than one direction at the same time, and literature can outlast the human messenger. Literature is not the only means of communicating the Word of God, but it is a crucial part of reaching the world with the Gospel of Christ and edifying the body of Christ. 📖

Concordances for Guyanese Preachers

Louis Rushmore

Upon returning to the USA in February from Guyana, I was fortunate to obtain 50 new, hard cover copies of *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible* for \$11 each delivered to my door in Winona, MS. Subsequently, Bonnie and I hauled them to Nashville, TN for delivery to Guyana. We happened to time the sending of these Bible helps with a scheduled shipment, and all 300 pounds in the several boxes have already arrived in Guyana. The shipping cost was \$350, and customs, etc. fees in Guyana were slightly more than \$50. Now, more money must be sent to Guyana for mailing inside Guyana to preachers to whom our brother Nigel Milo from Linden, Guyana cannot handover personally or send with someone else. These 50 concordances will prove invaluable to preachers across Guyana who many times have nothing more than a Bible at their disposal. With the concordances they can more easily prepare sermons, classes and Bible studies. This is an important work “for the equipping the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:12), and it is worthy of financial participation by American Christians. Please help if you can. 📖

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