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Our Neck of the Woods

Bonnie Rushmore

Our weekend appointments the past few months have been lagging due to my illness, the holidays and Louis' three week trip to Guyana. Nonetheless, here is an update on what has been going on in our neck of the woods.

Our travels have taken us to Union, MS; Siwell Road in Jackson, MS; the Midway and Blackwater Macedonia congregations in AL; Crockett, MS; Old Union in Carrollton, MS; Southside congregation in Batesville, AR; and the Center Ridge and Imboden congregations in AR. We also had a Wed. afternoon appointment at Rebecca's school in Desoto County, MS for a Power-Point presentation on "Culture in Developing Countries." Saturday, March 2nd on our way to Imboden, AR, we detoured through Dennis, MS. The elders of the Liberty Church of Christ, which oversees the Choate's work, requested a meeting with key team members to discuss the status of the development of the Bible class curriculum "Into God's World."

The Siwell Road Church of Christ in Jackson, MS began the Mississippi School of Biblical Studies January 17th. The school meets Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. and live streams the classes on the Internet for those who cannot physically attend the classes. Louis was privileged to teach *Bible Geography, Archaeology and Sacred History* during the first quarter.

Back at the office, we have unloaded several loads of books. In one week we had a truckload consisting of five pallets – *Global Harvest* magazine and thousands of tracts, totaling 5,406 pounds. Just three

days later, another tractor-trailer arrived with one pallet of books. Two issues of *The Voice of Truth International* have been delivered as well since our last newsletter. Because of my recent medical problems, I was restricted to answering the phone while others did the heavy work.

Once the boxes are unloaded and stored in the warehouse, we have the daunting task of packaging and labeling for distribution throughout the USA and across the oceans. With over 5,000 plus copies of the magazine *Global Harvest* needing mailed, we called upon volunteers from several churches to assist in preparation for mailing. We have never been disappointed when seeking volunteers, and representatives from several congregations completed the task in just a few days over the course of a couple weeks. Four ladies spent the night and worked for two days!

Each January, members of the Collierville, TN church of Christ converge on Winona to tackle any and all work we assign. The second Saturday of January, eleven precious Christians worked several hours to complete many tasks the five of us living in Winona simply do not have time to do. Some trimmed away pesky branches that scratch vehicles loading or unloading books at the little warehouse on the grassy hill. Jobs embraced inside the World Evangelism building included counting out tracts for sample packets, counting tracks in bundles of 25 for easier order fulfillments, restocking tract racks, restocking book racks, packaging books for foreign recipients, photocopying book cover faces and trim-

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All Praise Be to God Almighty!

ming them to be placeholders for books on racks, replacing 8-foot fluorescent bulbs where necessary throughout the two-story building, replacing a toilet seat, printing envelopes, re-packing them and carrying them to the storage area, sweeping the warehouse floors and cleaning the stairways, stamping envelopes with mailing indicia, packing tracts for overseas shipment, emptying sacks of sample giveaway bags and putting the contents away, and working in the archive room, shrink wrapping and labeling books, re-taping labels on previously packaged books and cataloging the archived literature on a computer database.

Not everyone who comes by the office comes to work. We have some who stop by to visit and see the vast literature available for use both overseas and in stateside outreach programs. John Dean Muppidi from India, Therman Hodge and Erving Skinner stopped by one day so that John could hand pick books for his use in India. David Conley, the new preacher for the Liberty congregation in Dennis, MS, along with his wife, stopped in one day to discuss the overall work conducted out of the World Evangelism office. Rafael Barrantes and his son spent a few hours discussing the Spanish edition of *The Voice of Truth International* and picked up a few Spanish books for their use. Of course, anytime we have visitors is a good excuse to share a meal together. With a full kitchen in the office/warehouse building, Paula and I can quickly prepare a scrumptious meal in short order. Come on by, visit for a while or lend a helping hand to the never ending to do list. Be sure to call first to make sure we are in town, and we will have a meal together!

Periodically we receive a card of thanks for the work we do from a couple of congregations. These are always appreciated. **Thank you** for thinking of us! Thank you for your prayers and continued support so that Louis and I can devote our time in spreading the Word of God around the world with literature and overseas campaigns. 📖

Happy Unintended Consequences

Louis Rushmore

Often, unintended consequences are not happy occasions, but this one is a happy development. In 2012, Bonnie and I along with brethren Nigel Milo and Kishore Eduardo from Guyana conducted the first, mobile national seminar across numerous sites in that South American nation. In 2013, I along with Guyanese brethren Nigel Milo and Michael Hooper conducted the second, mobile national seminar throughout Guyana; this time, the nine seminars took us to sites within reach of every member of the church in the country. Attendances were more than double what we anticipated as brothers and sisters hungry and thirsty for the Word of God converged at the seminar locations.

Now, several Guyanese preachers have decided to voluntarily cooperate in imitation of our mobile seminars, and *at their own expense*, to travel throughout Guyana to continue edifying Christians. This has been a sadly overlooked area of Christian endeavor as almost all foreign and domestic energy has been directed historically only toward evangelistic outreach. This single-minded approach has allowed some newly begun congregations to shrivel and die out, and it has left many churches of our Lord in Guyana in a weakened, American dependent condition.

In addition, only during our most recent national seminar did some Guyanese preachers acknowledge with astonishment that (1) they were allowed to give tracts away without American missionaries present, and (2) that they were not required to preach in the English language if their first language and that of their audience is *not* English. Consequently, zero evangelistic outreach by Guyanese brethren was occurring without American involvement, and virtually no edification of Christians was occurring aside from worship even with American involvement. I know of only *one* congregation in Guyana, the Amelia's Ward Church of Christ in Linden, where its members go (*at their own expense*) on two one-week evangelistic campaigns to congregations distances away from their home. Those members also evangelize their own city three days weekly.

What we are beginning to see, then, is Guyanese Christians embracing their personal responsibilities for both their edification and evangelizing their own nation – with or without American involvement. These are some unintended, happy consequences (at least some of which) can be attributed to the mobile, annual national seminars in which Bonnie and I have been instrumental. Praise be to God! 📖

My Medical Journey!

Bonnie Rushmore

Upon our return trip from Asia last November, I had a routine checkup and blood work. The blood work showed elevated liver enzymes; further tests indicated my gall bladder was not functioning properly. This was a surprise as I had not been sick or experienced any pain. The first week of December I had laparoscopic surgery to remove a gall bladder full of sludge. Unfortunately, I was sicker after the surgery than before. By the time I returned to the doctor for a follow-up visit, I had turned yellow with jaundice. The doctor suspected a gall stone in the bile duct and sent me for a CT-scan. Yes, there was definitely a blockage in the bile duct, and I was scheduled for an ERCP to remove the stone the next day.

The first ERCP was unsuccessful – they could not get past the blockage. I was admitted to the hospital and scheduled for another ERCP with another doctor the next day. This procedure was also unsuccessful, necessitating a large needle to be inserted through my side, through the liver, and the doctor chiseled through a linear mass in the bile duct, and then attached a drain tube to clear the poison from my body. Alas, another overnight stay at the hospital with another ERCP the following day. This procedure included the insertion of a temporary stent and several biopsies. All tests came back normal, but because of the location of the bile duct, both CT-Scans were unable to show clear pictures of the mass. On December 31, I had another ERCP with an ultrasound tip in hopes of getting a clearer picture and more biopsies. At that time, all tests were still inconclusive. The temporary stent would only last two to three months max, requiring it to be removed and if necessary replaced with a permanent steel mesh stent.

It was now the beginning of January, and Louis and I were supposed to leave in a little over a month for 21 days in Guyana, South America. What to do? Plans were in place for nine seminars throughout the country. Not knowing the cause of the mass and knowledge that the stent needed to be removed about the time of our return, we decided the best option was for Louis to go without me – a tough decision since we spend all our time together.

Since I could not travel with Louis, I chose to spend most of the three weeks at our daughter's home in Collierville, TN. We enjoyed our time together, and while she was at work each day, I was able to complete my writings for Louis and my combined class book on Ruth and Esther. Hopefully this book will be available by the end of the year.

Louis returned from Guyana on Thursday, February 28th, and on Monday, March 4th I had another ERCP. The temporary stent was replaced with a permanent steel mesh stent and more biopsies were taken. The organs surrounding the bile duct have returned to normal, and the doctors were able to get a clearer picture of the mass. I do not have an inflammation of the bile duct or surrounding tissue, and thus a bacterial infection has been ruled out.

Today (March 12), I was informed that the third set of biopsies on the tubular mass obstructing my bile duct also has come back inconclusive or **normal**. We are told that there are three options: (1) Do nothing for a year or so and re-evaluate, which if at that time it has spread to other organs, then one can ascertain that the growth is cancerous. We do not see this as a viable option. (2) Treat the unknown growth as though it were cancer with chemo or radiation to see if it shrinks. We do not see this as a viable option. (3) Have surgery to remove the growth, whereupon it can be examined, and if necessary additional, appropriate treatment can occur. This is the only reasonable option to us, though this most certainly involves major surgery.

As soon as possible, medical records including procedures, surgeries and tests will be forwarded to a surgeon in Jackson, MS for review preceding anticipated surgery. I am young enough and sufficiently healthy yet to make this approach plausible if the surgeon concurs that surgery is a satisfactory approach.

We appreciate the ongoing moral support, encouragement, well-wishing and sometimes financial support that brethren have been extending toward my illness. I have been under treatment for one malady or another since our return November 13, 2012. We will keep you posted chiefly through our online blog since there are a number of brothers and sisters in Christ who have expressed a keen interest in my health.

We ask that you please continue your prayers as we face an uncertain future. 📖

For more details & continued updates, go to our blog at
<http://louisrushmore.wordpress.com/>

Your
Continued
Prayers are
Greatly
Appreciated!

2013 Annual Guyana National Seminar

Louis Rushmore



The *Second Annual Guyana National Seminar* concluded February 27, 2013. For nearly three weeks, able Guyanese brethren Nigel Milo and Michael Hooper and I carried this mobile seminar across Guyana. We traveled from coastal areas to sites adjacent to borders with Venezuela and Brazil as well as to points in between. Transportation challenges and travel expenses inhibit many Guyanese brethren from converging in a central location for such an event. Therefore, we took the seminar to them on the road, by rivers and by air. Consequently, one of the seminar locations was within the reach of every member of the churches of Christ in the entire nation of Guyana.

In all, congregations of the Lord's church hosted nine seminars. *The first venue was Monkey Mountain, far in the remote interior.* The first thing we observed in the air as we approached was the dirt landing strip; we banked and dropped below trees and hills simultaneously to align the plane with the airstrip. Next, the fixed landing gear of the small craft proceeded to plow gravel upon touching down; I wondered how the plane would be able to plow gravel fast enough later to get aloft, but it did.



We three arrived Sunday evening, and we worshipped with the Monkey Mountain brethren, also partaking of the Lord's Supper. We were in transit earlier in the day and missed worshipping in the morning anywhere. There the seminar was from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, with time out for lunch. Then, each evening we preached two lessons in a Gospel meeting. Five brethren in attendance had walked eight hours from another village (and had to walk eight hours home afterward). There are no vehicles and barely anything that passes for a road in the entire vicinity. Everyone in attendance was an Amerindian.

The amenities were sparse – no electricity, no phone service, no toilets, no water or sewer systems. The village guesthouse provided little privacy – rough sawmill lumber partitioning cubicles with see-through gaps between the boards and only a bed sheet slung over a string serving as a door. Bathing took place in a three-sided, chest-high collection of planks in the yard behind the guesthouse; the fourth wall appears to have rotted away. A white PVC pipe provided water to a five-gallon bucket when the distant stream into which the other end of the pipe was inserted flowed sufficiently to push water through it. On the outside of the “bathroom” was a sink crafted from a white plastic barrel that had been halved lengthwise and hoisted upon legs. Roaming donkeys were accustomed to drinking from the PVC pipe that fed the “sink.”

Beyond the bathroom, as they call it, was the two-chamber, two-door outhouse. Something lived inside the outhouse and scratched ferociously on the inside walls whenever someone approached. The interior sported no toilet seat but instead merely a square hole sawed in the bench. The doors did not latch and flapped open and closed in the steady mountain breeze.

Just fewer than 800 people reside in the village, with clusters of family houses separated by fields and the runway. Some denominations have buildings and followers among Monkey Mountain residents. Each denomination has a cemetery, but members of the church have no cemetery (and so far have not needed one). Brethren expressed great appreciation for the seminar, and they requested a whole week of seminar next year.

Wednesday, we flew from Monkey Mountain, intending to return to Ogle from where we had left. However, the procedure for the return flight is to drop the passengers at Mahdia, another mountain village. Then, the plane ferries cargo to mining camps until evening time when it fetches its passengers from the hot, metal hangar where it deposited them. That would not work for us if we were to keep our next seminar appointment. The road out of the area was too rough, not safe and unable to afford a rented car getting us to the seminar in time. Therefore, we chartered a plane to make an unscheduled landing at an abandoned



Monkey Mountain
Church of Christ

Amelia's Ward
Church of Christ

Turu Mission
Church of Christ

Mabaruma
Church of Christ

Coomaka
Church of Christ

airstrip outside of Linden, and we had a taxi retrieve us. The runway was superior to several of the ones we used throughout the country, though there was not even one surviving building anywhere around it. We made it to the second seminar at *Linden* where that evening we presented three lessons and a Question and Answer period.



Thursday, brothers Nigel and Michael and I flew from Ogle to *Port Kaituma*. There we lodged one night with brother Kishore Eduardo and his family. Within an hour after arriving, we boarded a motorboat and headed for the seminar at the *Turu Mission Church of Christ*. The building occupied a cleared lot along a river. The “parking lot” is really a boat dock, at which several boats were moored already as brethren were awaiting our arrival. The biggest boat dockside was the “church boat,” serving the same function as a church bus.

Again, we three presented several hours of lectures that were calculated to edify preachers and other interested brothers and sisters in Christ.

The next morning (Friday, February 15), we boarded a boat for a 90-mile jaunt up a couple of rivers to *Mabaruma*, where we would have our next seminar. It rained every day I was in Guyana this year, and this river trip was no exception. Plastic ponchos helped us thwart the rain as well as the spray from the rivers as our boat sliced through them. All day we presented lessons once more for preachers and other brethren present. Also that night, I had a private audience with a young schoolteacher, answering numerous questions he posed for the purpose of reassuring his faith and increasing his understanding of the Word of God.

Saturday morning, we flew back to Ogle near Georgetown, from where we returned to Linden. However, before leaving Georgetown, we retrieved my late arriving luggage of books and tracts. Nigel’s home in Linden served as our base of operations and where we laundered our clothes, took some rest and ate some of sister Bernadette and sister Jasmine’s good cooking.

Sunday was preacher rotation for brother Nigel. Hence, brother Hooper and I spoke for the class and worship at the *Coomaka Church of Christ* in the mining district outside of Linden. Nigel proceeded to drive through the paths and muddy, muddy roads to pick up worshippers. You know the road is bad if we don’t drive on it – considering the other poor roadways on which we did drive; we parked at the end of one road to await passengers to walk out from it. Sunday evening I preached for the *Amelia’s Ward Church of Christ* in *Linden*, and brother Hooper taught the men’s class afterward.

Monday, February 18, the *North Wood Church of Christ* hosted the seminar in *Georgetown* in the evening. About 70 brothers and sisters in Christ assembled for the occasion. Brother Michael Hooper and I presented three lessons and a Question and Answer period. Preachers and members from several congregations attended.

Once more, we three flew from Ogle, this time on Tuesday to *Lethem*. This town is also deep in the interior, near the border with Brazil. Whereas the attendees of most of the other seminars were descendants of East Indians and Africans, chiefly Amerindians assembled for two days and nights (Wednesday and Thursday) of seminars and Gospel meetings at Lethem. One of the students in the Bible school there **walks for 10 hours each of five days before he reaches a road where he can catch a ride** the rest of the way to Lethem. One Amerindian preacher **rode a bicycle through the mountains for 12 hours** to be present for the seminar; the bicycle was nearly as big as he was. After having a two-day seminar, the brethren begged of our time on the next morning prior to our departure to squeeze just a little more teaching from us.

Mostly preachers, about 35 gathered for the day sessions of the seminars. For the evening Gospel meetings, 170 people assembled; of that number, about 50 were children, which one night brother Michael Hooper took aside and taught for two hours or so.

The “resort hotel” in which we stayed at Lethem provided a little excitement for me at least. On two consecutive evenings, I found a small, sidewinding snake slithering across the bedroom

North Wood
Church of Christ

Lethem
Church of Christ

Westbury
Church of Christ

Kildonan
Church of Christ

Cotton Tree
Church of Christ



floor. On both occasions, I got brother Michael Hooper to stomp them to death; the first one we gave an unceremonious burial at sea in the toilet, while the second we surrendered to management – who claimed to have never had a snake in the hotel before.



Friday morning, we three took a short taxi ride to the border with *Brazil*. We crossed over and took some pictures before returning to the Guyana side. Friday afternoon, we picked up several *boxes of preachers' books* that I and others had packed in March of 2012 for a container coming to Guyana. Between the suitcase of books that I had brought and these packages, we were able to complete distribution of books from World Evangelism in Winona, MS to every preacher for the Lord's church in Guyana. Friday evening, we taught dozens of teenagers at a high school boardinghouse in Linden. On one Sunday, those youngsters attended the morning worship of the Amelia's Ward Church of Christ.

On Saturday, February 23, we drove from Linden to the banks of the Essequibo River. Then, we mounted a speedboat for the 45-minute ride to cross the river. Each open-topped boat carries about 18 passengers plus cargo. It must not only cross the river but skirt islands in the river, some of which are themselves inhabited. Upon reaching the other side, we then hired a taxi to take us to the *Westbury Church of Christ*, the site of the seminar on that occasion. That morning and afternoon we presented lectures to combined men and women as well as to separate classes of men and women. Bonnie was sorely missed, and everywhere we went where we had been last year sisters in Christ asked about her. She was unable to travel with me this time because of unrelenting illness – the first time we have been apart even for a day over the past 25 to 30 years! Seminar concluded, we had to retrace our steps – only that the waters of the Essequibo River are much rougher in the afternoon.

Sunday, we worshipped with the Amelia's Ward Church of Christ once more. Brother Hooper and I again shared the pulpit and classroom duties.

Last year, we attended a seminar in New Amsterdam, but this year, we booked a hotel in New Amsterdam and conducted seminars in villages on either side of New Amsterdam. We had a two-evening seminar of three lessons and Questions and Answers nightly at the meetinghouse of the *Kildonan Church of Christ*. Between those two sessions, we taped three weeks of television programs. Both **Michael Hooper and Nigel Milo are televangelists**, too. Their respective programs air in different parts of the coastal



areas of Guyana. We taped programs for brother Hooper.

Following the Kildonan seminar, the *Cotton Tree Church of Christ* hosted the next seminar at night. Three lessons and Questions and Answers there concluded three weeks of seminars throughout the nation. From there, we hastened back to Linden in preparation for my early morning departure the next day back to the States. On the way to Linden, we literally **ran over a horse, already dead and rotting on the road**. We did not see it soon enough in the dark to keep from hitting it, and oncoming traffic prevented evasive action. The van carried the smell of decomposing horse carcass with us to Nigel's home in Linden.



Everywhere we went I collected good mailing addresses of congregations that would like to receive a box of *The Voice of Truth International* magazine. In connection with that and desirous of getting more good literature – books and tracts – into the hands of Guyanese brethren, I made contact with a printing company in Georgetown that is capable of producing quality literature. I obtained a quotation for printing thousands of copies of *The Voice of Truth International* in Guyana, which could save money on shipping from the United States. That company could also produce books and tracts, too.

We designed the *Second Annual Nationwide Guyana Seminar* to reach up to 92 congregations and an anticipated 535 fellow Christians. By the time the mobile seminar concluded, 72 congregations had participated and 1,160 attendances were noted. In every case, brethren desire more days of lectures next year. Plans are underway already for even more seminar occasions in 2014 for up to four weeks.

Bonnie and I major in watering the seed of the kingdom (1 Corinthians 3:6) or “the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:12). Whereas most other brethren major in evangelistic outreach, we primarily increase Christians' knowledge of God's Word and prepare them to more efficiently evangelize their own nations. We still have plenty of opportunities to teach non-Christians, too. Bonnie and I mainly grow congregations from the inside out; we contribute to the stability of churches so that

the harvest of outreach efforts has sustainable congregations to which they can be added.

This was the most gratifying, completely filled mission trip on which I have ever gone. I thank God and you as well for making it possible for me to participate with others in edifying fellow Christians and glorifying God. 📖

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Beginning Literature & Bible Balance	\$4,060.02
Beginning Foreign Travel Balance	\$5,095.62
Beginning Available Balance	\$2,622.15
Income	
Contributions	\$17,797.29
Stateside Travel	\$1,450.00
Literature & Bibles	\$2,267.00
Foreign Travel	\$10,500.00
Bonnie's Medical Bills	\$5,175.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$37,189.29
Expenses	
Auto Expenses	\$2,665.12
Stateside Travel	\$1,666.56
Bank Fees	\$54.31
Internet (ISP, Gospel Gazette)	\$348.00
Literature & Bibles	\$2,750.43
Office & Misc.	\$1,106.71
Postage/Shipping	\$319.60
Medical Treatment & Insurance	\$9,245.67
Housing	\$568.54
Salary: 5 Months (Oct.—Feb).	\$7,336.71
Foreign Travel: Asia & South America	\$12,395.32
Business Telephones: (Oct.—Feb.)	\$916.53
Printing Expenses	\$579.64
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$39,953.14
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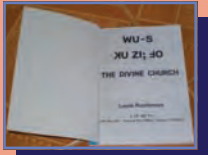
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The Ever-Ready Evangelist - Literature

Louis Rushmore

The ever-ready evangelist – literature – goes farther often and endures longer than mere “earthen vessels” (2 Corinthians 4:7) can. In addition, literature can go into places where human evangelists cannot easily or safely go.

For instance, a preaching brother from Myanmar (formerly, Burma) apprised me by email recently of Christian families who are suffering because of warfare in northeastern Myanmar. Because they live in the warzone, they have had to flee their homes and live in a refugee camp. Their homes have been damaged or destroyed.



This is an area into which Bonnie and I went in 2011 and taught Christians, denominational leaders and Buddhists, but we cannot return at this time due to the ground and air combat occurring presently.



However, we have been able to have translated and printed my book *The Church Divine* about the identity of the Lord’s church. I used that title to teach Christian Church preachers for a week, and they requested it in their language to use in their congregations. It is now being distributed in the war-torn region among Christians, denominational people and Buddhists. Some of you reading

this newsletter made that possible.

There is still an **urgent need** for funds to continue the literature flowing into the Orissa State of India, where there is lethal resistance to the Gospel by ardent practitioners of Hinduism. This effort will need to be curtailed almost immediately unless sufficient funds enable it to continue. (See the last issue of this newsletter for more details or contact me.)



Thousands of tracts and books have been printed already in various languages for readers in Myanmar and India. For this we are very thankful. The needs outdistance the capacity to respond with additional printing – much needed both to strengthen Christians and to reach non-Christians with the Gospel. We rely on brethren such as you to make this possible.

A new opportunity presents itself in the English-speaking country of Guyana, South America. Guyana is only 83,000 square miles with a population of barely over 750,000. There are about 100 congregations and some fewer preachers in the nation. Already, we at World Evangelism have provided a box of books to every Gospel preacher in Guyana. However, most of the preachers in the country are armed solely with a Bible, and they have neither other reference works nor in many cases much schooling in the Bible. Therefore, it occurs to me that the single most useful Bible reference that would enable them to function better as God’s preachers would be for each of them to have an **Exhaustive Strong’s Concordance** with Hebrew and Greek dictionaries number keyed to the words and verses of the Bible. Hence with your help, I propose to purchase and ship or deliver from 80 to 100 of these reference tools to these evangelists. Is this something in which you or the congregation of which you are a member would be interested in participating financially? If so, please contact me immediately!

Printed literature is God’s preacher (Romans 10:13-15) on paper! Radio, television and Internet are avenues for preaching as well, but these types of media are not always available everywhere. Further, literature is **always ready** when the reader is ready, unlike especially radio and television, which require the auditor and the presentation to be in sync. Therefore, Bonnie and I augment all that we do in person or over the Internet with printed literature. We have several other books and tracts awaiting their turn to appear on the printed page, too. Investment in literature is a good investment with an enduring return for the Lord. 📖

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