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Barefoot Mission

Louis Rushmore

I left on Thursday, October 3, 2013 for Myanmar, formerly called Burma, and I returned to the USA on Wednesday, October 23. It sounds odd, but it took me parts of three calendar days to get there and only one calendar day to make the trip back to the States. Even stranger, it took between 24 and 28 hours of travel each way. The trick is that on the way home, I crossed the International Date Line flying eastwardly—**back in time!** My first of three planes left Yangon (formerly Rangoon) about 11 a.m. Myanmar time, and I arrived in Memphis, TN at midnight the same calendar day.

Over the three weeks in Myanmar, I taught a total of about 50 hours. For two weeks of classes Monday through Friday, I taught four hours daily at the Hmawbi Bible School in a jungle setting 45 minutes from Yangon. I was assigned to teach three courses: *Basic Principles of English*, *Church Planting Principles* and *Elementary Greek*. In addition, I taught several lessons on *Christian Evi-*

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Four Months Going Fast!

Bonnie Rushmore

Our weekend appointments for the past four months have taken us to Tennessee and Mississippi. In Tennessee we visited **Pleasant Cove** and **West Riverside** congregations in McMinnville; the **Central Church of Christ** in Cleveland and the **Oowltewah Church of Christ** in Oowltewah. The Mississippi congregations include **Old Union**, **West President** and **Charleston**. Louis purposely did not schedule every weekend hoping to allow we a little time to rest and not over exert myself as we travel to apprise congregations about our work. When we did not have appointments, we visited the **Huntsville** congregation in French Camp, MS; the **Elliott**, MS con-

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Medical Update: A Year in Review

Bonnie Rushmore

Just under a year ago, upon our return trip from Asia, I visited the doctor for a routine annual checkup. As many of you may recall, that visit resulted in further tests that determined the need to have my gall bladder removed in Grenada, MS. Instead of getting better, I became sicker and several more tests were run at hospitals in Oxford, MS and Memphis, TN, with no conclusion for the cause of the mass closing the bile duct.

April 4th I entered a hospital in Jackson, MS for a three-hour major surgery to have the mass removed. Six hours later, the doctor informed Louis that I had stage three pancreatic cancer, and the mass in the bile duct was in fact cancer even though all biopsies were inconclusive. Six months of weekly cancer treatments began the end of May and will conclude November First.

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dences, Response to Calvinism and Salvation Summary.

Students and preachers totaled a little less than 30. About half attending this year were not members of the Lord's church, but were denominational persons plus one retired military man who was a Buddhist. Everyone voluntarily participated, including the Buddhist (except for singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, whereupon he sat silently with his eyes closed).

This year I preached for two congregations each Sunday for two weeks, and on the third week I preached for another congregation outside of Yangon in the Delta. The two days prior to me returning home, I taught about four hours daily at a house church in the Delta. Attendees were Christians, denominational people and Buddhists. My taxi driver for the three days spent in the Delta was a Baptist; I gave him one of my recently translated and printed tracts on Tuesday, and on Wednesday, he stayed all day for the classes.

At both venues, several denominational people showed keen interest in biblical truth. Especially one Methodist woman exclaimed that her church didn't "teach the biblical facts" (her words) that we studied in the seminar. The Hmawbi Bible School conducts classes for five weeks in the spring and five weeks in the fall over three years to cover a curriculum. Over the next few weeks as other American brethren as well as Burmese brethren interact with the ones at school, I sincerely hope some denominational friends will obey the Gospel. Likewise, the preacher in the Delta with whom I worked will follow up with prospects in attendance for that seminar.

For two reasons, I only brought a pair of rubber-like sandals with me on this mission trip. Anticipating the need to remove my footwear going through airport security screenings was one purpose for this choice—howbeit, I wasn't required to remove footwear this year. Secondly, one needs to remove his shoes before entering either a home or a place of worship in Myanmar; we also removed our sandals before entering the second floor classroom at the Hmawbi Bible School. Hence, **I preached and taught barefoot for three weeks!** By the way, at least half of the time in Myanmar, I wore the traditional longi that both men and women wear—instead of trousers on men traditional in western society.

The mission trip to Myanmar was a useful endeavor, both to strengthen brethren and to acquaint non-Christians with Bible truths. It was, however, lonely without Bonnie at my side, and she was sorely missed especially by the women who would have benefited from her classes. Due to her ongoing recovery and chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer, Bonnie was unable to travel abroad with me this year, and I shorted my fall missionary trip from the usual seven weeks to three weeks so I could return to her side more quickly.

Bless her heart for not only allowing me to be gone from her during this critical time, but also for her encouragement for me to go on this foreign trip (as well as the three-week trip in February of this year, too). We look forward to resuming our foreign travel together in February of 2014 when we return for three or four weeks to Guyana, South America. Thank you for making it possible for us to serve the Lord in world evangelism and teaching particularly brethren stateside and abroad. 📖

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gregation; the **Siwell Road** congregation in Jackson, MS; **Old Union**; and **West President**. This afforded an opportunity for me to personally thank many brothers and sisters for their continued prayers, gifts, cards and well wishes as I battle pancreatic cancer.

Wednesday July 3rd we opted to travel to Rebecca's to celebrate her birthday a couple days early, since I had chemo on her birthday and she was flying to Guyana the day after her birthday for a week long VBS at two different locations. Following Bible class with the Collierville Church of Christ several lingered at the building to watch the fireworks display. The church building is located where one has a wonderful view of the city's fireworks while sitting outside in lawn chairs.

July 10-12 was the annual team meeting held each year in Winona. Those closely (and loosely) working together to spread the Gospel around the world gather to discuss what is being done, what needs to be done, and how to accomplish all that we attempt to do. Of course, those living in Winona open our homes to the attendees and prepare meals and snacks. This is a great time of fellowship, discussing the work of the Lord and an opportunity to spend time with friends we rarely get to see.

July 13-19. Louis and I took a weeklong vacation to celebrate 40 years together. We flew to Durango, CO to ride the Silverton Train. We spent a few days driving the San Juan Skyway stopping to see the sights along the way. We spent one day touring Mesa Verde National Park opting for a car tour of the pit and cliff dwellings of the Pueblo Indians. I was not up to a lot of walking and we were able to see almost everything by walking short distances from the road. We had a wonderful time and thor-



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oughly enjoyed ourselves. While we did take our computers with us we did not work while we were gone (that may be a first). We relaxed and enjoyed ourselves.

August 24-29. Each year Louis and I are privileged to participate in the Polishing the Pulpit program held in Sevierville, TN. This year we arrived a day late because I had a chemotherapy treatment and a PET Scan on Friday. We were on cloud nine as we traveled through MS, AL, GA, and into east TN Friday night and Saturday morning because the PET Scan showed no cancer. As we greeted friends, one of the first things we told them was this wonderful news. Monday through Thursday I taught or assisted with the children’s classes. Louis taught Bible Geography to the children, assisted the young men in preparing devotionals, and taught an adult class on the importance of literature in mission work. It was a long enjoyable week.

September 7-17. Saturday morning Rebecca took us to the Memphis airport for our flight to Pittsburgh, PA. From there we rented a car and drove to Hanoverton, OH where we spent several days with dear friends, Bob and Martha Noland. We used their home as our base of operations as we branched out from there to visit congregations, family and friends. Louis taught class or preached at the Hanoverton Church of Christ, the Massilon Church of Christ, the Medina Church of Christ and the Vermillion Church of Christ all in Ohio. He also spoke at the Sandyville, WV Church of Christ. I taught ladies class at the Hanoverton congregation. One or both of us attended Gospel Meetings at the East Liverpool, OH; Lisbon, OH and Hanoverton congregations. I also attended a ladies’ class hosted by

the Lisbon congregation.

We were able to arrange a supper meal with our son, Raymond for one evening. With his work schedule and our appointments it was impossible to get more than an evening together. Unfortunately his wife and sons were not in attendance.

We took a day off and traveled about an hour and half away to visit one of the largest Amish areas in our country. We did a little shopping including purchasing some delicious cheese at a cheese factory, but the highlight of the trip was the meal at the Dutch Valley Restaurant. This is the best restaurant for good, home-style country cooking I have ever had. A trip to eastern Ohio would not be the same without stopping there.

On our way to visit family in western PA we stopped by Wheeling, WV for a lunch date with dear friends Emanuel and Judy Daugherty. From there we headed north to the Greenville and Meadville, PA areas. Late Friday afternoon and evening we visited with Louis’ dad and two brothers and Saturday we visited with my brothers and a niece.

Shortly after lunch, on Tuesday, September 17th we loaded the rental car and headed to Pittsburgh, PA for our return flight to Winona. It was a busy, fruitful week and a half for the Lord. When we were not otherwise engaged, I spent time working on the next issue of *The Voice of Truth International* and Louis worked on lessons for his upcoming trip to Burma.

Back in Winona

Every Friday, Louis and I travel an hour and a half south to Jackson, MS for my chemo treatment. That leaves Monday through Thursday to work at the office. Fortunately, with our laptops we can work anywhere. For several weeks we spent the time at the oncologist proofing new tracts, *Global Harvest* and *Voice of Truth Inter-*

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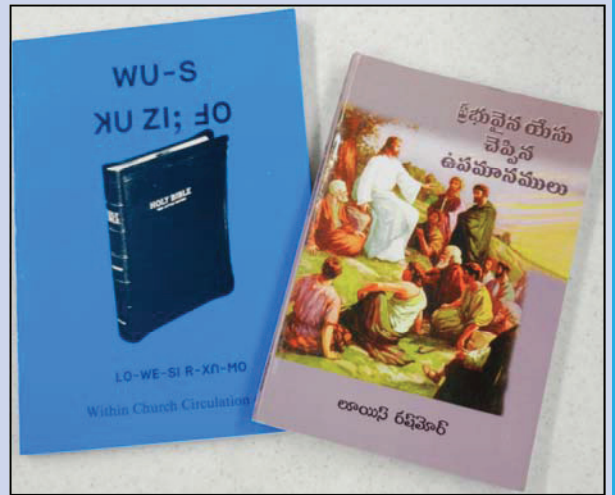
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Beginning Literature & Bible Balance	\$2,642.19
Income	\$1,067.40
Expenses	-\$2,600.00
Ending Literature & Bible Balance	\$1,109.59
Beginning Foreign Travel Balance	\$3,200.30
Income	\$4,210.00
Expenses	-\$4,203.34
Transferred from General Fund	\$101.10
Ending Foreign Travel Balance	\$3,308.06
Beginning Medical Balance	\$0.00
Income	\$2,500.00
Transferred from General Fund	\$4,007.67
Expenses	-\$5,022.97
Ending Medical Balance	\$1,484.70
Beginning General Fund Balance	\$4,413.59
Contributions	\$17,353.32
Stateside Travel	\$2,284.39
Lectureships/Workshops	\$73.00
Auto Expenses	-\$2,474.42
Stateside Travel	-\$3,208.86
Bank Fees	-\$6.40
Internet	-\$150.00
Office & Misc.	-\$602.48
Postage/Shipping	-\$243.24
Housing	-\$1,352.28
Salary	-\$5,700.00
Lectureship	-\$342.87
Business Telephones	-\$802.12
Transferred to Medical Fund	-\$4,007.67
Transferred to Foreign Travel	-\$101.10
Ending General Fund Balance	\$5,132.86

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

Two-Pronged Approach

Louis Rushmore

Bonnie and I have as our overall goal the concepts embodied in two statements made by the apostle Paul. "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6 NKJV). "...for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ..." (Ephesians 4:12). In the former reference, the apostle indicated that primarily he was teaching the Gospel to non-Christians, whereas Apollos was primarily edifying new Christians with the Gospel of Christ; Bonnie and I both plant the seed of the kingdom and nurture Christians toward maturity in the faith. In the latter reference, the apostle cited his intention to strengthen Christians whereby they could more ably assume their individual Christian responsibilities; Bonnie and I, likewise, major in increasing Bible knowledge among Christians and equipping them to shoulder responsibility for stabilizing their congregations and evangelizing their own nations.



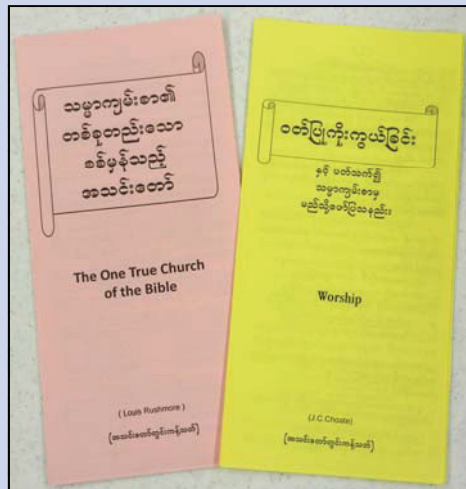
Essentially, Bonnie and I pursue a two-pronged approach to world evangelism, in no particular order. On one hand, we literally travel tens of thousands of miles annually to personally teach groups of mostly Christians on three continents. Bonnie is in as much demand to speak to ladies and children as am I for teaching or preaching. On the other hand, we immerse ourselves in the writing, production and worldwide distribution of various mediums of good, Christian literature.

Bonnie does most of the layout and formatting for as well as writes for *The Voice of Truth International* quarterly magazine. About 40,000 copies of this journal go into about 80 countries in English, besides also going internationally in several foreign languages and Braille. I am one of the Editors of *VOTI* and write for it as well. Monthly, I edit, write for and publish *Gospel Gazette Online*, a monthly Internet journal read by thousands across the globe; Bonnie writes for *GGO*, too. In addition, thousands of articles that have accumulated over 15 years may be searched online. Both of us are staff writers for the *Global Harvest* magazine also.

Bonnie is the author of a book entitled, *Living Principles*, which is popular in English, Telegu and Burmese languages. We have jointly authored another book that will be published sometime in 2014. I have authored about two dozen Bible study books, half of which are not in print presently. Those in print are popular in English, Telegu and Lisu languages. I have written numerous tracts, some of which are available in over a dozen languages.

We are determined to circulate good Christian literature stateside and abroad. Often, we receive encouragement from brethren and non-Christians, too, respecting the magazines, books and tracts that we publish and distribute. Everything that we distribute overseas or have printed in other countries is without cost to our foreign brethren; this is made possible by Christian families and congregations of the churches of Christ

Brother Henry Sang from Myanmar wrote, "I am greatly benefited by your tracts." Brother Vinay Francis had taken some with him to be from Myanmar wrote, "I'm so happy to gospel with you today. We will be print Thanks again for it. ...We have distributed Lisu language in the areas of Myitkyina, Moggok. We used your offering money of 1000 copies." Besides these, I recent-thousands of copies of various good,



The only thing preventing Bonnie literature available to our brethren on the lack of sufficient funds to do so. The about one dozen additional Bible study already penned is the lack of enough financial resources to do so. Some of our books and tracts make their way into a number of foreign languages to strengthen brethren and reach out to non-Christians, too.

Literature can go more places simultaneously than Bonnie and I can go. Literature also can go to places that remain off limits to missionaries. Literature can endure longer than we can; if we leave a legacy after we depart from this life, it will be the literature we have written and distributed around the world. Note this: Literature is always ready when the reader is ready to read it (i.e., versus persons having to be in the right place at the right time to take advantage of an oral presentation, radio and TV).

Bonnie and I respectively request that you, your congregation and your estate consider participating with us in making more Christian literature available stateside and abroad in both English and foreign languages. Please pray for us that we might be good tools in the hands of Almighty God in world evangelism, both in our personal presentations as well as in our production and distribution of Christian literature.


Each printing of 3,000 copies of a book title costs about \$3,000 in English, and we are usually able to print 1,000 copies of a

who participate with us financially. mar (Burma) wrote me, "I am greatly ben-David wrote, "Well, I got some Hindi tract, 'The One True Church of the Bible.' patched to different places in North India. distributed in Punjab." Brother Jay Ahti discuss about our literature service for the again the tract, 'The One True Church.' uted the book 'The Divine Church' into Putao, Tanai, Phakant, Chipwea and for the printing fee and transportation fee ly left money in Myanmar for printing much needed tracts.

and me to make more precious Gospel foreign shores for massive distribution is only thing standing in the way of printing and sermon outline books that I have al-



book title in a foreign language for about \$1,200. We can have 1,000 tracts printed in a foreign language for about \$300. Bibles in foreign languages for distribution abroad usually cost from \$3 to \$6 each. Choose how you, your congregation or your estate would like to participate financially with us in providing much needed Christian literature, especially overseas for the edification of our brethren and for reaching non-Christians, too.

Bonnie and I are under the oversight of the elders of the Siwell Road Church of Christ, 4075 Siwell Road, Jackson, MS 39212. Please send your gift to the Rushmore Evangelism Fund to the care of the Siwell Road Church of Christ with an indication how you would like it applied. You keep singing, "Send the Light," and with your help, Bonnie and I will keep 'taking the light' of the Gospel to the world—far and near. 


Annual Nationwide Guyana Mobile Seminars

Louis Rushmore

The 2013 Annual Nationwide Guyana Mobile Seminars were a great success. Nigel Milo and Michael Hooper of Guyana and I presented nine seminars throughout the country over three weeks, making good biblical lessons available to every Christian in Guyana; we also held two Gospel meetings and taped TV programs. Of 92 invited, 72 congregations participated, and attendance was more than double what we had anticipated. We worked with all three ethnicities within Guyana, from the coast to the borders of Brazil and Venezuela.

Bonnie and I will return to Guyana in February 2014 for the next Annual Nationwide Guyana Mobile Seminars. We expect to crisscross the country again this year for three to four weeks; the details are still being worked out. Ideally, we need to purchase our plane tickets from the USA to Guyana in December 2013. In addition, we will need to send advance money to brother Nigel Milo for him to advertise the seminars, make in-country plane reservations and reserve lodging; also, I will need to send money for the meals during the seminars, and it will be cheaper to send those funds along with other money being sent to avoid additional, unnecessary wire fees.

Bonnie and I, with qualified Guyanese brethren, increase Bible knowledge of Christians and equip them to more effectively assume responsibility for evangelizing their own country. Bonnie teaches ladies, who sorely desire a female Christian to teach them. I teach preachers, other potential church leaders and mixed audiences of Christians. We have opportunity, too, to teach non-Christians as well. No one else is concentrating on teaching our brethren in Guyana on a national basis. Bonnie and I are devoted to participating in the fulfillment of 1 Corinthians 3:6 and Ephesians 4:12. The outreach occurring in Guyana through the efforts of American brethren coupled with what we are doing will result in a sustained, spiritual harvest in Guyana.

Please pray for the success of this effort. Secondly, if you or the church of Christ with which you worship can assist us in this mission work, please send your monetary gifts as soon as possible to our sponsoring congregation: Siwell Rd. Church of Christ, 4075 Siwell Rd., Jackson, MS 39212; be sure to note "Rushmore Evangelism Fund" on the memo line of your check so that your financial participation will be applied appropriately. 



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As you can imagine, the past year has had many ups and downs. Through the middle of December and the first three months of 2013, I endured six ERCP's. Before being put to sleep for each procedure, I prayed one more time that this procedure would determine the cause and the removal of the blockage. Upon waking from the sedative of each procedure, I was informed that the doctors were unable to remove the blockage. After the third procedure, a temporary stent was installed to keep the bile duct open. After the sixth procedure, a permanent stainless steel stent was installed. All biopsies returned normal with no cancer cells and no foreign organism.

Some would say that God did not answer my prayers. However, we must realize that God answers all prayers but not necessarily the way we want them answered (James 5:16; 2 Peter 3:8). Sometimes He says, "Yes," sometimes He says, "No," and sometimes He says, "Maybe later."

Upon being diagnosed with cancer, my prayer changed. Now that I knew what was wrong with me, I prayed to be healed, and I prayed that the side effects from treatment would be minimal. I asked that God grant me the ability to serve Him for as long as I remained on this planet. That prayer and the prayers of 1,000's of Christians around the world have been answered!

As I near the completion of six months of chemotherapy, my work for the Master continues. I work daily at the office laying out *Voice of Truth International*, writing articles, preparing lessons, maintaining address databases, helping Paula with the office accounting, processing Rushmore Evangelism

accounts, packing book orders, etc. My only limitation is that I am not unloading tractor trailers loaded with books and moving heavy boxes.

The greatest obstacle to overcome is that I tire easily and frequently need to rest in the afternoon. Louis has been wonderful about helping (or doing) much of the household chores as I am too tired in the evenings. He also can read my body language and directs me to rest so that I do not overdo. He realizes how tired I am before I listen to my brain telling me to go rest.

A PET scan the middle of August showed no cancer! The oncologist is amazed at how well I am doing and continues to encourage me to live my normal life. I am not sure she fully understood what was normal for me when we first discussed my activities. As we meet with her each month, we discuss our busy schedule and she has not encouraged me to slow down, but to do what I feel I can handle. Unless something shows on the PET scan scheduled for the middle of November, she has released me to travel to Guyana, South America in February!

Yes, God answers prayer, and I believe I am living proof that sometimes God gives us what we want!!!📖

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national.

We have had a couple of trucks bring several pallets of material to be unloaded and stored in the warehouse until distributed to others in their efforts to further the cause of Christ. One truck came while Louis and Jerry and Paula Bates were in Asia. Betty and I imposed on brethren from the Strickland and Liberty congregations to help unload those nine pallets.

One day we had a call from Joe Ruiz. He wanted to bring about a dozen Christians from Monterey Mexico by to see our facilities and pick up some Spanish books for their work. They were in the area conducting a Spanish Gospel Meeting in the Greenwood, MS area. We were able to attend a couple of Gospel Meetings held at neighboring congregations. Any time we can feast on Spiritual food and fellowship with other Christians is a good time. I have slowed down a little but not much. My work days at the office may be a little shorter, but I am happily "on the road again" traveling with Louis. Further more details about our activities check out the blog at <http://louisrushmore.wordpress.com/>. We try to keep it current with our day to day events as well as updates on my health.📖

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