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Ready, Set, Go!

Louis Rushmore

The time is almost upon us! Bonnie and I are scheduled to leave for Guyana, South America on February 1st. We will return to the USA on March 1st. During the month of February, we will teach primarily brethren in our annual nationwide, mobile seminar in 15 different locations and within reach of **every Christian in the country**.

We go in the spirit of Ephesians 4:12, "for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (NKJV). Like Apollos (1 Corinthians 3:6), the task before us is to water the seed of the kingdom. From that Scripture one observes planting the seed of the kingdom as the apostle Paul did, followed by watering it, enables God to provide a spiritual harvest of souls. While other American Christians major in outreach and minor in edification, Bonnie and I continue to devote ourselves to majoring in edification and minor in outreach. Thereby, the Lord's church in Guyana can grow internally and externally. In addition to maturing in the faith, the churches of Christ in Guyana will be better able to shoulder some of the responsibility of evangelizing their own country.



Two on the left dressed for the program; two on the right still dressed for river travel. Left to right: 2014 co-speaker, Me, 2013 co-speaker, 2012 co-speaker.

Why do we take the Gospel to the churches where they are throughout the nation? The poor transportation infrastructure and widespread poverty prevent brethren from attending centralized locations. Therefore, Bonnie and I go to them! We will spend about 50 hours in little planes skirting seemingly endless jungle canopy and mountains. Likewise, we will ride in boats for over five hours as well as travel for 30 hours or so in land vehicles. **Whatever it takes!**

Our travels will take us from the northern Atlantic coast in Guyana to the southern coastal area. We will spend several days along the Brazilian and Venezuelan borders, too. Bonnie and I will be working with Christians and non-Christians descended from indentured servants from India, descended from free African slaves and the indigenous Amerindians. Two years ago, my co-speaker was of East Indian descent, and last year, my co-speaker was of African descent. This year, my co-speaker is an Amerindian. Each of these brethren as well as Nigel Milo who arranges and directs our seminars is academically and biblically qualified to preach in any pulpit in the Lord's church anywhere in the USA or elsewhere in the world.

A program of this magnitude involves a sizeable financial investment of around \$13,000. We cannot make this nationwide seminar a reality and successful without the help of Christians and congregations of the churches of Christ. Although several have helped financially so far, we remain a few thousand dollars under budget. Therefore, it is urgent that we raise the remaining funds **as soon as possible**. Would you like to help? If so, please send your check to the Siwell Rd. Church of Christ, 4075 Siwell Road, Jackson, MS 39212 and put "Rushmore Evangelism Fund" on the memo line. Thank you for your moral support, prayers and financial participation. ☺

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End of the Year Jaunts!

Bonnie Rushmore

November started out rather busy. On the **first** I completed my last chemotherapy session! Immediately following chemo in Jackson, MS, Rebecca and I travelled to Town Creek, AL for a two day ladies retreat hosted by the **Mastin Lake** (Huntsville, AL) **Church of Christ**. We arrived in time for a soup supper followed by an evening of getting to know one another and good Christian fellowship. Before retiring for the night, I presented the first of two lessons on "This Little Light of Mine." Saturday morning following breakfast, I presented the second lesson on letting our lights shine. Around 11:00 a.m., Rebecca steered her car, with me still onboard, toward her home in Collierville, TN.

Louis joined us in Collierville early Saturday evening in preparation for speaking at the **Collierville congregation Sunday morning**. We returned to Winona Sunday evening.

The latest issue of *Global Harvest* arrived in the middle of October. Now, we had the daunting task of mailing copies across the U.S. to congregations and individuals interested in reading about ongoing mission efforts around the world. While Rebecca and I were in Alabama, Louis, Betty Choate and Allon Brumley worked diligently stuffing, labeling and sealing envelopes in preparation for mailing. By the fourth of November about 3,000 copies were on their way.

Saturday, November 9, Louis and I headed for Defuniak Springs, FL for an all-day appointment with the **Liberty Church of Christ**. This congregation is always interested in our work as well as the many books produced through World Evangelism Publications (formerly known as Choate Publications). Thus, we pack several boxes of books for their perusal and purchase while there. Monday morning, we slowly made our way back to Winona, arriving home late in the evening.

November 15 found us back in Jackson, MS for a medical follow-up, a PET scan and a visit with the oncologist. The scan once again showed no cancer cells, and the oncologist released me for foreign travel and full office and warehouse duties. That was a good thing since the five pallets of *The Voice of Truth International* that was supposed to arrive on Wednesday the 20th showed up on **Monday the 18th**. Since the Bates were out of town, Louis unloaded from the back of the

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truck, I wheeled the hand truck into the warehouse, and Betty stacked the boxes onto the pallets.

November 23 Betty Choate, the Bates and the Rushmores met Wayne Barrier and Robin Dunaway in Tupelo for a meeting about *Into God's World* (graded curriculum). Another meeting is set for the middle of January in Winona.

December 1 found Louis and me at the *Southside Church of Christ* in Batesville, AR. Brother and sister Harris treated us to lunch at a local restaurant following morning services. (Sister Harris refused to sit at one table because overhead is a completely set table mounted to the ceiling - **upside down!** There is some concern whether those knives, forks, spoons, plates, cups, etc. will stay put or drop down upon



Rushmore Evangelism Fund: November-December 2013	
Beginning Literature & Bible Balance	\$1,109.59
Income	\$2,226.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Literature & Bible Balance	\$3,335.59
Beginning Foreign Travel Balance	\$3,308.06
Income	\$7,610.00
Expenses	-\$2,657.78
Ending Foreign Travel Balance	\$8,260.28
Beginning Medical Balance	\$1,484.70
Income	\$500.00
Transferred from General Fund	\$2,252.18
Expenses	-\$3,150.90
Ending Medical Balance	\$1,085.98
Beginning General Fund Balance	\$5,132.86
Contributions	\$6,961.66
Stateside Travel	\$1,760.00
Auto Expenses	-\$1,318.68
Stateside Travel	-\$1,370.71
Bank Fees	-\$48.02
Internet (including annual fees)	-\$857.60
Office & Misc. (including repairs)	-\$814.68
Postage/Shipping	-\$329.06
Housing	-\$381.63
Salary	-\$3,000.00
Business Telephones	-\$410.40
Transferred to Medical Fund	-\$2,252.18
Newsletter (printing)	-\$521.24
Ending General Fund Balance	\$2,550.21

those sitting underneath.) While there, a member of an area congregation stopped by the table to introduce himself. He told us how much he enjoys *Gospel Gazette Online* and that he just read Louis' article on dinosaurs in *The Voice of Truth International*. Occasionally, Louis wonders if the time and effort put into publishing *Gospel Gazette Online* is worth it, and then someone contacts us and reminds us of the great good it is doing around the world. We returned to Rebecca's Sunday evening in preparation for our appointments Monday and Tuesday.

Monday afternoon we talked to Rebecca's students about different cultures. We showed pictures and displayed clothing and items from Myanmar, India and Guyana. We tried to help the students understand that children in other countries live differently than the children in the U.S. Hopefully we were able to convey to these children just how blessed they are!

Tuesday morning we stopped at Memphis International Airport on our way home. We had a special visitor coming for a few days. Marilyn LaStrape has been writing for *Gospel Gazette Online* for ten years. Although we had never met, we were delighted when she agreed to come to Winona for a short visit. However, due to a major snow and ice storm, her four-

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day visit turned into a seven-day visit. All flights Memphis, TN to Dallas, TX were canceled for four days. We thoroughly enjoyed our time together, and we hope she will come again sometime in the future. She says she will come in the summertime - no more Mississippi visits in the winter as the weather is just too cold for her.

December 5, Therman Hodge and Alan Barham spent the day building two more sets of shelves for the overflow of the 106 tract titles. Now all tract titles are easily assessable and neatly stored. This is the fourth set of shelving the men from the *Union Church of Christ* have built in the World Evangelism warehouse.

December 15 Louis spoke at the *Old Union congregation* in the morning and the *Elliott church* that evening. Both congregations are about 30 minutes from our home in Winona; this allowed us to return to Winona for lunch and rest before the evening services. This was a pleasant change from our normal routine - especially nice since sister LaStrape was still in our custody due to severe weather elsewhere in the country.

December 22, we (including Rebecca who arrived Friday evening) arose early to drive 1½ hours south to Clinton, MS for a 9:00 a.m. Bible class, whereupon Lou-

is reported on his trips in 2013. He also preached during the worship hour. After services, we were treated to lunch at McAlister's by the John Allen family. John and Erin have a delightful 3-year-old son who we thoroughly enjoyed spending time with during lunch.

Rebecca was in need of some new shoes, so after lunch, we braved the crowds in search of shoes at the new outlet mall in Pearl, MS. Much to our surprise, the stores were not overly crowded, and Rebecca quickly found two pair of shoes in the first store we looked.

Following our shopping expedition, we travelled to the *Siwell Road congregation* where Louis presented a report on his 2013 overseas trips. Before heading home, we stopped at Burger King for supper with three couples from Siwell.

December 29 found us at the *Strickland Church of Christ* in Glen, MS. This congregation is the overseeing congregation for Jerry and Paula Bates. Periodically, the elders invite other missionaries into the pulpit there to encourage the congregation to be involved in mission work. This time they asked Louis to speak for all three Sunday services.

2013 has quickly come to an end. It has been filled with trials and triumphs. We ask each of you to remember us in your daily prayers as we strive to be the servants God wants us to be. Our goal for 2014 is to be better Christians than the year before and ever serve our loving God to the best of our abilities. Thank you for all that each of you has done for us this past year. **As long as you send us, we will take the Gospel to the world - strengthening Christians and proclaiming the saving power of Christ to the lost!** 📖

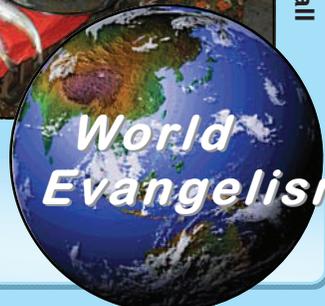
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