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Not a Month from Now, and Not Two Months from Now, but Right Now!

Louis Rushmore

There is nothing more urgent on earth than bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior – and our Redeemer – to our fellow man. Presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ to brethren encourages and edifies them. It also enables them to edify themselves and evangelize their own countrymen. Introducing the Gospel to non-Christians provides for them the path to redemption. Furthermore, it motivates them to become our brothers and sisters in Christ – having the same, genuine anticipation of eternity in Heaven that we envision for ourselves.

Sometimes, though, because we see with our *physical eyes*, it is more difficult to obtain financial participation for mission work abroad than it is to raise funds for physical needs relating to catastrophic events, poverty or constructing meetinghouses. We must also see with our *spiritual eyes* struggling brethren – plus the vast wasteland of lost souls at home and overseas – who desperately need to hear God's Word.

In addition, times are tough with soaring inflation, as well as the nation, families and churches of Christ trying to recover from the pandemic. Consequently, Martha and I have lost financial support from several congregations. One church closed altogether, and two others each reduced giving to us by about 2/3s. A missionary never knows for sure from month to month and from year to year what funds will be forthcoming. Yet, he must plan ahead as though he will receive enough money to move forward and continue in his ministry.

Right now, not a month from now, and not two months from now, but **right now**, Martha and I – with our coworkers in Guyana, South America – must commit to our annual series of workshops. Each year, we travel along the coast and to interior locations in the tropical nation of Guyana for about six weeks. We make our program available to congregations and Christians in **all of the country's 10 regions**. Two Guyanese preachers and I proclaim God's Word throughout the Guyanese brotherhood – a sort of traveling lectureship to embolden Guyanese Christians to edify themselves, to finance their own local works and to evangelize their own nation.

Unfortunately, our foreign travel budget is woefully underfunded. **We need your help immediately!** First, please send whatever you can today!

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Secondly, please present our plea to the Church of Christ of which you are a member. Our funds are under the oversight of the elders for the Siwell Road Church of Christ outside of Jackson, Mississippi. Make checks payable to "Siwell Church of Christ," and note on the memo line "Rushmore Evangelism."

Martha and I are greatly encouraged by the spiritual growth of Guyanese congregations. They are making strides that greatly outpace past participation in edification, evangelism and local financial responsibility. Everyone who has helped us or who will help us by your investment in Martha and me shares in these achievements.

We have taken for our motto from the apostle Paul's pen, "I planted, **Apollos watered**, but God gave the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6 NKJV). Chiefly, I'm God's **water boy** with the Word of God – comparable to the role of Apollos. Martha is God's **water girl** when she teaches women and children overseas. Remember the bumper crop of souls won to Christ involves planting (evangelizing) and watering (edifying) prior to the harvest of many souls.

Being missionaries is tenuous and dependent upon the fragility of freewill offerings from Christians and the churches of Christ willing to make our livelihoods and ministries possible. We concur with the words of the prophet Isaiah regarding ourselves, "Here am I! Send me" (Isaiah 6:8).📖

On the Road, In the Air and On the Boats – Again

Martha Rushmore

As most of you know, we did not get to go to India, Myanmar, Singapore or Sri Lanka this fall. We have not gone since the winter of 2019 because of Covid-19, some of these countries are in war, unrest or lots of sickness. We need to protect ourselves as much as possible. In Guyana, we take malaria meds to help protect us when we go into the jungle villages.

We have had an enjoyable summer. We took a few days for ourselves, and then on Wednesday evening, we visited the Liberty Church of Christ in DeFuniak Springs, Florida. Louis gave a report to the congregation about our trip to Guyana this year. It was a wonderful three days, ending with worshipping with the Lord's people. We headed home on Thursday.

After arriving home, we emptied the suitcases and put them away. Next, we started straightening up some and finished cleaning the house on Friday, in preparation for a visit by my sister Denise Conley and my niece Shalyn Conley from Ohio. I had supper started when they arrived, safely thankfully.

On Saturday, Shalyn went to Clearwater to see one of her best friends. I took Denise to the Market of Marion. We had a good time. Our visit was too short as they had to leave on Thursday to get home for Shalyn to go back to work. It was so nice to have them for almost a week. We had laughs, laughs and more laughs, and of course, we had some tears. We also reminisced some when we were kids at home. Denise is 12 years younger than me.

Now heading into fall and winter, we are anxiously looking forward to the holidays. We are hoping to see and to spend time with some of our children and grandchildren. As of now, we are sure we will see three of our children and their families. The rest are in the north and do not have vacation time to come south.

When the holidays are over, we will start getting things ready to go to Guyana, South America. We will buy what we need for the trip, start packing our two big suitcases and winterize our house for while we are away. We have plants that need to be dug up and repotted, mulch to be laid in the bare spots, plants to be arranged on the lanai so the freeze will not kill them and to ask someone to water them as needed (usually once a week).

As we are getting ready to fill our suitcases, I always make a list of the things from most important to the least important, and we try to take enough clothes to last at least nine days between washing. Usually seven days is sufficient, but I like a little leeway for a safety net. When we get back to Nigel's home between outings, it is time for doing our laundry and repacking for another excursion. At the most, we are only gone five days, but we need to be prepared for any problems that may arise.

Louis, brother Nigel Milo and another Guyanese preacher (rotating among Guyanese preachers annually) do the workshops. We have separate classes for men and women in as many locations as there is room for two



August 2022 — October 2022

Income	
Foreign Travel	\$1,120.00
Stateside Travel	\$300.00
Rebates/Refunds/Discounts/Resale	\$600.14
Books Sales	\$60.00
Literature & Bibles	\$1,000.00
Contributions	\$29,736.67
Total	\$32,816.81
Expenses	
Bank Fees	\$9.70
Business Entertainment & Gifts	\$149.56
North India TV	\$17,555.00
Guyana Shipping & Distribution	\$504.00
India Literature	\$2,000.00
Medical Expenses	\$2,581.81
Auto Expenses	\$3,324.20
Stateside Travel	\$1,178.94
Foreign Travel	\$200.00
Internet (Gospel Gazette Online)	\$730.01
Office (supplies/equipment/ software subscriptions/help)	\$2,036.18
Postage/Shipping	\$228.00
Housing	\$18,888.81
Business Telephone	\$308.25
Newsletter	\$452.88
Total	\$50,147.34

different classes. This way I also have the opportunity to teach. I love teaching the women. They are like sponges and take in everything that is said. I try to give them time at the end of my lesson for questions. Most of the time the questions are about being good wives, mothers and anything concerning the home.

A lot of the time, I have young ladies (teens) in my class. I try my best to impress on them the importance of purity. What they do when they are young can have an effect on their whole lives. Whatever they do has consequences for good or bad, which, of course, was true when I was a young lady also. I try to let them know that I remember what it was like to be a young person in my teens. I try to make it clear that the young men who try to steal their virginity still want a virgin for a wife. No, this does not make any sense to me. As a young girl who wants to marry, she also wants a pure guy for herself, too. So, if you want purity, you must be pure also!

Some of the jungle places we visit are very primitive. We need to adjust to their lifestyle, not them to ours. Some places are nice, while others are not so pleasant. I do not mind using an outhouse if it is not across a gully some 40 or 60 feet wide and maybe accessible by narrow planking with no railings 15 feet deep over a swamp. I am afraid of heights. We have been to a place like this, not once but twice. However, the people their make up for such an inconvenience.

Louis, brother Nigel and I are doing everything that we can to make this a successful work for the Lord and His church. Our program costs about \$25,000.00. So please, consider helping us financially, if possible, so we can do our part for this annual mission trip to Guyana. If you cannot help us financially, please pray for our success and safety on our journey. We have an awesome God! He answers our prayers. 📖

The difference between the "Income" and "Expenses" above is alarming and troublesome. It is about equal to the annual expense for the North India TV program. Nevertheless, the deficit comes at the same time we're raising funds for the Guyana workshops. Please help us make up the shortfall, despite the impact inflation and coming out of the pandemic has had and is having upon Christians and subsequently upon the Lord's church, too. We solicit your prayers and invite you to approach fellow Christians and churches of Christ on our behalf. Thank you.

Yes! We want to help Louis & Martha Rushmore in foreign missions to India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Singapore & Guyana.

- ☐ Here is a onetime gift of \$_____ to be used as needed.
- ☐ I (we) plan to send a monthly gift of \$_____ beginning _____ (month).
- ☐ Here is my (our) gift of \$_____ for English language literature & Bibles.
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- ☐ Here is my (our) gift of \$_____ to print foreign language literature.
- ☐ Here is my (our) gift of \$_____ for ☐ India TV ☐ Guyana TV & Internet.
- ☐ I (we) plan to include the World Evangelism labors of Louis Rushmore in our will.
- ☐ The _____ Church of Christ is closing, and we wish to contribute the assets to the World Evangelism labors of Louis Rushmore.

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"...Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved..." (Mark 16:15-16).

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