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North India

Each January for many years, I have written postdated checks for a Gospel TV broadcast in the Hindi language from New Delhi, India; the dates correspond to six-week intervals for a year, together totaling just under \$19,000 USD. Up to another \$6,000 complements that for speakers' travel expenses to record the TV episodes, printing follow-up literature, buying Hindi language Bibles, acquiring shipping materials and postage. We have an urgent need of about \$2,000 to replace computer equipment in New Delhi that greatly assists every aspect of this tremendous labor for Christ; our brethren need sufficient tools with which to work.

The number of TV broadcasts per week have varied from one to three, depending on available funds for North India evangelism. Recently, World Evangelism team members in Winona, MS were funding two weekly broadcasts, but they had to reduce to one broadcast weekly. I still facilitate money for one weekly airing, but the large donation of some years ago for that purpose and placed into my hands is nearing exhaustion. Remaining finances at my disposal for this TV program and follow-up to responses will only permit continuation for the years 2025 and 2026. Unless new financial donations for North India evangelism are forthcoming, the TV program will reduce to once weekly, provided my coworkers in Winona are able to continue with the airing for which they manage monetary gifts for that purpose.

Several phone responses come to our brethren in New Delhi each time the TV program airs. Consequently, our fellow Christians in New Delhi initiate several Bible correspondence courses and arrange many personal Bible studies or pass on contact information to Christians elsewhere in India if the respondents live far from New Delhi. Often, these TV speakers will travel long distances to edify Christians and evangelize non-Christians somewhere in the Hindi belt. Hindi is the largest language group in India – the most populous nation on earth. **This great work simply must not falter because of the lack of money!** (I purposely did not mention the names of our godly and biblically qualified fellow-laborers in New Delhi to protect them and the church from militant Hindus and a repressive government toward Christianity.)

Guyana, South America

It's that time of the year – really past time – for me to alert good brethren about my upcoming mission trip to Guyana, South America. Our annual series of nationwide workshops are so popular that a couple of years ago we had to set a cap of \$25,000 and to put aside additional requests from congregations or extending our 4- to 6-week effort each year. We encourage, edify and equip Guyanese brethren to participate actively in their own edification, to engage meaningfully in local and multi-region evangelism and to rely (to the extent they can) on Christian and congregational financial responsibility.

I need to send advance money ASAP to buy tickets for in-country small-plane hops over jungles and rivers, as well as to provide lodging for our team and to make arrangements to feed workshop attendees. Please pray about our mission effort and contemplate helping first with the advance money needed, and secondly with the necessary financial goal of \$25,000. I know it's a busy time of the year with Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays, with their associated expenses, but transferring money internationally of that amount requires time – time we don't have.

There remains a little time to gather funds for a near nationwide TV broadcast

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from Georgetown, Guyana, South America; the annual cost for it is \$6,000. In addition, our foreign ministry needs about \$13,000 to ship 3,000 copies of *The Voice of Truth International* to Guyana four times a year. Beyond that, another \$5,000, also needed (and soon), will enable distribution of tracts, books and Bibles besides *VOTI*. Often, brethren ask, “Is there anything else besides money you need?” Unfortunately, without enough contributions by Christian families and congregations, foreign mission work cannot occur and be maintained, too. Yes, “warm bodies” are very useful at our warehouse in Winona, MS from time to time (as well as becoming team members and relocating), and I need to find others who may go with me, any one of whom could be my replacement someday.

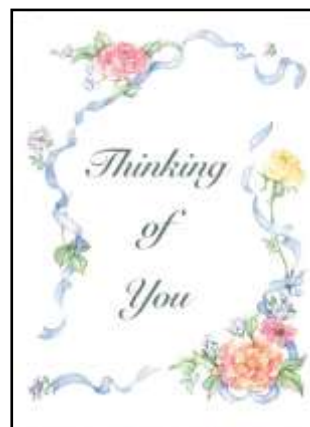
Stateside

Stateside, Martha and I keep ourselves busy in the Lord’s work. The quarterly magazine *The Voice of Truth International* (113 pages of content) especially consumes much of my time as I edit and layout the journal (121st edition about to be published). Martha and coworkers – the World Evangelism Team – spend many hours preparing each successive issue for publication. *The Voice of Truth International* is a survivor among other longtime in circulation magazines that have gone out of print. The short, teaching articles that populate *VOTI* edify Christians and non-Christians worldwide; about 50,000 copies of each issue edify readers in English as well as in various languages around the globe. In addition to editing *The Voice of Truth International*, I edit and publish the monthly Internet-based journal *Gospel Gazette Online*; both magazines are running behind in publication dates.

Martha and I worship and work with the Wildwood (FL) Church of Christ, where I also serve as one of its three elders. Martha and I both teach from time to time, and I preach, especially when one or two of our ministers are absent. Being 60 miles roundtrip from the meetinghouse and the number of times weekly we travel to Wildwood has led us to sell our Ocala, FL home and buy a home in Oxford, FL, about five miles from the church building. I thought I’d made my last move short of my dead body being transported to its earthly resting place, but what did I know?

Cards of Encouragement

We would be remiss and appear to be ungrateful if we overlooked expressing our thanks and appreciation for the cards and other gestures of encouragement we receive. It seems that a card arrives at the right time to lighten our days. Of course, those participating with us through gifts or donations help us to continue serving in our ministry for Jesus Christ, besides contributing to our livelihood also. With death ushering saints into eternity to be with God and the shrinking of and graying (or balding) within our congregations, we need to widen our base of supporters. Tell someone about our mission work, etc. Inform the elders or the men of the congregation where you worship if perhaps they would undertake participating with us in our ministry.



Family

The typical illnesses and injuries are evenly distributed between Martha and my blended family members. All in all, though, everyone seems to be happy and healthy. Our daughter Rebecca was with us for several weeks in the summer during school break; she is a teacher who lives about 1,000 miles away. Rebecca will return to our new home for the Christmas holidays, and her two brothers and parts of their families will visit, too – one from Ohio and the other from Florida. Martha and I long for the opportunity to spoil rotten our three youngest grandchildren who will be visiting with their parents for Christmas.

We’ve seen Martha’s son and our daughter-in-law from Ohio, who formerly fought a fierce battle with cancer and is in remission. Her other son and his family live on the other side of Ocala from us, and we see them more frequently than our other children.

Our youngest “child” Flossy “Marie Rushmore” turned a year old on September 25th of this year. She’s our four-footed, bearded daughter – a source of unending joy and companionship for both of us; Flossy makes me laugh out loud every day. Martha and I are her emotional support persons, and the little princess allows us to live here. Flossy is our “little ewe lamb” (2 Samuel 12:3).



Medical Treatment

It almost seems that one morning Martha and I awoke from a night's sleep to discover that we officially had become "elderly." I'm drawn to news accounts that mention something about elderly persons – just to see what counts in the minds of others as "elderly."

Apparently, we're elderly. As such, we have our aches and pains as well as the resistance of bones and muscles to function as they once did. Martha's saga with back and leg pains continues, and she had a stimulator surgically inserted into her back. She has two stimulators and meets the dictionary definition of being a bionic woman! My back and rib pains persist, and just a few weeks ago, I

volunteered to have my throat cut. Martha was too willing, but I let a doctor do the honors. My doctor removed a non-cancerous, fist-size tumor from under the skin of my neck and over my thyroid. Now, instead of having a protrusion from the right side of my neck, there is a void there – a depression – instead of a lump. The incision has yet to flatten, and the subsequent topographical wavy surface of my neck led me to grow a beard during the healing process. I might keep it, but I've not decided on that yet.



Nevertheless, we are in reasonably good health, despite both of us also being diabetics. We see ourselves as blessed beyond measure by our compassionate and gracious God.

Moving Ordeal

We have gone back and forth with wanting to move to the Wildwood, Florida area for many months. The discussion was hard as we love our house here in Ocala, Florida, and it is only 30 miles from the Wildwood area. The traffic and housing has become atrocious. Ocala is one of the fastest growing cities in our state.

Our main reason for moving is to be closer to the church building and to our church family. Louis is an elder of the church in Wildwood. Therefore, we are making three to five trips a week for different church functions. These trips are 60 miles round trip and take anywhere from 40 minutes to 1½ hours depending on the traffic. So, it made sense to move. Unfortunately, we both thought our Ocala home would be our last home until we went to be with our Father in Heaven. Wow, we were wrong!

Finally in late July or early August, we decided it was time to make the move. Our hope was to find a house and buy it, after which we would put our home on the market, but that was not to be. In early September, we finally got serious about the move. We worked on our home in southwest Ocala to prepare it to be put on the market. Once we decided to put the house for sale, things began to move quickly. Then, we had two hurricanes in less than two weeks, and so it was a slow start for potential buyers to look at the house. After the hurricanes were over, we had house showings regularly. I had

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Income	
Foreign Travel	
North India Fund	
Rebates/Refunds/Discounts/Resale	
Books Sales	
Literature & Bibles	
Contributions	
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Total	
Expenses	
Bank Fees	
Business Entertainment & Gifts	
India Postage	
North India TV	
North India Love Offering	
Guyana Shipping & Distribution	
Guyana Additional Resources	
Guyana Workshops	
Medical Expenses	
Auto Expenses	
Stateside Travel	
Internet (Gospel Gazette Online)	
Office (supplies/equipment/software subscriptions/help)	
Postage/Shipping	
Housing	
Business Telephone	
Newsletter	
Total	

been packing some already, too. Our garage and one bedroom looked like a warehouse; now, the whole house looks that way.

We had found a house I loved, and Louis found the one he desired. While talking to the realtor, we found out the house Louis wanted to be built was in a flood zone. This meant that the house I wanted was our choice. Seems we had another obstacle; the people wanting to sell would not negotiate their asking price (despite being tens of thousands above market value) or help pay their share of the closing costs.

So, this meant we were on the hunt of another house. The realtors had four in mind for us to check out. We saw three of the four houses. We finally chose one in Oxford. It was the best for



"...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).

our needs of the three we saw. The one we chose is about five miles from the church building, and it is easily accessed and less than ten minutes to get there.

It looks as of now we will be closing on one house on the 26th and the other house on the 27th of November or closing on both houses on Wednesday the 27th, the day before Thanksgiving. The Lord has blessed us beyond measure.

We have prayed daily for months about this decision and asked the Lord for His guidance in this outcome. We pray we have made the proper choice.



Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers for continued success with the mission work and our work with Wildwood Church of Christ; remember its elders, likewise, as they guide the congregation. Our main purpose is to glorify our gracious, loving and merciful Father in Heaven and to help the church to grow and to be strong in His Word.

As always, we covet your prayers and any financial help you can send Louis and me in our efforts to do mission work for the Lord. If it is \$5.00, \$50.00 or any amount, it will help to spread the Word here and abroad.

I personally want to thank you all in advance for your encouraging words, cards, prayers and financial support you offer on our behalf. I love you all as my brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

Martha

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