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2025 Guyana Countrywide Workshops

Louis Rushmore

Martha doesn't travel abroad with me anymore, not because she doesn't want to go with me, but since her mobility doesn't permit her to do so. I, though, spent February 1-25, 2025 in Guyana, South America. There I participated in the **Annual Countrywide World Evangelism Media & Missions Workshops**. This year, brother Sheldon Jones joined brother Nigel Milo and me in our program, with the exception that for our final workshop and largest assembly, two additional speakers from our expanded team also preached – brethren Cy Walker and Wayne Collins. Brother Nigel preaches for the Amelia's Ward Church of Christ in Linden; brother Sheldon preaches for the Blueberry Hill Church of Christ in Linden; brother Wayne Collins preaches for the Coomaka Church of Christ near Linden and brother Cy Walker preaches for the Burnham Drive Church of Christ in Linden. The Demerara River divides Linden, and transportation across the river by a one-lane former railroad bridge or by water taxi requires payment of a small fee. We also conducted a one-night Crusade for Christ or Gospel Meeting; in addition, we spoke at one's respective congregation some Wednesdays and each Lord's Day.

Brother Nigel published in his recent monthly newsletter about our series of workshops:

Our aim is to strengthen the churches of Christ in Guyana by organizing workshops, where lessons are presented in locations that are accessible to all brethren. This year eight workshops and one Gospel Meeting were conducted, spanning eight regions. Each year I choose a local preacher who will present lessons along with brother Louis in various locations. This allows the local preacher to be exposed to the congregations in Guyana, which increases his understanding of the needs and state of our brethren.

Venues included coastal and interior locations: Kildonan, Cotton Tree, Lethem, Yupukari, Hosororo, Kaituma Mouth, Westbury and Enmore. A combined total of 634 persons attended the workshops and represented 38 congregations.

The theme of the workshops this year was "Statements of Conviction." Topics were "None of These Things Move Me" (Acts 20:22-24), "I Have Not Shunned to Declare Unto You All the Counsel of God" (Acts 20:25-27), "I Am Ready Not Only to Be Bound But Also to Die" (Acts 21:10-14), "I Have Fought a Good Fight, I Have Finished My Course, I Have Kept the Faith" (2 Timothy 4:6-7), "That I Might Know Him and the Power of His Resurrection and the Fellowship of His Suffering" (Philippians 3:8-11) and "We Ought to Obey God Rather than Man" (Acts 5:26-29). Each of the lessons were presented soundly and enthusiastically, and further, auditors as enthusiastically re-

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ceived the Word of God. Although we purposed to edify brethren across Guyana, we also were encouraged and built up by the brethren to whom we went.

It was my pleasure as well while in Guyana this time to speak at the Blueberry Hill Church of Christ and to visit some of the brethren in their homes. Brother Sheldon and I viewed the interior of the building in the process of being acquired for that congregation's future meetinghouse. The current, temporary worship site is filled to capacity, but there is plenty of room for growth at the new location, which is also on a primary road entering that part of Linden.

These days, I try to exercise abundant caution since my mobility is somewhat hindered. Brothers Sheldon and Nigel treated me like a father, or they conducted themselves as though they were my sons, careful to help me when I needed it. Last year, had brother Nigel not helped me transfer from a little boat to the dock at the village of Sebai, I might have been there still. Always and everywhere among Christian brethren, I've never failed to be in good hands that were careful about my wellbeing.

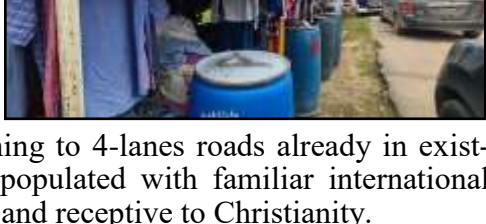
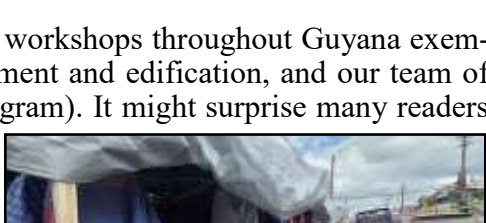
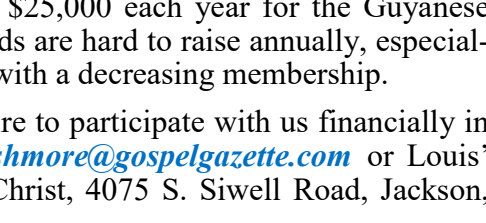
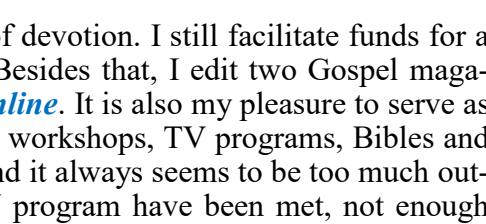
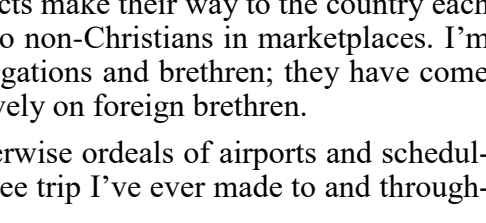
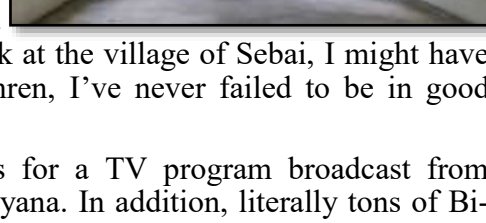
Besides the annual series of workshops, I facilitate funds for a TV program broadcast from Georgetown on a government station, which reaches most of Guyana. In addition, literally tons of Bibles, *The Voice of Truth International* magazines, books and tracts make their way to the country each year, for distribution to congregations of the Lord's church and to non-Christians in marketplaces. I'm really upbeat and excited about the progress of Guyanese congregations and brethren; they have come to own their respective responsibilities and no longer rely exclusively on foreign brethren.

Sometimes over the years, I've dreaded the security and otherwise ordeals of airports and scheduling flights. However, this year may have been the most trouble-free trip I've ever made to and throughout a foreign destination.

Commitment to Guyana Christians is only one of my areas of devotion. I still facilitate funds for a Hindi language TV program broadcast from New Delhi, India. Besides that, I edit two Gospel magazines – *The Voice of Truth International* and *Gospel Gazette Online*. It is also my pleasure to serve as one of the elders of the Wildwood, Florida Church of Christ. The workshops, TV programs, Bibles and literature, and the magazines take a lot of money to underwrite, and it always seems to be too much out-go for the income. Though the 2025 expenses for the Hindi TV program have been met, not enough money remains for the 2026 year (\$25,000 annually). We allot \$25,000 each year for the Guyanese workshops, besides another \$6,000 for the TV program. These funds are hard to raise annually, especially in these post-Covid days and due to the graying of the church with a decreasing membership.

Please contact me directly should you have questions or desire to participate with us financially in our ministry at home and abroad. Louis Rushmore, Email: rushmore@gospelgazette.com or Louis' Cell: 662-739-3035. The elders of the Siwell Road Church of Christ, 4075 S. Siwell Road, Jackson, Mississippi 39212 oversee my ministry and missions.

The following pictures from this year's month-long series of workshops throughout Guyana exemplify the Christian brethren who readily welcome our encouragement and edification, and our team of preachers (as well as many other preachers who attended our program). It might surprise many readers to know that though living in a poor country, Guyanese already have adequate clothing, and barrels of clothing being sent by various religious groups end up for sale in the markets. Government services are available throughout the country (e.g., medical treatment, educational opportunities, electricity in most places — some of which are very remote). Revenues from oil drilling have permitted recently a large scale improvement underway for improved infrastructure — new 4-lane roads and widening to 4-lanes roads already in existence. Guyana has world-class malls along the Atlantic coast, populated with familiar international brand names and products. Overall, Guyanese are a happy people and receptive to Christianity.



Our Primary Team

Nigel Milo

Louis Rushmore

Sheldon Jones



Additional Team Members

Wayne Collins

Cy Walker

Preachers & Leaders



Church Buildings



Guyanese Christians & Children





Everyday Living

Martha Rushmore

Since our last newsletter, we have really gone nuts as some have told us. First, I am 76 years, and Louis is 71 years of age. We are not a spring rooster and a spring chick any longer. We moved to Oxford, Florida. It is about twenty-five miles from our home we had in Ocala, Florida. The church building was thirty miles away, and now it is five miles. When living in Ocala, it took us anywhere from 30 minutes to 1½ hours, depending on the traffic. We did these trips three to five times a week, doing church work or fellowshiping with brothers and sisters. Now, we can be at the building within less than 10 minutes.

We love our new home, but moving at our age was a big project. As I packed, I gave away or threw things away. We are still giving away things, especially to children, grandchildren and friends. We will be making a trip later this month to Rebecca's and delivering hand-me-downs (antiques). On this same trip, we will be going to Jackson, Mississippi to visit our sponsoring congregation to give the elders an update on our work. Then, we'll go to the Maywood Missions Retreat for three days. Upon finishing the retreat, we will head home for appointments with doctors.

The second nutty thing we did, so others thought, was get another puppy. Trixie came on February 14th. She was my Valentine's present along with many others from my wonderful husband. We did this so Flossy would have a playmate other than us. We had such a rough time getting any work done, except when she was asleep. Trixie has been a blessing except learning to potty outside. Overall, she has done well. She copies everything Flossy does. They have both been blessings to us. My happiest moments are hearing Louis laughing aloud while playing with the girls. They are so enjoyable.

On November 25th, three 26-foot U-Haul trucks showed up in front of our house in Ocala to load and take everything to Oxford to unload on the 26th. The house, patio and garage all looked like a warehouse. We did get to sleep in our bed that night. We are still unpacking. The garage is still full, but we have had the car in for a short while until Louis got back home from Guyana.

Our house is starting to look like a nice home. We are starting to put things up on the walls. It will still be a month or two before it is completely done. It finally is looking like our home.

Since the move, we still have continued our work with the congregation in Wildwood, Florida. Louis has gone to Guyana for 25 days and worked with the brethren.

On Tuesday mornings, I go to the church building, and we sign and send out cards to the sick, those having birthdays and anniversaries. Some are members of our congregation, some are family and some to non-members we know, some of the cards are just for encouragement to those who

November 2024 — February 2025

| Income | |
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| Foreign Travel | \$14,465.00 |
| North India | \$49,052.16 |
| Rebates/Refunds/Discounts/Resale | \$2,666.07 |
| Literature & Bibles | \$400.00 |
| Contributions | \$20,055.02 |
| Louis & Martha Rushmore | \$5,000.00 |
| Total | \$91,638.25 |
| Expenses | |
| North India TV | \$9,750.00 |
| Guyana Shipping & Distribution | \$1,000.49 |
| Bank Fees | \$1.94 |
| Foreign Travel | \$331.08 |
| Guyana Workshops | \$29,124.50 |
| Medical Expenses | \$5,008.32 |
| Auto Expenses | \$2,862.40 |
| Stateside Travel | \$45.50 |
| Internet (Gospel Gazette Online) | \$690.22 |
| Office (supplies/equipment/software subscriptions/help) | \$2,696.64 |
| Postage/Shipping | \$1.93 |
| Housing | \$14,076.56 |
| Business Telephone | \$81.64 |
| Newsletter | \$1,096.96 |
| Total | \$66,768.18 |

are shut-ins. We then have a short devotion and some of us go to lunch together. Thursday is the one day of the week for play and fellowship and eating for some of the ladies of the church. We have a good time with a lot of laughter.

There are times I should probably stay home and work, but Louis encourages me to go even when I have no desire to go. I usually give in and go. I always have a great time and feel better when I come home. It is an all-day thing. I usually get home in time to fix dinner, or I stop and pick up something for us to eat.

While Louis was in Guyana for the month of February, my granddaughter Kaylynn came and stayed with me. She also helped me housetrain our new puppy. Trixie is doing well, but we hope she will learn faster. I guess this is one place we must learn patience (Galatians 5:24; 1 Peter 2: 6).

Please continue to keep Louis and me in your prayers, as he continues to go to Guyana, South America. He works with brother Nigel Milo and one other Gospel preacher from Guyana. They travel all over most of the country. There are 10

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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).

Scenery



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regions, most of the people of this country have only seen where they live. This is the first time these brethren have seen their country, and these men do enjoy it immensely.

We covet your prayers, and if possible, PLEASE consider helping us financially, so these trips are possible in the future and help continue with the television programs we support in Guyana and in India. Anything you can afford from \$5.00 upwards as much as you would love to donate to the work of the Lord will be useful. Without your help, our work cannot go on. You can give it directly to Louis or me or send the money to the Siwell Road Church of Christ, 4075 South Siwell Road, Jackson, MS 39212.

Thank you in advance for your prayers, encouragement and financial support. We love and appreciate you all. Yours in Christ, Martha