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## Winding Up for Our Fall Asian Mission Trip

Louis Rushmore

Our days of late have been punctuated with surgery, post-op checkup and scheduling appointments stateside and overseas. In between times, we continue to publish *Gospel Gazette Online* and prepare *The Voice of Truth International* for publication, too.

**It is time wind up for our fall Asia mission trip!** We are fine-tuning the details for multiple locations in three countries so far – Myanmar, India and Singapore; we have not heard back from brethren in Sri Lanka and are assuming that we are not going there this time. Bonnie and I plan to leave the USA sometime around the first of October and return to the States before Thanksgiving.

Bonnie and I work foreign missions and the other related activities to which we devote ourselves on a **shoestring budget**. We do not garner enough monthly support throughout the year to make our foreign trips possible, as well as the traveling and speaking, and the writing, the editing and the publishing of tracts, books and magazines that we do. Therefore, it is necessary for us to appeal to brethren far and wide and to brothers and sisters in Christ who read the *Rushmore Newsletter*. We make foreign trips twice a year – a month in Guyana, South America and up to two months in Asian countries, and we can only **take the Gospel light** if the churches of Christ are willing to **send us with the Gospel light**.

As soon as we are able to finalize the details for being in the various places in the several countries, Bonnie and I will need to purchase our airline tickets immediately. At the same time, we will need to make reservations for lodging, too. Hence,

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# June and July Found Us Traveling Far and Wide

Bonnie Rushmore

**June 1 & 2 – Leighton, AL** Louis and I, along with our daughter Rebecca spent Saturday night in the home of Daniel and Joan Counts. As always, they treated us royally. Sunday Louis taught Bible class and preached for the morning and evening worship services at the **Leighton Church of Christ**.

**June 6 & 7 – Piedmont, AL** Once again we headed for AL on Saturday, this time to the home of Bob and Peggy Rogers. The **Highway 9 church of Christ** has helped with our work from the very beginning of our move to Winona and World Evangelism, and the Rogers have always graciously opened their home to us. Louis talked about our work in Bible Class and preached for the morning worship. Following lunch at a local Mexican restaurant with two of the elders and the preacher and their families, Louis steered the car southwest to the **Prattville, AL church of Christ**. Jerry and Mary Cantrell graciously opened their home to us for the night. Louis was given about 10 minutes to speak during their Sunday evening Bible class to a group preparing for a trip to Guyana. After class, we answered questions and further discussed the work in Guyana around a pizza supper. The Cantrells and one of their sons have lived in Guyana and continue to work with the brethren there. It was good to discuss our works and see how we may assist each other in the future.

**June 11 – Littleville, AL** Louis used the Wednesday night Bible class time to update the brethren at the **Littleville Church of Christ** about our work. Instead of driving home, we spent the night in a local motel in preparation for a trip to Vincennes, IN.

**June 12 – 16 Vincennes, IN** We spent most of Thursday driving northwest to the home of Roger and Mary Wright. We were in Vincennes to teach an all day Vacation Bible School on Saturday, and Sunday Louis taught Bible class and preached for the worship services for the **Central Church of Christ**. Friday the Wright's showed us around town, and we picked up supplies for the VBS on Saturday. Friday night, John and Nancy Ford treated us to a wonderful supper at a local farm restaurant. The Wrights' are dear friends, and we thoroughly enjoyed our time with them.

VBS began at 8:30 a.m. and lasted until 3:00 p.m. Our theme was "Bible Geography." Five different classrooms were decorated to depict Egypt, Bethlehem, Nazareth and Cana, Jerusalem, and Rome. In Egypt, we taught the power of God through the ten plagues; in Bethlehem, we taught about the birth of Christ; Nazareth and Cana covered the hometown of Jesus and the first miracle (water to grape juice); in Jerusalem, we talked about the beginning of the church; and in Rome we discussed the perfect time for the Gospel to come to a lost and dying world. In the afternoon, the children participated in an archaeological dig constructed out of sandboxes. The children worked together to discover treasures, marked on a paper where the treasure was found and took pictures of the findings. It was an enjoyable but tiring day for all. Many lives were touched with God's Word.

On our way home on Monday, we stopped in Evansville, IN for a local preachers' meeting where Louis was afforded an opportunity to talk about our work and distribute some free copies of *The Voice of Truth International*. We are grateful to the **Washington St. Church of Christ** for that occasion.

**June 21 – 22 Griffin, GA** Saturday, we travelled a little over seven hours to the home of John and Laura Youmans who hosted us Saturday and Sunday. Since their preacher was on vacation, Louis taught Bible Class and preached for both worship services. Besides giving a report on our work, we spent several hours discussing the work in Guyana with the elders. The **West Side Church of Christ** supports a preacher in Guyana, and they are interested in the work there. Although we had not previously met the Youmans, they made us feel at home with them.

**June 23 – 26 Warner Robbins, GA** Monday morning, we headed for the home of Tim and Betty Childs in Warner Robbins, GA. Wednesday night Louis taught on rearing children in the summer series for the **Warner Robins Church of Christ**. During the day Monday and Tuesday, Louis and I worked on various



office duties (since we travel with our computers, we can accomplish much while away from Winona) while the Childs followed their normal routine. We did steal some time away with Tim and Betty for an enjoyable lunch at Lane's Peach Orchards. As much as we enjoyed the fellowship, it felt good to head toward home Thursday morning.

**June 29 – 30 Bear Creek and Antioch AL** Once again Rebecca was able to go with us on our week-end appointments. Sunday morning we visited with the **Bear Creek Church of Christ** in Bear Creek, AL. Although the attendance was small, the desire of this congregation to encourage and support missionaries is tremendous. Louis talked about our work for Bible class and preached during morning worship. Royce and Helen Mann treated us to lunch at a local eatery, and then we returned to their home for a little while before making our way to the **Antioch Church of Christ** outside of Killen, AL for our evening appointment. Louis spoke about our work during the evening worship, and once again we were enthusiastically received.

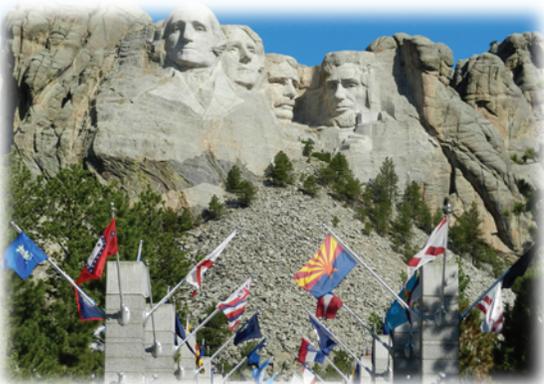
On our way home, we stopped at an Arby's in Florence, AL for supper. When we entered the restaurant, we discovered some with whom we had just worshipped eating there as well. Then, we noticed that most of the patrons in the restaurant were from other congregations of the Lord's church. It was a pleasant, enjoyable time eating in a restaurant with modestly dressed, thoughtful, courteous people who bowed in prayer before eating their food.

**July 2 – Russellville, AL** This Wednesday we met at the meeting house for a fellowship meal and a meeting with the elders of the **North Highlands Church of Christ**. This congregation overseas the work of Nigel and Jasmine Milo in Linden, Guyana. We rely on Nigel's planning and help for our month-long trip to Guyana in February, and we discussed our mutual interest in the work in Guyana. Naturally, we stayed for Bible class, arriving back home around midnight.

**July 6 – Charleston, MS** Sunday morning, we drove a little over an hour north to the **Charleston Church of Christ**. Louis spoke about our work for Bible class and preached during worship.

**July 7 – 8 Team Meeting** The annual **World Evangelism Team Meeting** met in Winona Monday and Tuesday, with some arriving Saturday and some leaving Wednesday morning. About 20 of us gathered for the two days as team members discussed their various works and how we can assist each other in the future. It was a time of fellowship and encouragement for all.

**July 9 – 14 Vacation?** Early Wednesday morning, Rebecca, Louis and I boarded a plane bound for Rapid City, SD.



We arrived in time to gather with the saints at the **Rapid City Church of Christ** for Bible class. After introducing ourselves and talking about our work, the elders decided to have Louis speak to the congregation on Sunday night about our

missionary efforts. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, we visited Mt. Rushmore (yes, the mountain is named after one of Louis' ancestors), Crazy Horse, Custard State Park and the Badlands. We enjoyed our time with the brethren and a few days away. We took our computers, but I don't remember actually doing much work while there.

<b>Rushmore Evangelism Fund: June–July 2014</b>	
Beginning Literature & Bible Balance	\$3,569.16
Income	\$1,069.00
Expenses	-\$1,500.00
<b>Ending Literature &amp; Bible Balance</b>	<b>\$3,138.16</b>
Beginning Foreign Travel Balance	\$329.19
Income	\$0.00
Expenses	-\$0.00
<b>Ending Foreign Travel Balance</b>	<b>\$329.19</b>
Beginning Medical Balance	\$000.00
Income	\$000.00
Transferred from General Fund	\$2,985.06
Expenses	-\$2,985.06
<b>Ending Medical Balance</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Beginning General Fund Balance	\$2,754.90
Contributions	\$12,134.66
Stateside Travel	\$825.00
Hindi TV	\$3,900.00
Auto Expenses	-\$548.26
Stateside Travel	-\$1,361.55
Bank Fees	-\$4.23
Internet	-\$60.00
Office & Misc.	-\$1,114.00
Postage/Shipping	-\$193.24
Housing	-\$925.56
Salary (June–July)	-\$3,000.00
Business Telephones	-\$286.15
Transferred to Medical Fund	-\$2,985.06
Newsletter (printing)	-\$316.00
Hindi TV	-\$3,900.00
Guyana TV	-\$200.00
<b>Ending General Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$4,720.51</b>



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it is imperative that you send your monetary gift as soon as possible to our sponsoring congregation – the Siwell Rd. Church of Christ, 4075 Siwell Rd., Jackson, MS 39212. On the other hand, you can expedite

your contribution by selecting the “Donate” button atop our Internet magazine *Gospel Gazette Online* ([www.gospelgazette.com](http://www.gospelgazette.com)).

Bonnie and I will primarily work with members of the church to improve their Bible knowledge, encourage them and help these Christians shoulder some of the responsibility of evangelizing their own nations (1 Corinthians 3:6; Ephesians 4:12). Even in the organized programs with brethren in mind, often up to half present are non-Christians. In addition, we conduct Gospel meetings – often street meetings in India with especially non-Christians in mind.

Bonnie will be teaching ladies in each of the countries to which we go, and I will teach all comers. Yet, we cannot do that unless you make it possible. Please, prayerfully allow us to put our more than four decades of experience for each of us (80-years combined) to good use for the cause of Christ this fall. 📖

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**July 27 – Indianola, MS** Louis filled in for the local preacher while he was out of town. This little delta congregation, the **Indianola Church of Christ**, is struggling; the attendance was 23 for worship. There were several out of town, and many others were on the sick list (at home and in the hospital). Louis talked about our work for Bible class and preached for both worship services.

On July 20<sup>th</sup>, I had more surgery, this time to repair an incisional hernia – a complication from the Whipple surgery a little over a year ago. We hoped that this would cure the continual pain in the abdomen; however, three weeks after surgery, the pain continues. One possible complication of Whipple surgery is the stomach does not fully empty, thus causing digestive issues. That seems to be the problem I am experiencing. The “cure” is to eat very small amounts of food every two to three hours and never eating until I feel full. I am going to have to work at monitoring my food intake more closely. Rarely do I feel full after eating nor do I feel hungry. Somehow I have to balance food intake and proper nourishment without overdoing it. Easier said than done!

On a brighter note, the follow up with the surgeon shows everything healing just fine, and I can gradually work back to my normal routine as long as I do not lift too much. The Dr. did ask if I slowed down any after the surgery. I guess he knows me too well.

Thanks for all your prayers as Louis and I continue to work for the Lord to the best of our abilities as long as we can! 📖

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