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On the Move! (In More Ways than One)

Martha and I traveled to Florida from Mississippi in December, intending to be with some of her family for the Christmas holidays, before traveling on our annual mission trip to Guyana, South America. We arrived in Ocala, Florida on December 3. Martha and I agreed to look at some homes in Florida, which we did the next day; we viewed 10 houses—two of them twice. We made an offer on one of those two on December 5, and the offer was accepted the following day. Almost to our surprise, the mortgage company as well as all the inspections, etc. were favorable, and we closed on the house on December 31. That night, we slept on the floor atop a mattress; nevertheless, we were moved in—sort of.

New Years Day was our second wedding anniversary, which we spent traveling back to Winona, Mississippi. A few days later, we loaded a 53' tractor-trailer and our utility trailer and headed back to Florida. Frankly, the new home in Florida suddenly looked like a warehouse with bedrooms, after brethren from two congregations of the Lord's church graciously unloaded our belongings into the dwelling.

Before we could put things away, we scurried to the Orlando airport a few days later. We arrived in Georgetown, Guyana, South America late on January 30. All the month of February, Martha and I teamed up with Guyanese brethren Nigel Milo and Samuel Singh to conduct workshops and seminars throughout the 10 regions of the country. Destinations included Linden, New Amsterdam, Port Kaituma, Mabaruma, Westbury, Lethem, Richmond, Georgetown, Paramakatoi, Enmore and Monkey Mountain. Some venues, of course, were approached by automobile or minibus. Most locations, though, required the use of small planes, a ferry or water taxis to access them. We labored among East Indian, Amerindian and Black ethnicities, who happily enjoy harmonious fellowship because they are Christians.

Our **workshops** focused on saving our youth and keeping them loyal to Christ. The workshops edify the general membership of the churches of Christ. Our **seminars** dealt with perennial questions that preachers and other church leaders often entertain from fellow Christians. As such, the seminars are intended to edify preachers and other church workers. Through our workshops and seminars, the team attempts to *water the seed of the kingdom* (1 Corin-



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ans 3:6) and otherwise equip foreign brethren to edify themselves and to evangelize their nation. However, there were two baptisms in the Kaituma River at the Turu Mission Church of Christ and two baptisms in a pool of a highland stream at Monkey Mountain.

We four team members were frequently gone for a week at a time, leaving one site and traveling to another place before returning to our base in Linden. With only a week of clothing apiece, Martha and I paid close attention to planning to ensure we could launder our clothes at week's end before venturing out again, sometimes for another week's outing the very next day.

I still managed to publish, howbeit late, the February edition of *Gospel Gazette Online* as well as periodically to monitor and to attend to email. Lessons that I presented included: "Acts 20:7 and Bible Authority," "Attending a Funeral Service with a False Teacher," "Can a Wife and Mother Work Outside the Home and Be Pleasing to God?" "Days of Unleavened Bread," "Did the Apostle Paul Baptize?" "Letter Killeth," "New Heavens and a New Earth," "Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs," "Were the Apostles Baptized?" "Sinful Nature," "Was Joseph a Widower before Marrying the Mother of Jesus?" "Did Jesus Have Siblings?" "When Did Joseph, the Father of Jesus, Die?" "Current Location of Satan and Demons," "What Is Meant by Being Judged by Idle Words?" "Deacons without Children?" "The Role of Technology in the Destruction of Our Teens," "A Lost Generation," "Youth Ministry Begins in the Home," "Do You Love Jesus?" "The Power of Sin" and "Bible Characters Who Served God." Martha also taught sundry lessons to ladies in the various settings in which we conducted the workshops and seminars; in addition, she taught about three dozen children one dark night on an elevated porch of a humble abode in Monkey Mountain.



Two planes dropped out of the sky in Guyana while we were there. I took pictures of one of those airplanes as it landed at Paramakatoi, and I saw it take off later. Aboard was the pilot, a policeman and the body of an Adventist missionary who fell while climbing a neighboring mountain. The pilot survived with a broken jaw, and the policeman escaped injury. The second small plane that went down was carrying cargo and took the life of its pilot; it is not uncommon for small aircraft in Guyana to crash in the jungle, particularly if they are carrying too much or insufficiently secured cargo. We waited most of a day at our last venue to be retrieved by a small aircraft. It had landed at Paramakatoi, and the pilot could not get the engine restarted. A mechanic had to be flown to the mountain village to repair the plane, and then ride with it from there on. Then, it picked the four of us up at Monkey Mountain and flew us to Mahdia, a gold mining town in the bush. Finally, we flew the same little plane back to the Atlantic coast. God was with us. 📖

Guyana's Counterpart to Antioch of Syria

The Paramakatoi Church of Christ in the mountains of Guyana near the border with Brazil is, in my estimation, the Guyanese counterpart to the first century congregation of the Lord's church in Antioch of Syria. Antioch became the launching pad from which evangelistic teams took the Gospel of Christ to Gentiles and Jews throughout the Mediterranean and into Europe. Likewise, Paramakatoi brethren, with neither American money nor American encouragement, have taken the Gospel charge seriously enough that they have for years now been walking one to three days one way to reach other villages with God's Word. Last year, through the generosity of American Christians and congregations of the Lord's church, we were able to provide Paramakatoi Christians with a robust ATV to more easily reach the distant points to which they are taking the Gospel. Four men trained in a school of preaching in Le- them and who reside in Paramakatoi share responsibilities respecting the use of the ATV. Not only members of the church in other villages, but Catholics and denominational



3 people urgently desire our brethren to bring to them the truth of God's Word. The demand far exceeds the ability to fulfill the requests. Aside from working through the requests for in-person teaching and preaching, we need to provide an ample supply of tracts on timely subjects to help reach precious souls in a remote part of the earth. Whole congregations among the Catholics and the denominations may be won to Christ! 📖

Just Moved Our Bedroom

Though Martha and I moved our residence from Winona, Mississippi to Ocala, Florida, we are still very much a part of the World Evangelism Team. We look forward to continuing our participation in the production of the quarterly magazine *The Voice of Truth International* and the monthly Internet journal *Gospel Gazette Online*. We are still making overseas mission trips to South America and to Asia, and we are still traveling stateside, whereupon I speak to the churches of Christ about mission work and present biblical lessons. The elders of the Siwell Road Church of Christ in Jackson, Mississippi are still our overseers regarding our mission labors, and we look forward to that cherished relationship indefinitely. We are thankful for them, as well as for all our supporters who make what we do possible. 📖

Amerindian Mentoring Ministry

Brother Thomas George continues to mentor 14 congregations of the Lord's church in the bush—further *off the grid* than he is outside of Moco Moco, Guyana, South America. He and we voluntarily cooperate with each other. Through your generosity, last year, we were able to provide him a used motorcycle, fuel and maintenance for a year. This year, we passed on to him unsolicited personal gifts from some of you, as well as funds for fuel and maintenance for 2019. Brother George is also an instructor at the school of preaching in Lethem. My relationship with this humble and godly servant is such that I felt warm all over as I walked into the classroom whereupon I heard his voice and saw him as he taught preacher students and their wives. Please remember this fellow laborer in your daily prayers. 📖

The Rushmore's Rush More

Martha Rushmore

We left Winona, Mississippi on Saturday, December 1, for DeFuniak Springs, Florida so Louis could give lessons at two different congregations in that city on Sunday. We had a very good day. After the evening service, Louis took me on a horse and wagon ride around the lake, which was decorated with lights for the Christmas season. It was very beautiful. As some of you know, I love looking at lights and water.

On the 3rd, we headed to Ocala to spend some of the winter and the holidays with my son Jim and his family. On our way to Ocala, we stopped to see Louis' son Robert and took him to supper. As usual, I did a dumb thing. I reached for my iced tea glass, and instead, I picked up the ketchup bottle and stuck it in my mouth {Yuck}. All I could do was laugh. Before we left the restaurant, I told the waitress she might want to change the lid of the ketchup bottle. She looked at me as if I was nuts, and so I had to explain things to her, and of course, she had a good laugh. We, then, said our goodbyes to Robert and headed for our destination in Ocala.

On Tuesday, we made arrangements with a realtor to look at houses the following day. On Wednesday, we were off and looking. We looked at several houses (eight we selected and two the realtor added). We saw two houses we really liked. The first was more spacious, but we were afraid it might have some unforeseen problems. So, we chose the smaller, because it was in better shape and the neighborhood was very nice. It is also about four miles from shopping and eateries. We signed papers to purchase the house on December 6, and on December 31st, we signed for the house and got the keys. Since I told a funny on me, I will tell on Louis. When we got to the house, we looked and looked for the keys to the front door, which we had received only 30 minutes before. Finally, Louis found them in one of his pockets.

We spent our 1st night in our new home sleeping on a mattress in the dining room. Up early on January 1, 2019 (our 2nd anniversary), we headed to Winona, Mississippi to start packing. We forgot



how much work was involved with packing and moving. On Wednesday the 3rd, my son Bob, and on Thursday the 4th, Louis' daughter Rebecca came to help us pack and load a 53-foot tractor-trailer. Bob, who drives for Wooster Motorways, had brought his truck down with a load of plastic that went somewhere in Grenada, Mississippi. We packed things at the office and the house. On Friday, Louis, Rebecca and Bob made a 16-foot ramp that we used to take furniture, appliances, boxes and anything else that was coming to Ocala up into the trailer. We loaded what we could on Saturday and finished loading on Monday the 7th with the help of brothers from the West President Church of Christ and the Old Union Church of Christ, as well the assistance of Jerry and Paula Bates, our coworkers. Bob headed out for Florida, and we spent the night with the Bates, before also heading out early on Tuesday the 8th. We were and are still trying to get two houses into one. We have given away and thrown away things, keeping what we thought we wanted in Florida.

We got up early the next day to get on the road, with the van and a 5 x 8-foot utility trailer crammed to the brim, almost ready to burst. We stopped at Robert's to drop off a few things for him and then took him to supper. We said our see-you-laters (I do not like goodbyes) and headed to Ocala. We arrived at our new house after dark.

Bob got to the house early about 8:00 a.m., and we started unloading. Brothers from the Wildwood and Central churches of Christ as well as my son Jim came to help; they were great lifesavers. Our garage and our house looked like warehouses. We spent three nights in the spare bedroom because we could not find our bedroom for all the boxes, etc. We worked feverishly trying to get as much done as possible because we had plane tickets for our 5-week trip to Guyana, South America. We felt like we had accomplished quite a lot before leaving on January 30.

I feel our trip was very successful. We edified brethren, and of course, they were very encouraging to us. While in Guyana, we visited and worked with these different churches of Christ in most regions of the country: Amelia's Ward (Linden), Mabaruma Settlement, Mabaruma Hill, Estate, Turu Mission, Paramakatoi, Monkey Mountain, Enmore, New Amsterdam, Richmond and Westbury.

Our team for this mission trip was Nigel Milo, Samuel Singh, Louis and me. We all worked together as a unit. Glory be to God. Brother Milo coordinates all the congregational appointments, times, where we will stay, the planes, the boats, the taxis and his car.

We did have one bad day for electronics in Guyana. Louis left his tablet on the plane when we got off at Paramakatoi. (It flew all over Guyana more than we did, but at least, it was free!) That same day, I broke the lens on my phone. We got the lens fixed but did not know the camera would not focus. It is on my list for repair.

Louis says he takes me along for bug bait. I did my job quite well this time. While we were in Monkey Mountain one night, somehow, I got out from under the mosquito net and was at the foot of the bed. How I got at the foot of the bed with no net I do not know. The mosquitos had a feast at my expense. My back was all chewed up. At least I did my job!

Evangelism Fund: November 2018—February 2019	
Income	
Literature & Bibles	\$2,930.00
Foreign Travel	\$16,335.00
Contributions	\$19,585.00
Stateside Travel	\$665.00
North India Fund	\$25,000.00
Book Sales	\$65.68
Rebates/Discounts/Refunds/Resale	\$61.64
Total	\$64,642.32
Expenses	
Foreign Travel (General)	\$1,778.70
Guyana Shipping & Distribution	\$1,500.00
Guyana Mentoring Ministry	\$450.00
Guyana Workshop & Seminars	\$21,789.14
India Literature Misc.	\$4,000.00
Oriya Language Magazine	\$600.00
North India	\$15,600.00
Medical Expenses	\$1,097.67
Auto Expenses	\$3,114.96
Stateside Travel	\$1,081.93
Bank Fees	\$11.90
Internet (Gospel Gazette Online)	\$268.60
Office (supplies/equipment/software subscriptions/help)	\$1,332.26
Postage/Shipping	\$591.66
Housing (including moving expenses)	\$12,515.86
Salary (Jan- Feb)	\$500.00
Business Telephone	\$394.97
Newsletter	\$1,116.94
Business Expenses	\$66.62
Total	\$67,811.21

We always enjoy our trip to Guyana. We renew many friendships and make new friends along the way. I especially enjoy the little ones. My favorite classes were at Monkey Mountain, when I had about 36 children, and Enmore, where I taught over 100 women. These ladies and children interacted with the lessons very well. At the end of the children's class, I had two youths tell me they wanted to be baptized—not because of me, but they had been taught by their Sunday school teacher. What a blessing! I sent them off to talk with the preacher, and baptisms were set up for 6:30 a.m. the next morning. Praise God. On this trip, we had three sisters and one brother added to the Lord's church. (Two ladies were baptized in Port Kaituma.)



We flew back home on March 4; my son Jim met us at the Orlando (MCO) International Airport. We arrived home about 4:00 that Monday afternoon. It was wonderful being home in Ocala, Florida. We went to the grocery store, as we had no food in the house.

Up Tuesday, we started catching up on mail, emails, changing addresses on accounts and anything else that needed done. We have worked very hard at getting the house set up. It has come a long way, but we still have a long way to go.

On Friday the 8th, we picked up Rebecca at the airport, and on Saturday, Robert came down for a visit. These two young'uns have more than made our job much easier. Robert is so tall, and our ceilings are 16 feet



high, so he had all the high things to do. (Yes, he still needed a ladder sometimes.) He also treated our lawn. We put up things in the living room, a bedroom, a bathroom and Louis' office. We really had a good day, even though we did a lot of work.

My son Jim has come over and helped us on his days off. We both have wonderful and thoughtful children (middle-aged adults). Thank you all for your encouraging words, prayers and any financial help. We could not do what we do without you. Praise and glory be to God. 📖

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