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Moving Forward

Louis Rushmore

The year 2020 has been a chaotic time in so many ways, especially regarding the worldwide pandemic. Consequently, Martha and my annual mission trip to Asian nations did not take place. Even now, uncertainties remain regarding the coming year of 2021. Only time, should God so permit, will tell how things will be in the coming year.

Nevertheless, Martha and I need to make plans **immediately** for our yearly 4 to 6-week mission trip to Guyana, South America. In 2020, we left the USA on January 31 and returned on March 2. So, you see, our 2021 departure is rapidly approaching.

It is impossible for us to do what we do in our ministry without the financial participation of congregations and Christian families. At your earliest convenience, please make your check payable to the Siwell Road Church of Christ and mark "Rushmore mission trip" on the memo line. Send it to the Siwell Road Church of Christ, 4075 S. Siwell Rd., Jackson, MS 39212.

Also, please do us this favor. Be an advocate for Martha and me by approaching on our behalf the eldership or leaders of your local congregation or other churches of Christ with which you are familiar. This simple act has proven to be helpful in the past.

The cost of the annual workshops we conduct throughout the 10 regions of Guyana runs between \$20,000 and \$22,000. Two Guyanese preachers and I preach and teach across the country, primarily edifying Christians – helping to strengthen Christian families and contributing to congregational maturity. Martha teaches ladies and children.

We covet your prayers and welcome your participation through your gracious gifts. God bless you, and may God's name be glorified. 📖

Snapshot of Guyana, South America

Louis Rushmore

About 90% of Guyana's population lives in 10% of the country along the coast of the Atlantic Ocean. The remaining 10% of the population lives scattered throughout 90% of the jungles and the mountains. Due to limited infrastructure of highways and bridges, coupled with meager economics, most Guyanese are little familiar with their own nation.

There are approximately 100 churches of Christ in Guyana with a few less preachers than that. Though there is friction between the three largest ethnicities (i.e., East Indians – descendants of indentured servants from India, those of African descent and the indigenous Amerindians), I have never observed racism **within** the Lord's church among brothers and sisters in Christ. For that, I'm very happy and commend our brethren.

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It's time that our Guyanese brethren do for themselves what they can. The church has been present there now for several decades. Martha and I devote ourselves to helping Guyanese Christians and their congregations come of age and mature. 📖

Times of Spring, Summer and Fall

Martha Lynn Rushmore

We got back from Guyana on March 2, 2020. The coronavirus hit just after that. Then, everywhere and everything was shut down. We could go nowhere except doctor appointments, Lowe's and grocery stores. As you know, it was the same for all the United States and other countries as well. Some are still shut down, such as India and Myanmar. These are two of the countries to which we go in September and October. Therefore, it was impossible for us to travel to these Asian nations.

The worst things were not being able to assemble for worship and to be with brethren. We missed spiritual and physical fellowship with other Christians. Yet, we were able to worship our God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24) in our home – sometimes with my children and grandchildren present, too. Per the example in Acts 20:7 and additional New Testament passages (e.g., 1 Corinthians 14:15; 16:1-2), we observed the five acts of Christian worship.

While at home in our little paradise, as Louis would say, we worked on *The Voice of Truth International*, *Gospel Gazette Online* and sermon books Louis has written. I wrote articles, worked on the "Word Find" for the VOTI and started a card ministry. I made calls to some of the families of two congregations. We also made little encouragement bags for each family in two congregations. Those that were left, I gave to my sister, and she changed out the wording from the Wildwood church of Christ to the congregation where she attends in Ohio.

Besides working on church work, we did a lot of manual labor around the house – plus a lot of housework. I do not know what I would do without my sweet husband. Louis has tried to catch up his "Honey-do-List." He has worked on electrical outlets, electric fans, on our walls filling in holes, sanding and painting the places he repaired on the walls, hanging new pictures and many more things we found that needed to be done.

During this time, Louis also kept up with the yard work – mowing, trimming, edging, weeding, poisoning weeds and fertilizing the lawn. Additionally, he tried to deter snakes, armadillos, geckos and the big palmetto bugs. So far, he has done well with the snakes and the armadillo.

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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 literature & Bibles.
- Here is my (our) gift of \$ _____ toward overseas travel & missions.
- Here is my (our) gift of \$ _____ to print the Telugu book about the Godhead.
- Here is my (our) gift of \$ _____ to print Telugu tracts.
- Here is my (our) gift of \$ _____ for Hindi TV Guyana TV webpage.
- 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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Mail to the Rushmores' overseeing congregation:
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With the help of our grandson, Shawn, Louis and he laid white rock in the front flower beds, then put mulch in the flower beds in the backyard. Louis taught Shawn how to run the riding mower and how to trim the bushes in the front of the house. Louis and Shawn make good working companions. Louis loves to teach, and Shawn is like a sponge, wanting to learn. Louis says I am to put on his gravestone, "The Yardman did a great job." Ha ha, I do not think so!

On Sunday, November 1, we left for Jackson, Mississippi. Louis and I both had dentist appointments on Tuesday. We arrived on Monday evening at the home of Andy and Dana Dulaney. They were our hosts and very great ones. On Wednesday evening before Bible study, Louis and I met with the elders, and Louis gave a report of our Guyana trip and what we have done since until now.

After Bible study, we headed to Winona, Mississippi to the home of Betty Choate, one of our fellow workers at World Evangelism. We arrived about 10:30 p.m. We visited for a couple hours with pie, ice cream and, of course, Diet Coke.

The next morning, we had a good breakfast and headed to the office. Two other coworkers, Shane and Emily Fisher – a young couple – came to Winona the week after Louis and I moved to Ocala, Florida. We spent the morning working with them. Betty and Emily provided lunch. Delicious! After lunch, Louis worked with Shane and Emily on how *The Voice of Truth International* is laid out and how he does the articles and pictures. I went downstairs to count tracts and sort into piles of 25, banding them together and putting them back in the proper boxes.

We did not get to visit with Jerry and Paula Bates. They were in Louisiana helping hurricane victims. What a good work.

We left Winona about 3:00, heading for Collierville, Tennessee to spend a few days with Rebecca (Louis' daughter). We had a very enjoyable visit. On Saturday, Louis and Rebeca completed a lot of little odd jobs that needed done around her home. Rebecca is very handy, but it makes her dad feel good to help his daughter with things she is not able to do or do by herself, such as working with electricity and putting in storm windows in the doors. They had many good accomplishments that day.

On Sunday, we went to the Collierville Church of Christ for morning Bible study and worship. It was good to see the brothers and sisters again.

We left Rebecca's about 7:10 a.m. on Monday for Ocala, Florida. We traveled to Marianna, Florida and spent the night there. For supper, we went to the Po-Folks restaurant. Then, Louis and I returned to the motel for the night.

On Tuesday morning, we headed home. We arrived at the house about 3:00 p.m. It was a good week, but it is good to be home. We have many things to do now to get things in order again, plus we have several doctor appointments this week.

We covet your prayers for us to continue our trips to Guyana, South America and to Asian countries. Also, pray things get better so we can start making visits to different congregations in the states. Without your prayers and financial help, we could not continue to do the work of the Lord in which we are involved.

We love you all and pray for you daily. Please continue to pray for our country in this turmoil through which it is going. Remember, no matter how things go, God is in control! 📖

Evangelism Fund: July 2020 – October 2020	
Income	
Book Sales	\$50.00
Rebates/Refunds/Discounts/Resale	\$7.20
Literature & Bibles	\$15,035.00
Contributions	\$27,073.33
Total	\$42,165.53
Expenses	
India Literature	\$11,600.00
Guyana Literature Shipping & Distribution	\$630.00
Literature & Bibles	\$6,299.25
Guyana Literature & Bibles	\$456.92
Medical Expenses	\$2,374.56
Auto Expenses	\$4,369.31
Stateside Travel	\$44.33
Bank Fees	\$10.00
Internet (Gospel Gazette Online)	\$1,436.62
Office (supplies/equipment/software subscriptions/help)	\$2,568.57
Postage/Shipping	\$527.74
Housing	\$16,619.46
Business Telephone	\$558.99
Newsletter	\$809.79
Total	\$48,305.54



“...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).

Not Idle

Louis Rushmore

Though not permitted to travel internationally and hindered from much travel stateside, the pandemic has not resigned Martha and me to idleness. A plea from India for thousands of books and tracts in the Telugu language, and mentioning that in our last newsletter, resulted in over \$10,000 being received and dispensed to our foreign brethren for those projects. In addition, donors came forward to provide for literature to be printed in another language of India – Tamil. Also, tons of literature – Bibles, books and tracts – were shipped to Guyana, South America. They are being distributed to most of the congregations in that nation.

It is also time to dispense nearly \$18,000 for an Indian television program in the Hindi language. Is this something with which you can help?

Work continues daily on the two magazines:

The Voice of Truth International and **Gospel Gazette Online**. VOTI is a quarterly printed magazine of 114 pages, and GGO is a monthly Internet magazine. Both journals circulate around the world. I edit and lay out both of them.

Besides that, I continue to write and bring books to publication. Recently, volumes 2 and 3 of **Preaching the Whole Counsel of God to the Whole World** came from the printers. Other of my books and tracts that are in print presently are **Biblical Companions: Geography, Archaeology & Sacred History**; **Christianity: An Explanation**; **No Hermeneutical Gymnastics, Please!**; **The Parables of Our Lord**, Vols. 1 & 2; **The Spirit Summarized**; **Beverage Alcohol**; **Bible Geography**; **Biblical Diversity**; **The Church Divine**; **The Cost of Discipleship**; **Digging Up the Past**; **James: Everyday Living for Christ**; **Job's Journey to Know God**; **Noble Ladies: Class Studies in Ruth & Esther** and 16 tracts. These may be acquired in the States by following the “Store” link in the masthead of **Gospel Gazette Online**: (www.GospelGazette.com).

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