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2026 Guyanese Workshops

Louis Rushmore

The 2026 World Evangelism Media & Missions Guyanese Workshops concluded on February 23. Accompanying me this year from the USA were coworkers Shane and Emily Fisher. We left together from the Orlando International Airport on January 30 for Guyana, South America, and we returned to the States on February 24. Shane and Emily had arrived at our home two days before our departure date. We three turned our attention to the next two upcoming editions of *The Voice of Truth International* magazine prior to embarking on our mission trip and during moments we could take during the mission trip. We were multitasking! We definitely were not on vacation.

During the 26 days of our mission trip, we took our annual workshops to nine venues from coastal communities to remote interior villages. Attendance represented 48 congregations and 603 attendees; speakers presented 52 workshop lessons. Shane and I, along with our Guyanese fellow preacher Vijay Tejpaul, preached at each of the locations; sister Emily spoke at a ladies' day attended by hundreds of sisters in Christ, as well as for ladies' classes at some of our workshops. Shane and I taught Bible class or preached on Sundays at two congregations, too. Shane, Vijay and I also preached at one Gospel meeting. We seized upon every opportunity to be used for our Lord and for brethren across the nation.

Brother Nigel and sister Jasmine Milo hosted us in their home on weekends and sometimes additional days, too. He also made all of the arrangements for the workshops (e.g., transportation, lodging, meals, workshop schedules). Nigel is the face and the facilitator of our nationwide workshops each year, without whom the workshops could not happen. At other times of the year (and even during the workshop schedule) he receives and coordinates distribution of *The Voice of Truth International* to the churches and to the public across the country.

The names of the places to which we traveled won't mean much to most who read our newsletter, but they span from the coast across mighty rivers, rainforests, mountains and to the borders of Surinam, Brazil and Venezuela. In the following order, we took the workshops to seven regions (states) when traveling to the communities of Kaituma Mouth, Mabaruma, Richmond, Culvert City, Yupukari, Monkey Mountain, Inverness, Kildonan and Linden. We had a several hour layover in Mahdia, too.



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We traveled by small bus, car, boats and small planes. Sometimes the amenities along the way ranged from good to excellent, while on other occasions there weren't really any contemporary facilities and we roughed it—something better to muse about afterward than during the experience.

Everywhere we went, brethren were extremely pleased that we came their way. It wasn't about numbers, for even small, remote congregations desperately need encouragement and edification.

The theme this year for the workshops was drawn from Colossians 3:1-17, "If you then be risen with Christ." Each presenter made careful preparation and thoughtful presentation of his or her individual topics related to the theme. On our team this year, each team member, was a stellar and fruitful servant of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We worked together perfectly and grew to love and appreciate each other more and more as the weeks and their days came and went. Some of the brethren I admire the most for their works' sake are preachers in Guyana, and I've come to love Shane and Emily so much more than before since now we worked and continue to work so closely with each other.

In the last newsletter, I boldly announced the need to raise tens of thousands of dollars for the works in which I engage—including the Guyana workshops. This is the first time that I can recall in all the years I've been a missionary that the funds were available when they needed to be disbursed. I was able to facilitate funds (because of gracious donors) for a year of TV programs from New Delhi, India in the Hindi language, a year of TV programs from Georgetown, Guyana in the English language and send ahead the tens of thousands of dollars for the Guyanese workshops. Funds are still needed for shipping Bibles and literature, for printing literature in India in various languages and for purchasing large print Bibles for Guyana.

Praise be to God and may He be always glorified. Praise and thanks likewise goes to conscientious Christians that through their financial participation with us make what we do possible. God bless! 📖

Whirlwind

Martha Rushmore

Things have been hectic for the past few months. It appears there are not enough hours in the day. Have any of you felt that way? I am sure you have, and I know we have 24-hour days just like everyone else. I think a lot of it is I am getting older and much slower. I do not like to admit that I am getting older; I am just 77 years young. LOL

In November and December, we had four Thanksgivings and Christmases with family. It all started on November 1st. I started decorating for the Christmas holiday season. Friends from church came and helped me with different things. I had a brilliant idea to decorate the kitchen cabinets with ribbons and bows. I had to have help because I did not know how to make bows. We had an enjoyable time eating, laughing and working. It is wonderful having Christian friends. Of course, Louis got most of the totes down for me, especially the heavy ones. We did not get as much done as I had hoped, but it was alright. I continued to decorate until December 21st.

On November 13th, my youngest son, Bryan, and his wife, Melissa came for the week off and on. They live in Ohio. We decided that on the 14th we would have our holiday meal and open gifts. My son Jim and his family came to be with us for the good family time. They live about 35 minutes away in Ocala, Florida. It was great having the boys and their families here. We do not get enough time together.

On November 21st, after two appointments, we headed to Newark, Ohio to Louis's son, Raymond and his wife Crystal's for our 2nd Thanksgiving and Christmas. Rebecca met us there, and we three stayed a week with Raymond and family.

Our trip took much longer than normal because two four-legged furry family members, Flossy and Trixie, came along. We were almost to our destination and Flossy got very sick in the car. We had to stop along the road and clean up the mess as best we could. Luckily, we carry a roll of paper towels with us when we travel. It was also good that my sweet, smart husband covered all the Christmas gifts with a plastic tablecloth. The trip was **STINKY**



the rest of the way. It was so wonderful to get out of the car.

While there, Crystal and I went shopping on a quick run to Target. I also was privileged to go to our youngest granddaughter's basketball practice. Emmy is six. It was so fun to watch all those little ones learning the game. They were so cute running and bouncing and chasing the loose basketballs.

We had a feast on Thanksgiving Day. Raymond did a turkey in the oil fryer, and he also baked one in the oven. He and Crystal made a feast fit for a king; the food was delicious!

We had planned to go to Jamestown, Pennsylvania, but there was a snowstorm coming. So, we headed south to home instead. We had very little snow and were very thankful. The day after we arrived home, Crystal sent pictures of the family playing in 5 inches of snow. They were having a ball, better than us. I do not want to be in that cold weather and snow any more than necessary.

We have become true Floridians; our blood is thin, and we freeze when it gets below 60, at least I do. I used to make fun of those from the south when it was in the 60's and they had winter coats and gloves on. Now that we have lived in Florida for over seven years, I do not make fun anymore; I understand.

In the meantime, my granddaughter, Kaylynn moved in with us. She loves the church family in Wildwood. She jumped right in with both feet working with the church. She has also been a great asset to Louis and me. She is collaborating with me to keep the house in good order. We try to clean something every day. She has been a wonderful blessing helping with the puppies. This is another reason she wanted to move in with us.

On December 22nd, Robert and his wife, Alina, with three children and a boyfriend came for our third family get-together. Jim and family were supposed to come, but they were sick, so they stayed home. Of course, Kaylynn was still here. She wanted to go back and be with her family but not while they were sick. We took her back to Ocala on the 24th. She was a happy camper to be with dad, mom and siblings.

On December 25th, Jim, Densie and the three grandchildren came for our fourth Christmas dinner and opening gifts. Jim felt better, after having been ill for several days. I made a turkey and ham, the traditional dinner, with Denise bringing her delicious homemade noodles. I tried to cut back on food this year, but we still had a lot of leftovers. I sent some home with them.

In between all these dinners with family, we had an adult Christmas party



September 2025 – February 2026	
Income	
Foreign Travel	\$21,900.00
Stateside Travel	\$350.00
Rebates/Refunds/Discounts	\$2,330.58
Literature & Bibles	\$900.00
Reimbursement	\$10,961.68
Contributions	\$46,632.17
Louis & Martha Rushmore	\$9,000.00
Total	\$92,074.43
Expenses	
North India TV	\$17,550.00
Guyana Shipping & Distribution	\$2,174.82
Bank Fees	\$7.81
Foreign Travel	\$4,218.85
Guyana Workshops	\$25,000.00
Medical Expenses	\$7,0219.59
Auto Expenses	\$2,104.24
Stateside Travel	\$688.77
Internet (Gospel Gazette Online)	\$946.00
Office (supplies/equipment/software subscriptions/help)	\$2,201.47
Postage/Shipping	\$1.70
Housing	\$18,607.05
Business Telephone	\$130.00
Newsletter	\$794.53
Guyana TV	\$6,000.00
Guyana Love Offering	\$1,000.00
Guyana Additional Resources	\$1,005.97
Business Entertainment	\$212.20
Total	\$89,673.00



"...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).

with the church family. I also invited some friends from the congregation for meals and games, since the house was festive and clean. It is great having friends in from church. I enjoy entertaining.

After our Wednesday evening classes, we had a New Year's Eve get-together. We had plenty of food and games. Unfortunately, by 10:00 all were gone because of not wanting to be out when those who drink and drive are on the roads. It was a fun time even though we did not get to bring 2026 in together.

When we got home and unloaded the car, I laid down and turned on the TV to watch the ball drop. I fell asleep, and the ball dropped anyway. It did not wait for me to wake up. Oh, well!

We went to MCO airport in Orlando near the end of January to pick up Shane and Emily Fisher from Winona, Mississippi. They arrived about noon, and Shane was to give a PowerPoint presentation of their missionary work. The church at Wildwood helps support them. They are very good workers for the Lord and His church.

On Thursday, I had some of the ladies in from church for game day. We do this just about every Thursday at different homes. We had a great time. Shane and Emily played with us. Louis had an elder's meeting, and so he was gone until early afternoon. I made a good supper, and another younger couple were here also. It was a good day all around. We are so blessed by our Father in Heaven.

Departure day, Friday, January 30th. We left for the (MCO) Orlando International Airport at 11:00 for a 3:00 flight to Miami and then onto Georgetown, Guyana, South America. I missed Louis being gone before he left. I know this is an important job, but I wanted to go so badly, but unfortunately, I have trouble walking very far. There is a lot of walking on this missionary trip. So, I stayed home with the puppies. Kaylynn was here with me to help keep me straight. She had her work cut out for her!

Louis left on Friday and on Monday, I was in the doctor's office with ear problems. Then on Wednesday, I was back in the doctor's office with bronchitis, some flu strain and sinusitis. I was so sick. I did not get to go to worship for two weeks. I was in bed most of the time. I would get up and try to get work done when I felt good. I had big plans to get a lot done while Louis was gone.



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Well, those plans went by the wayside.

On Monday, January 10th, Bryan and Melissa came to spend a week with me. I was so sick, I did not get to do much with them. On Wednesday morning, I felt good, and so we went to breakfast. Before we got home right after eating, I was sick. They had to do whatever they wanted on their own. I was not a particularly good hostess.

Finally, I started feeling better, and I was trying to get my work caught up that I intended to do while Louis was away. I did well with help from my good friends from church. We got two rooms spring housecleaned, walls washed and everything done to my satisfaction. I also made a big dent to get our office cleaned. I am slowly working on it still. It looks good even though not done.

Louis got home on February 24th. Kaylynn, Flossy, Trixie and I met him at the airport. It was quite a reunion for Louis and the girls. I was so happy he was home. Since his return, we have had doctor's appointments one after another. Things go on at the church regularly. Such is life. "Lo and behold," as my mom used to say. I thought when I retired I would have so much spare time. This is not so; oh, well, it is a good life, and God has blessed Louis and me much more than we deserve. We are very thankful for all our blessings.

Without your prayers and financial support, our work for the Lord and His church would not be possible. We are always in need of financial help. The Lord has blessed us; when things look grim, you seem to always come through for us and our work. Thank you for all you do, and thank you in advance for all your help. God Bless You All. 