



# RUSHMORE NEWSLETTER

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## Burma and Beyond!

By Louis Rushmore

In the middle of October 2008, Bonnie and I will leave for Burma (Myanmar) and India, where we will spend several weeks teaching the Gospel to many hundreds, day and night. I will teach Christian leaders several hours daily in a Bible school while in Burma, and I will preach at several churches of Christ, including throughout India. We anticipate high temperatures and 100% humidity.

We go to serve Christ and glorify the Father. We go to edify brothers and sisters in Christ as well as to convert non-Christians with the Gospel. We can only go if you and others like you enable us to go by providing financial support. When we go, you who help us financially participate with us on the foreign field. When we lead souls to Christ, though a world away from where you live, it is as though with your own hands that they are baptized.

Can we depend on you (can the Lord depend on you) to financially underwrite the Great Commission in our day? If you can help, please put your check in the enclosed envelope and mail it as soon as possible. (Write "Fall Mission Trip" on the memo line of your check.)

## A Day at the Office

By Bonnie Rushmore

Our day at the office usually begins by nine a.m. with someone going to the Post Office to retrieve the day's mail. With the Bates in India for seven weeks, that responsibility falls upon Louis or me. Monday, Wednesday and Friday Eulene Ramsey comes in to help with the accounting. She says she is going to retire, but it appears as though she just cannot stay away. So, at 86 years old, three days a week, she comes to the office for an hour or two.

The phone rings throughout the day. Sometimes someone is calling to order books. Occasionally, an overseas preacher calls to discuss the work or to make a request of needed materials and funds. Many times the calls are from friends and acquaintances of J.C. and Betty wishing to offer words of encouragement and comfort since the death of J.C. on February 1.

Address databases for *Voice of Truth International* (Stateside and Foreign), *House To House* and newsletters need updated and maintained. Currently, 1000 to 1500 copies of the book *Beverage Alcohol* are waiting to be bound and trimmed. Several other books are waiting to be printed. Articles, in various stages of readiness for future use in *Voice of Truth International*, are waiting to be formatted. Monthly newsletters and financial reports need to be prepared and mailed.

Once a month fifteen to twenty-five team members and missionaries gather in Winona for two days to discuss the upcoming School of Missions and other aspects of our work. During this time, meals and lodging are provided in the homes of team members residing in Winona for those visiting. Dennis Larson arrived a few days early for the last two meetings to help with the com-

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puter databases. I cannot adequately express my appreciation for his hard work in fine-tuning the databases to save us time and aggravation. While these meetings infringe on the time needed to complete various projects, the fellowship and devotion are encouraging and uplifting.

How do we remember what needs to be done and complete each task on time? We have a 5 x 7 foot white board with various projects listed. As one project is completed, it is erased. Many times more items are added before others are erased. Currently, the board is covered with projects needing someone's attention. As you can imagine, occasionally, we fall behind and some things are not completed on time. We try to keep current, but daily life and travel to supporting congregations lessens time spent in the office. Ours is not strictly a nine to five work even when we are in the office, as necessity may require we stay to seven, nine-thirty or ten p.m., or to whatever hour it takes; Betty may work through the night into the next day. 


## Trip Talk

By Louis Rushmore

Bonnie and I have traveled nearly 10,000 miles in December, January and February, an average of about 3,300 miles per month. Nearly all of these miles driven were to enable us to acquaint Christians and congregations with the urgency of evangelizing the world with the Gospel of Christ. We have met with elders and Christians on Sunday s and Wednesdays. In February, these journeys have taken us to churches in Piedmont, AL; Collinsville, AL; Holly Springs, MS; Andalusia, AL; Demopolis, AL; Elliott, MS and Jackson, MS. In addition, we attended the Freed-Hardeman Lectures in Henderson, TN, where I also had an opportunity to speak on the mission forum.

We have encountered good weather and bad; long, long hours in the car and late night/early morning drives home. On one of those days with the help of the car radio and a road atlas, we selected our route, and altered it as necessary, to navigate through extremely bad weather; we retreated from a westward route and turned north to avoid one tornado, only to turn west later to avoid the tornado that hit Prattville, AL.

Anyone interested in going for a drive? As I write this, it is a warm, sunny day as Bonnie and I travel the short 3 ½ hour drive of the first leg of a

journey that will return us to Winona, MS in the wee, dark hours six days later. 


## J.C. Choate Crosses the Threshold

Friday, February 1, 2008, our beloved brother J.C. Choate crossed the threshold between the here and the now versus the there and the forever. Familiarity with the life and the lifelong labor of brother Choate provides insight respecting his eternal destiny. Consequently, his funeral and subsequent interment were reminiscent of a victory celebration, rather than merely a commemoration of grief by those he left behind.

Numerous preachers officiated J.C.'s funeral at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, including Wayne Barrier, Gordon Hogan, Dennis Larson, Colin McKee and L.D. Willis, each of whom spoke a few words. Gene Gibson and Byron Nichols led congregational singing. Jeremy Barrier, Joey Barrier, Jerry Bates, Louis Rushmore, Will White and Charles Brymer served as pall bearers. Loy Mitchell concluded the memorial services at the graveside.

Over the last 45 years, J.C. Choate (along with others) built up one of the oldest contemporary and one of the most effective programs of foreign evangelism in the Lord's church, comprised of 36 radio and 8 TV programs abroad, 9 overseas Bible schools, an international Gospel magazine, an internet Gospel magazine and campaigns abroad. Further, massive distribution of literature blankets Asia and Africa.

J.C. planned ahead; the program of foreign evangelism he established is bigger than the man, as well as more durable. Last year, he invited two couples to become team members in Winona, MS to help perpetuate the program of world evangelism when illness would take him from us; Jerry and Paula Bates, with Louis and Bonnie Rushmore, attend to the daily responsibilities in Winona respecting the various publications and worldwide correspondence, and they make two six-week (or so) teaching trips to various Asian countries.

For more information, or to schedule a media presentation, call 662.283.1192 or email [choate@worldangelism.org](mailto:choate@worldangelism.org). We solicit your prayers, moral support and financial help to perpetuate J.C. Choate's lifelong investment in world evangelism, which has a proven track record of bringing souls to Christ. 


# My Personal Journey to Faith

By Louis Rushmore

In a sense like the Israelites of old, I was born into and raised in my religion; I was born and reared as a Catholic. Further, I was taught that the Roman Catholic Church is the one and only true church. However, by personal observation of the Catholic Church from the inside, I came to believe that the Roman Catholic Church could not be the one, true church. Hypocrisy among even the devout and doctrinal shifts in my lifetime within the Catholic Church undercut in my mind the claim of divine origin for Catholicism. Doubtful about Catholic claims, nevertheless, I sought outside the Catholic Church for the one, true church.

Unsure how to identify the one, true church, I made several false starts. Responding to altar calls or otherwise assembling with various denominations, I was unable to discover the one, true church. Yet, my earnest prayer to God was that I would find the one, true church (Acts 10:1-2).

Whereas in modern time it is nearly impossible to discern the providence of God in real time, looking backward in time, I am confident that I can discern the unfolding providence of God in my life as I sought the one, true church. As an eighteen year old Catholic boy and at the conclusion of Air Force basic training, I was assigned a career field that I did not want and sent to a military school in a distant state to which I did not want to go. Shortly thereafter, through a series of seemingly happenchances, I came in contact with a deacon in the Lord's church. Six weeks of Bible study later, I obeyed the Gospel of Christ. I had found the one, true church of the Bible. Unlike the empty altar calls and unlike shifting Catholic doctrine, I could know that I know that I am saved because I could read it in black and white in the inspired Word of God.

I am what I am today through all that I experienced in life up to the present. Truly, by the grace of God I am saved. In addition, I have no less doubt now regarding the unfolding providence of God in my life than I did when I was seeking the one, true church. Through God's providence, I determined to be a tool in the hands of God for the balance of my life to glorify God and save souls. Your moral support and financial participation toward that end may be contributory to the fulfillment of divine providence. 


# Go Ye...

By Bonnie Rushmore

Jesus told the disciples, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matt. 28:19-20). This was not a suggestion; it was a command, issued to the disciples and all Christians as long as God allows planet earth to exist. Every man, woman and child, who has obeyed the Gospel, is commanded to teach others the plan of salvation **and** to teach Christians how to be better servants.

Some Christian women feel that since God does not permit them to have a leading role within the church, their teaching is limited to the children's classes (2 Tim. 1:5; 3:15). This reasoning is misguided. God wants every Christian to seize all biblically lawful opportunities to proclaim his Word far and wide. Other Christian women want to reach out to the lost, but do not know what they can do. The opportunities for Christian women to teach are as varied as are the women doing the teaching. The only prohibition for women teachers is that they do not usurp the authority of men (1 Tim. 2:12).

Christian women can teach other women in a public setting such as a Ladies' Class or a Ladies' Inspiration Day (Acts 21:8-9). We can teach men and women in private settings as did Priscilla in Acts 18:24-26. We teach men and women also by the hymns we sing in worship (Col. 3:16). We can reach many lost souls by grading Bible correspondence courses for individuals in the States and across the world. We teach by example when we live godly lives. We can encourage others with a listening ear and words of comfort when they are facing difficulties in life (2 Cor. 1:3-4). When we leave a tract for someone to read, we are potentially teaching a precious soul. The list goes on and on.

The Bible is full of examples of women serving God and teaching others. Priscilla, Eunice, Lois, Lydia, Anna the prophetess and Dorcas are just a few. Our souls and lost souls around the world depend on each of us doing all we can to teach Christ to them. Betty Choate, Rebecca Rushmore or I would welcome the opportunity to discuss evangelism at your Ladies' Bible Class or a Ladies' Inspiration Day. Call (662) 283-1192 or (662) 283-9946 to schedule an appointment. 

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<b>Income</b>		
Contributions	\$3,185.00	
Printing Equipment	\$1,600.00	
Printing/Book Sales	\$847.12	
Travel	\$280.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$5,912.12</b>	

<b>Expenses</b>	
Auto Expenses	\$1,165.19
Travel	\$342.39
Equipment	\$1,247.26
Office Equipment & Supplies	\$29.15
Shipping	\$104.98
Internet	\$34.95
Printing Expenses	\$188.65
Office Telephone	\$108.58
Medical Treatment	\$581.00
Bank Fees	\$0.00
Medical Insurance	\$0.00
Life Insurance	\$50.29
Housing	\$310.33
Salary	\$1,616.82
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,779.59</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$132.53</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$1,722.87</b>