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Oh, How Time Flies!

Bonnie Rushmore

It is hard to believe that it is March already and time for another newsletter. The last two months have been quite busy both in the office and on the road.

The turn of the New Year brought several visitors to Winona. January 12th (moved back one day from the scheduled appointment due to a snow storm the previous two days), Nathan Wright from the Huntsville Church of Christ in French Camp, MS stopped by for breakfast, a tour of the warehouse and to gather information as to how the congregation there can assist the World Evangelism team. On January 6th, several members of the Strickland, MS Church of Christ and the Plain View, TN congregation spent several hours working in the office/warehouse. This group helped prepare the Bates' newsletter and

Global Harvest magazine for mailing and packed boxes of books for Nigeria. The last Saturday of the month, about 20 members of the Collierville, TN Church of Christ drove 2½ hours to Winona (arriving about 9:40 a.m.) to work to as-

sist wherever needed. The volunteers ranged from 6 to (I dare not tell the age of one of the elders and his wife). Some of the men and teen boys built 20 feet of shelves in the warehouse to hold smaller quantities of book titles. Other volunteers stuffed, labeled and sealed two separate mailings totaling 2,340 letters, packed 64 boxes of books in preparation for shipping to preachers on the foreign field and counted 4,000 tracts into bundles of 25.

Since it was a beautiful day, one or two men worked outside trimming shrubs and cleaning the yard around the front of the building. The group left at 5:00 p.m., reluctant to leave and anxious to return.

Friday the 18th of February, several men and women from the Huntsville Church of Christ in French Camp, MS spent most of the day preparing mail outs and counting tracts into bundles of 25 – a time saving procedure for us when shipping tract orders. The men built more shelves in the warehouse.

Following the Freed-Hardeman Uni-



versity lectureship, Philemon Raja, one of the India TV speakers with whom we work, spent a week in Winona. While in the area, Jerry and Paula Bates and Betty took him to several congregations to report on the work in India. Our dear friends Bob and Martha Noland drove to Winona for an extended visit at the conclusion of the Freed-Hardeman University Lectureship. We use their home as a bed and breakfast when in the northeast

visiting family and congregations, and it is always a pleasure to return the favor. We decided to take one day off – go shopping in Jackson, MS and the men treated Martha and me to a nice dinner for Valentine’s Day. Just as we pulled into a shopping mall parking lot, Louis’ phone rang. Someone called about scheduling an appointment. Before I could exit the car, my phone rang – someone placed a book order. Martha commented, “Do you ever get a day off?” We love to have visitors, especially those who come to help and all who visited the last two months helped with many routine and special tasks.

We planned to attend the Florida School of Preaching lectureship the middle of January, but scheduling conflicts required us to cancel that appointment. The month of January found us at seven different congregations scattered be-

tween Mississippi and Alabama.

The first week of February, we loaded the small trailer with books and display material to attend the Freed-Hardeman lectureship. February 18th, we loaded the van, leaving the office a little later than planned – typical for us, and Louis steered the car north on I-55 toward Memphis, TN. Our plan was to arrive in Horn Lake, MS as Rebecca finished work for the day to treat her to a nice meal at



one of our favorite restaurants before heading to her home for our usual bed and breakfast. Fortunately, she agreed to tarry at work awaiting our late arrival. Saturday morning Rebecca and I attended the Collierville Ladies’ Inspiration Day while Louis

spent the morning at her house catching up on much needed computer work. That afternoon, we traveled west across the Mississippi River for Sunday appointments in two different cities in Arkansas. Sunday night, we returned to Rebecca’s for a night’s rest before returning to Winona the next day.

Frequently before arising for the day, Louis and I will discuss what needs our attention and completion that day, and more often than not, something will interfere with our plans and demand our time.

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This Monday was one of those days. Our intention was to leave Collierville, stop at Cracker Barrel for breakfast and stop for groceries on the way home, arriving at the office shortly after lunch. Well, a flat tire hindered our plans! Forty-five minutes to an hour after calling AAA – the spare is under the car between the two front seats, someone arrived to change the tire. Since the spare is a donut, we needed to get the flat fixed before completing our two-hour journey home. The tires are under warranty from Sam's Club, so after breakfast, we stopped at Sam's for a tire repair. Three hours later, we steered south toward home. A brief stop in Grenada to purchase the minimum groceries (I was in no mood to shop), we arrived home after 5:00 p.m. Another day lost to getting things completed at the office!



The month of February found us at five different congregations scattered between Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi. Our van may be looking forward to our next overseas trip so that it can get some rest!

Friday March 4th, we once again loaded the van with clothes and books for an extended trip away from Winona. Friday, we met Dennis and Sharon Larson (from Cary, NC) in Double Springs, AL for supper and lodging in the home of one of the members of the Double Springs, AL Church of Christ. Saturday morning, we attended the School of Missions classes, leaving a little early in order to arrive in Manchester, TN for our supper appoint-

ment. Louis preached for two congregations in the McMinnville, TN area on Sunday. Both congregations had a covered dish following services – is it any wonder that I find it difficult to lose weight! We left McMinnville about 8:00 p.m. CST arriving in Karns, TN at the home of Jody and Evelyn Apple about 11:30 p.m. EST. They graciously waited up for us. The next two days, we attended the East Tennessee School of Preaching and Missions lectureship program.

As always, the members of the Karns congregation, the faculty and students of the school warmly welcomed us. Lectureships afford the attendees an opportunity to hear good Bible lessons, renew acquaintances, visit with old friends and make new friends. If you have never attended a lectureship program, I urge you to make time to do so. You will be encouraged and strengthened.

I am writing this as we travel toward home, needing to arrive in Greenwood, MS for an evening appointment tonight, which necessitated leaving the lectureship a day early. GPS indicates we will arrive ten minutes before classes start after driving eight hours.

We covet your prayers and thank you for your continued financial support. 📖


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The Enduring Humanitarian Aid: Salvation of Souls

Presently, I am scheduling stateside appointments throughout the year, and I am at the same time trying to solidify our overseas trips, too. Typically, Bonnie and I visit two congregations weekly, whereupon I apprise them of our mission trips in 2010 to India and Myanmar (Burma), and/or I present biblical lessons. Invitations to work abroad for the cause of Christ exceed available time and financial resources; we must plan our exits from the country carefully. It is a given that Bonnie and I teach at the Hmawbi Bible School in the fall, and we build on the front end of that weeks in India at various locations. We may be making an additional journey to India with brethren from northern Alabama. This year while in Myanmar, Bonnie and I are scheduled to go north into the interior of the country where there are significantly less amenities than we westerners take for granted; I hope we are resilient enough.

Irrespective of when we make our way to India and Myanmar in 2011, we can be assured that several thousand dollars will be required to purchase round-trip airfare, plane tickets within Asia, lodging, meals, ground transportation, literature, Bibles and program expenses

(e.g., hall rentals, advertising, etc.). Often a difficult concept to persuade brethren is that especially airfare must be purchased well in advance of use, and visa expenses are incurred also ahead of making mission trips. It is imperative, then, that congregations and Christian families participate financially with missionaries throughout the interims between trips abroad. Bonnie and I remain willing to take the Gospel to the far side of the planet as long brethren continue to make that possible by sending the light of the Gospel. Our focus is to glorify God first, and secondly, to edify souls. Both are achievable through the eagerness with which Hindus in India and Buddhists in Myanmar respond to the Gospel of Christ.

Amidst Sunday and Wednesday appointments already scheduled, teaching at Polishing the Pulpit lectures in August and plans for overseas travel for missions, Bonnie and I have openings for additional appointments. Call 662.739.3035 today (don't wait) to inquire about a time when we can visit your congregation. As tragic as world calamities are because of the devastation to people and property, more tragic is the lost state of priceless souls untaught with the Gospel of Christ (Matthew 16:26). **Brethren, the best and eternally enduring humanitarian aid is the salvation of souls!** 

Louis Rushmore

Finally, It Has Arrived!


Bonnie Rushmore

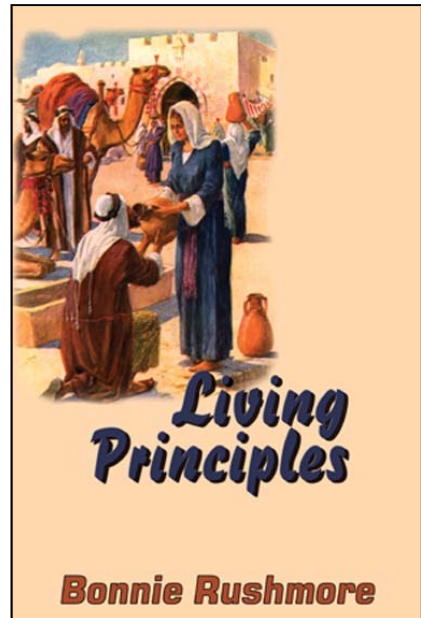
Wednesday afternoon, March 2nd, a tractor-trailer loaded with six pallets of books arrived at the office/warehouse. About an hour later, seven of us unloaded and stored 475 boxes of books in the warehouse. This shipment contained 15,735 books totaling approximately 6,800 pounds. The old saying “Many hands make light work” certainly rings true when unloading and putting away boxes of books.

Arriving in this shipment is my book *Living Principles: Gleanings from Bible Characters*. A little over four years ago, at Louis’ encouragement, I began writing lessons on women in the Bible with an emphasis on modern day applications. Over the past few years, the work was pushed to the backburner as other tasks required my time and attention. Occasionally, Louis would ask me, “How is your book coming, you need to finish it.”

I have taught each of these lessons to ladies’ classes overseas and some of them at ladies’ classes here in the States. Even though Mrs. Noah, Mrs. Job, Mrs. Potiphar, Mrs. Jeroboam, Mrs. Peter, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Miriam, Hannah, Sapphira, Dorcas and Lydia lived thousands of years ago, we can learn much from them to help us on our journey to heaven. My prayer is that those who study this class book will be edified and become

stronger servants for God. If you would like to purchase one at a special introductory price of \$5.00 plus shipping, please contact me at bonnie@gospelgazette.com or (662) 283-9946. As with all the books we sell, all proceeds are returned to the literature fund to provide material for those who cannot afford it.

[Especially the lessons about unnamed Bible characters demonstrate the difference between Bible reading and Bible study. Notable about Bonnie’s book is that it is much more than consideration of information about Bible characters, it applies lessons from righteous and unrighteous Bible characters to the contemporary lives we live today. ~ Louis Rushmore] 



***Rushmore Evangelism Fund:
January 1—February 28, 2011***

Beginning Available Balance	\$8,208.69
Beginning Foreign Balance	\$0.00
Beginning Literature & Bible Balance	\$1,516.59
Income	
Contributions	\$10,061.66
Stateside Travel	\$1,023.00
Literature & Bibles	\$5,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$16,584.66
Expenses	
Auto Expenses	\$1,217.12
Stateside Travel	\$806.26
Lectureships/Workshops	\$196.78
Printing	\$71.80
Bank Fees	\$11.76
Internet	-\$286.27
Literature & Bibles	\$7,122.50
Office & Misc.	\$1,087.24
Postage/Shipping	\$486.97
Business Use Telephones	\$276.96
Medical Treatment & Insurance	\$2,157.81
Housing	\$951.45
Salary	\$2,899.45
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$16,999.83
Statement Period Balance	-\$415.17
Ending Available Balance	\$9,310.11
Ending Foreign Travel Balance	0.00
Ending Literature & Bible Balance	-\$105.91

Yes, we want to help the Rushmores save souls as they continue the missionary legacy of J.C. & Betty Choate and labor with the Barriers and the Bates and others in worldwide evangelism.

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- Here is my gift of \$_____ toward the overseas travel fund.

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 schedule a ladies' inspiration day.

2011 Overseas Mission Trips

⇒ Rebecca Rushmore

- ◆ Guyana, South America
- ◆ July
- ◆ Estimated Cost \$2,000
(\$900 still urgently needed)

⇒ Louis & Bonnie Rushmore

- ◆ India & Myanmar (Burma)
- ◆ September—October
- ◆ Estimated Cost \$12,000
(\$0 foreign travel balance)



June 2010, Rebecca Rushmore teaching a ladies' class of non-Christians in Burma

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