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Onward & Upward!

I arrived back in the USA from my 5-week mission trip to Guyana, South America on **Tuesday, March 8**. The **next day** without notice I was prompted to speak to the midweek Bible class for the *Collierville, TN Church of Christ*. **Sunday, March 20**, I spoke for the *Old Union Church of Christ* in rural Carroll County, MS, during Bible class and morning worship. **Wednesday, March 30**, I mailed the last *Rushmore Newsletter* and overloaded my van with literature and Bibles to be shipped to Guyana. The **next day**, I conferred with an associate in Tupelo, MS on the layout of teen Bible class material. **April Fool's Day**, I offloaded around 1,200 pounds of literature from my van to a pallet at *Caribbean Shipping* in Nashville, TN; burgeoning my Town & Country so persuaded me to have a trailer hitch installed to pull a trailer for future shipments. Brother Nigel Milo said the shipment was "Awesome!" (comprised of thousands of *The Voice of Truth International*, hundreds of books and thousands of tracts).

Sunday, April 3, I spoke in the morning for the *Mastin Lake Church of Christ*, whereas in the evening, I spoke for *Farley Church of Christ* – both of which congregations are in Huntsville, AL. The **following Sunday**, I spoke in the morning for the *Clinton, MS Church of Christ*; that evening I preached for the *Siwell Road Church of Christ* that meets on the south side of Jackson, MS; this is my sponsoring congregation.

April 19-21, I was at the *India Missions Workshop* in Vincennes, IN. It was my privilege to be one of the keynote speakers. **Sunday, April 24**, I addressed two congregations in McMinnville, TN – the *Smyrna Church of Christ* and the *West Riverside Church of Christ*. Later in the week, following double root canals in the middle of the week, I attended the *Annual Missionary Retreat* outside of Hamilton, AL; it is hosted by *World Evangelism*.

Wednesday, May 11, I assembled with and spoke to the *Courtland, MS Church of Christ*. **Sunday, May 15**, found me speaking in the a.m. for the *Elliot, MS Church of Christ* and in the p.m. updating the *Crockett, MS Church of Christ* about my foreign mission trips. The **next Sunday**, I taught Bible class and preached for the *Old Union Church of Christ*. **Wednesday, May 25**, I acquainted the *Collierville Church of Christ* with my recent foreign mission trips. The following **Sunday morning and afternoon**, I also taught class and preached twice for the *Collierville* congregation; that evening, I spoke for *Charleston, MS Church of Christ*.

Wednesday, June 1, I updated the *Sandyville, WV Church of Christ* about my 2015 and 2016 mission trips. **Sunday, June 5**, I taught class and preached in the morning for the *Vermilion, OH Church of Christ* on the shore of Lake Erie; wasting no time, I scampered across Ohio to Zanesville to speak that evening at the *Norval Park Church of Christ*. **Wednesday, June 8**, I preached for the *Hanoverton, OH Church of Christ*. The following evening, I met the Associate Editor of *Gospel*

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Gazette Online for supper in Wooster, OH. I taught and preached for all services on **Sunday, June 12** for the *Indianola, MS Church of Christ*.

A Gospel preacher and his wife from Guyana visited with me **June 21-22**. On that **Wednesday**, I took them back to Huntsville, AL and assembled with the *Central Church of Christ*. **Sunday, June 26**, I spoke for all services that day for the *Liberty Church of Christ* outside of DeFuniak Springs, FL. The **following Sunday, July 3**, I taught and preached for two churches in Jacksonville, FL – the *Chaffee Road Church of Christ* and the *Riverview Church of Christ*. Later in that week, **July 7-8**, other team members and I hosted the *Annual World Evangelism Meeting* in Winona, MS. **Sunday, July 10**, I spoke twice in the morning for the *West President Street Church of Christ* in Greenwood, MS. Two days later, I preached one night in the Gospel meeting put on by the *Huntsville Church of Christ* outside of French Camp, MS. **Friday, July 15**, several members of the *Booneville, MS Church of Christ* converged on the *World Evangelism Building* in Winona to lend their assistance to us in several behind the scenes areas relative to stateside and overseas labors for the cause of Christ. **Sunday, July 24**, once more I spoke for class and a.m. worship for the *West President* congregation.

Between visits to churches across several states, I continued to publish monthly editions of *Gospel Gazette Online* and participate in the production of quarterly editions of *The Voice of Truth International*. I finalized layout of and saw to the production of a four-quarter series of teen class books for availability in 2017. To my surprise, I discovered a manuscript that I had not seen before belonging to my late wife Bonnie; I combined it with lessons of my own to publish a small book entitled, *Biblical Diversity: God's View of the Roles of Men and Women*.

While up in Ohio, I bought a display case to place in the foyer of the *Siwell Road Church of Christ* so that I could exhibit artifacts from my foreign mission work. Complementing that above on the wall is a television that shows places, people and events associated with my overseas mission trips.

One of the results of the *Annual World Evangelism Team Meeting* this year was the announcement of the semi-retirement of the Editor for *The Voice of Truth International* – brother Byron Nichols; he will assume the station of Editor Emeritus. Subsequently, I was elevated to the position of Editor, effective with the publication of Volume 90.

Onward and upward is my focus in life, complete with my faltering steps and shortcomings. On the horizon is my upcoming mission trip, Lord willing, this fall to Myanmar (formerly Burma) and India. Not long after my return from that adventure, I am scheduled to return to Guyana, South America for several weeks also.

Now is the time if you are interested in participating financially in either or both of these treks on behalf of our Lord to send your monetary gifts to: Rushmore Evangelism Fund, Siwell Road Church of Christ, 4075 Siwell Road, Jackson, MS 39212. Your willingness to send the light makes it possible for me to take the light abroad to Christians and non-Christians who are genuinely eager to hear the Gospel truths. Thank you for caring and helping. I covet your prayers. 📖



Sights Set on Upcoming Overseas Missions

Despite the hot, steamy weather of a blistering summer here in the USA, I must train my vision on the horizon of fall and winter mission trips. A significant amount of lead time is necessary to make adequate preparation in advance. Interaction with foreign Christians in the countries to which I will be go-

ing is a prerequisite. In my case, overseas Christians in Myanmar and India for my fall trip and in Guyana, South America for my winter trip and I must plan our efforts together in those respective nations. After devising a strategy, I must turn my attention to visas, verify my passport is current and has sufficient blank pages, scope out prospective air routes and airfare, prepare lessons, and then find Christian families and churches of Christ who are willing to participate with me financially. Ideally, plane tickets need to be purchased about two months ahead of the trips; lodging, land travel and program expenses need to be addressed well ahead of time.

Typically, the fall trip, which usually takes me to four Asian nations for up to eight weeks, can cost around \$20,000 to travel to and around in Asia and back, fund the programs, and provide for the translation of tracts and books into several languages, printing and distribution. Last year in Asia was even more expensive than usual with Christian literature being made available to Lisu, Rawang, Burmese, Asho, Hindi, Telegu and Tamil language groups. In addition, sufficient funds were left to facilitate an ongoing Hindi TV program by our brethren from New Delhi.

About a month after returning from Asia, then I ordinarily leave the United States again for Guyana, South America. Expedition to every region of that country and placing our seminars within reach of every congregation in Guyana costs a little less than \$15,000. In addition, at least twice through the year I assemble and send tons of Bibles, Christian books and tracts to Guyana to be distributed to and through the congregations in that country.

Evangelism Fund: March 2016 – June 2016	
Income	
Literature & Bible	\$637.79
Bonnie Memorial Fund	\$230.00
Foreign Travel	\$20.00
Contributions	\$19,639.20
Stateside Travel	\$5,943.00
North India Fund	\$9,750.00
Rebates/Discounts/Resale	\$610.74
Total	\$36,830.73
Expenses	
Literature & Bible Expenses	\$4,008.81
Foreign Travel Expenses	\$150.00
Medical Expenses	\$2,416.63
Auto Expenses	\$1,835.08
Stateside Travel	\$2,342.54
Bank Fees	\$115.00
Internet (Gospel Gazette Online)	\$194.99
Office (supplies/equipment/software subscriptions/help)	\$2,308.46
Postage/Shipping	\$749.76
Housing	\$1,388.84
Salary	\$5,250.00
Business Telephone	\$311.89
India Hindi TV	\$9,750.00
Newsletter (printing)	\$428.44
Advertising	\$230.13
Guyana Seminars	\$827.04
Maywood Missionary Retreat	\$100.00
Total	\$32,407.61



Please consider *sending the light* in my hands to either or both of these mission destinations, and I will happily *take the light* of the Gospel on your behalf to precious souls abroad. Maybe you would like me to come to your congregation and give you a firsthand acquaintance with these efforts through a PowerPoint presentation and a personal narration. I would be happy to do that. Otherwise, please send your monetary gifts made payable to “Rushmore Evangelism Fund.” I earnestly desire your prayers and encouragement in these undertakings for our Lord and His spiritual kingdom. May God only be glorified! 📖

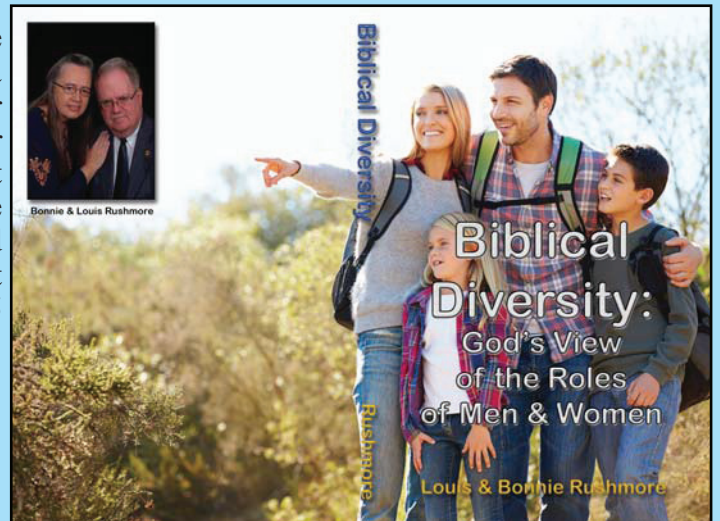


Take Your Closet Back, with a Clear Conscience

Virtually every congregation has a closet or perhaps even a whole room that is packed full of castoffs that will never be used again, but at the same time are too good to throw out in good conscience. Hiding in the musty darkness are old songbooks that were long ago replaced. There in that lonely place are leftover VBS and Bible class materials. The old communion ware is in the black abyss, too.

I've got the solution for you! Box up those things and give them to me when I visit and speak for your congregation. Otherwise, bring them or send them to Winona, MS. We will sort through all of it, salvage what we can, repack it and make sure that those things travel abroad to English speaking brethren (language is irrelevant to communion ware, of course).

Isn't that a nifty solution for reclaiming the space in your meetinghouse lost to things not in use? It's a win/win situation. You get the use of your closet or storage room back, and you get to do it with a clear conscience, because instead of letting those items rot in place or discarding them, other Christians who have a need for such things will be blessed with them – and appreciate it very much! Let me hear from you at Email: rushmore@gospelgazette.com or 662.739.3035 (cell). 📖



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