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Cloud-Hopping, Riding Rainbows & Suchlike

The 2016 Annual Nationwide Guyana Mobile Workshops have concluded. January 29, I boarded a flight in Memphis, TN for Miami, FL; my checked bag, though, took an excursion without me to Charlotte, NC. Finally reunited with my bag, I checked it with the next airline for my flight to Georgetown, Guyana, South America. Between then and my return to the USA on March 8, two Guya-



nese Christian men and I traveled extensively throughout the tropical nation, most of which is thick jungle.

Each year, brother Nigel Milo of the *Amelia's Ward Church of Christ* in Linden and I team up with an additional Guyanese Gospel preacher to take our seminars to the entire nation, placing them within reach of every congregation and each Christian in Guyana; last year, the program continued without my participation due to the serious illness and ultimately the death of my dear wife Bonnie. This year, brother Nigel and I labored alongside of brother Wilbur Vyphuis, the minister for the North Road Church of Christ in Georgetown.

Our efforts took us to coastal locations along the Atlantic Ocean as well as to remote interior sites, for instance, on the borders of Brazil and Venezuela (Lethem, Paramakatoi, Mabaruma, Port Kaituma and St. Cuthbert's Mission). In addition to workshops for brethren, we conducted two "crusades" (i.e., Gospel meetings) and an hourlong, live television broadcast of call-in questions and answers. Twice, I also taught at the boardinghouse in Linden for high school students from the "bush" (i.e., jungle) who congregated in Linden to avail themselves of that level of public education.

Along the coast and as far inland as Linden, we rode in either a car or an oldold van (still, with plenty of get-up-and-go!). Otherwise, we three took to the air or to the water to get to and from our destinations. Once, we literally flew over top of a rainbow! This year, instead of speedboats, which shake and beat up one's entire body, we crossed the Essequibo River twice on a car ferry – slower but kinder to the passengers than the alternatives. Two of us also rode as passengers on an ATV.

Our theme this year for the workshops involved not only encouraging and

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heightening attendees' Bible knowledge, but we also taught brethren everywhere that the time had come for a transition of evangelistic responsibility from American brethren to Guyanese Christians. Our efforts were calculated to erase some of the *dependent mentality* that characteristically has enveloped American missionary work, not only in Guyana but throughout the world. Guyanese Christians enthusiastically embraced what we taught them; they enjoyed a greater sense of self-worth and accepted (in theory at least) the responsibility that goes along with that shift in attitude. Back in the States, I will continue to supply thousands of pieces of literature for distribution to every congregation in the country – through the efforts of brothers and sisters in Christ of the Amelia's Ward church. It took a number of years to entrench Guyanese brethren in *total reliance* on American Christians, and it will likely take some time to transfer that responsibility in an active way to brothers and sisters in Guyana. A start, however, has been made.

Rather than adding more words upon words here, I am devoting the balance of the space within this newsletter to pictures taken on this trek abroad. They can tell *the rest of the story*, including of getting stuck for hours on a sand road while going to and especially returning from a remote, jungle village of Amerindians. For a more detailed accounting of my travels (in text and pictures), see my blog (http://louisrushmore.wordpress.com/). Thank you for your interest in my missionary labors and for your par-

ticipation with me in those endeavors.



















Rushmore Evangelism Fund: December 2015 — February 2016

Income	
Literature & Bible	\$1,622.00
Bonnie Memorial Fund	\$75.00
Foreign Travel	\$12,465.00
Contributions	\$16,278.99
Stateside Travel	\$700.00
Special India Project	\$3,600.00
Rebates/Discounts/Resale	\$345.00
Total	\$35,085.99
Expenses	
Literature & Bible Expenses	\$5,988.00
Foreign Travel Expenses	\$13,329.17
Medical Expenses	\$1,994.91
Auto Expenses	\$1,664.68
Stateside Travel	\$400.12
Bank Fees	\$55.00
Internet (Gospel Gazette Online)	\$707.62
Office (supplies/equipment/software subscriptions/help)	\$1,205.54
Postage/Shipping	\$773.72
Housing	\$757.52
Salary	\$4,500.00
Business Telephone	\$211.92
Special India Project	\$3,600.00
Newsletter (printing)	\$474.55
Advertising	\$17.67
Guyana Seminars	\$12,089.35
Total	\$47,769.77



















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"...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).