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Traveling Abroad and Broadly by Louis Rushmore

In 2017, Martha and I have spent four months abroad and most of eight months traveling broadly throughout the eastern half of the United States. In a former newsletter, we chronicled our six weeks of wayfaring throughout the ten regions of Guyana, South America. We returned to Guyana for the first two weeks of September. The first trip we focused on strengthening and encouraging congregations of the Lord's church, whereas on the second go-around, we concentrated on preachers and other church workers.

In the end of September, we embarked on a two-month journey to three Asian nations—Myanmar, Singapore and India. In Myanmar, we communed with Chinese preachers for one week, discussing "How We Got the Bible" and "Bible Geography & Sacred History." For two more weeks, we interacted with Christians and non-Christians at another location. There, I taught the same courses plus English and various additional short topics. In both venues, Martha taught ladies.

Martha and I only had four days in Singapore. On the Lord's Day, I was afforded an opportunity to preach for the worship assembly of one church of Christ. From there, we flew to India. In that country, we connected with Christian brethren in the states of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh; we were also in New Delhi. In addition to my speaking occasions, Martha taught ladies and children.

Stateside in 2017, Martha and I traveled to be with brethren in Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Florida, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. Whether overseas or in the United States, mingling with Christian friends is a true delight. They encouraged Martha and me as much or perhaps more than did we uplift them.

We travel up to part of 42 weeks a year with the intention of glorifying God and edifying brethren and non-Christians. Thank you for making that possible and allowing us to present the Gospel—Martha to ladies and children and me to all-comers. 📖



Gearing Up to Go Again! by Louis Rushmore

Just got back, but we're preparing to leave the USA once more. Around the 28th of January, Martha and I are scheduled to return to Guyana, South America for six to eight weeks. This may be our only newsletter between now and then. So, we need to begin securing the finances with which to make that trip. Please pray for this effort, and if you can, send a check to the Siwell Road Church of Christ for that program. We go to all 10 regions of that nation and place our seminars within reach of

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every congregation of the churches of Christ. Generally, we will encourage brethren, heighten their Bible knowledge and embolden them to reach out to their countrymen with the Gospel. Additionally, I will teach a concentrated course to preachers and other church workers. 📖

Special Needs Abound by Louis Rushmore

Of no surprise to anyone, there are special needs aplenty, especially among foreign brethren who have devoted themselves to Christian service.

1. Brethren in remote Paramakatoi, Guyana, South America still desire an ATV with which to reach out more effectively to distant Churches of Christ around them in the mountain jungles. Several have contributed already to this good work, but many more contributions will be required to make this vision into a reality.
2. A brother and his wife from India are nearing the completion of their training at a school of preaching in the United States, but they are seriously underfunded—especially with the impending birth of their first child. A congregation looking for a good, short-term investment would do well to consider this fine family; he expects to graduate in April of 2018.
3. There remains an ever present need for funds to translate tracts and books into a number of foreign languages in the places to which I go. In addition, there are never enough Bibles available for those who request them.

Christians and congregations interested, please send checks to the oversight of the elders of the Siwell Road Church of Christ, Rushmore Evangelism Fund, 4075 Siwell Road, Jackson, MS 39212, and indicate on the memo line of the check your specification for its use. Thank you, and may God bless you abundantly. 📖

Summer and Fall Excursions by Martha Rushmore

In August, Louis spoke for all Sunday services of the *Quitman, MS church of Christ*. Louis and I also visited with the *Coffeerville, MS church of Christ* one night of its Gospel meeting. Friday of that first week, we made a hurry up trip to Nashville to deliver almost 2,000 pounds of literature, Bibles and songbooks to be shipped to brethren in Guyana, South America. With two previous trips for this same shipment, this made three pallets of materials weighing almost 6,000 pounds. The literature and Bibles will be delivered to every congregation in Guyana, South America by the brothers and sisters of the *Amelia's Ward church of Christ*.

The second Sunday, Louis spoke for all services of the *Huntsville church of Christ* outside of French Camp, MS. Wednesday the 16th, Louis spoke for the *Water Valley, MS church of Christ*. The next appointments were in Piedmont, AL with the *Highway 9* and *Piedmont* congregations.

On the third Sunday morning, since we did not have an appointment, we worshipped with the *Old Union church of Christ* in rural Carroll County, MS. That night and on Wednesday evening, we were with the brethren of the *Greenwood, MS Church of Christ*.

We left our Winona, MS home and headed to Ocala, FL. The last Sunday in August, we worshipped with the *Liberty church of Christ* outside of DeFuniak Springs, FL. That evening, Louis preached for the *College Avenue church of Christ* in the same city.

August 29, we visited with Louis' son Robert, and then, we spent the evening and next morning with Daryl and Missy Townsend. Going onward, we stopped in Gainesville, FL for a follow-up doctor's appointment for me. We pulled into our home in Ocala about 5:00 that evening. My son Jim and his wife Denise had supper waiting. We were all glad to see each other and to spend a few days of relaxation before flying to Guyana, South America.

We spent September 2-16 working in eight of the ten regions of Guyana. Louis taught his course on "How We Got the Bible." These brethren are hungering for the Gospel.

We spent September 17-27 in Ocala. Louis got his Florida driver's license and transferred our car and trailer to Florida also. We both worked on lessons, and Louis worked on *Gospel Gazette* and *Voice of Truth International*. We had some family time and visited some friends. Sunday morning, September 24, Louis taught class and preached for the *Wildwood, FL church of Christ*.

September 28th, we flew out of Orlando MCO Airport for Taipei, Taiwan, and from there we continued to Yangon, Myanmar. We were met by brother Jay Ahti and sister Winsome. It was nice to put faces with two wonderful Christians that I had heard about for many years.

While in Yangon the first week, Louis was sick for three days, but that did not keep him from teaching preachers about "How We Got the Bible" and "Bible Geography & Sacred History." We were in a suitable hotel with a restaurant on the premises. This worked out very nicely since Louis was sick and did not feel like eating. We felt safe enough for me to go downstairs to the restaurant alone.

On Saturday, October 7, we went to the Scott's Market. It is like our flea markets in the USA. I really enjoyed myself. We bought me four longyi and some tops to match. Louis also bought me a necklace, a bracelet and earrings to match one of my outfits. He spoils me. Winsome showed us around. She knew all the shops to go to that were the cheapest. It is nice to have connections.

While at the market, we saw female monks in training. They were probably from three years to 17 or 18 years of age. They wore pink and orange robes, had their hair shaved and marched in a straight line. There was no talking. They were very disciplined.



While in Yangon and on two consecutive Sundays, we worshipped with two different congregations, one in the morning and the other had an afternoon assembly. Some Christians attended both services. For worship, Louis taught and brother Phillip translated the lessons into Burmese. This was a new experience for me.

For the next two weeks, Louis taught students at the Hmawbi Bible School. I also taught the ladies, and Winsome was my translator. This was my first time to have a translator, and we worked well together. The ladies were very special to me. We fell in love with two of the director's children at the school. They enjoyed playing with Louis, and he with them.

From Yangon, Myanmar we flew to Singapore. We were there for four days. We were taken out to lunch by a Christian couple on Saturday. Then Sunday, October 22, we worshipped with the *Lavender church of Christ*, and Louis preached. We, then, were taken out to lunch by a very nice Christian family.

On Monday, October 23, we flew from Singapore to Bangalore, India. When we went through customs, we were met with a small problem. We did not have an actual address where we were going to be staying. Luckily, when the customs gentleman called our brother who was to pick us up, he answered his phone; we were concerned because it was an unknown number to him. He gave the gentleman the address and told him he was outside waiting for us. We had a two-night meeting with a church in Bangalore.

Then, we went to a children's home in Tamil Nadu. We were met by the children with a poster, and they sang a welcoming song for us. The poster had a vase of flowers and the names of all the children and staff on it. I took individual photos of all of the children. I am going to put a photo by each of their names. Louis is going to make me a frame. I want to put it in the office so when we have company, they can see some of the people with whom we work. I really loved these children. Next, we had a little while to get to know each other. These children called me, "Granny," and Louis, "Grandpa." So, you see, we inherited 16 new grandchildren. They were all so loveable and respectful. Later, we both taught two groups of brethren, two days each, who came from different parts of that Indian state. Of course, I taught ladies and children, while Louis taught men and women.

After leaving the children's home, we headed back to Bangalore to spend a couple days with great Christians, the Swamy family. We took one afternoon and went shopping. We bought me two dresses and Louis an

Evangelism Fund: July—October 2017

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Income	
Literature & Bibles	\$4,816.00
Guyana ATV Fund	\$1,220.00
Foreign Travel Fund	\$7,780.00
Contributions	\$21,074.32
Stateside Travel	\$5,400.00
Rebates/Discounts/Resale	\$7.43
Total	\$40,297.75
Expenses	
Foreign Travel (General Fund)	\$8,645.82
Foreign Travel (North India Fund)	\$496.32
Medical Expenses	\$3,989.19
Auto Expenses	\$3,342.52
Stateside Travel	\$1,067.80
Bank Fees	\$1.00
Internet (Gospel Gazette Online)	\$170.00
Office (supplies/equipment/software subscriptions/help)	\$1,940.73
Postage/Shipping	\$347.03
Housing	\$1,647.10
Salary	\$300.00
Business Telephone	\$314.39
Newsletter	\$364.29
Business Expenses	\$75.85
World Evangelism Team Meeting	\$38.91
Guyana Literature & Bibles	\$1,806.55
Guyana Seminars	\$6,400.00
Guyana Shipping	\$1,790.00
Guyana Additional Resources	\$1,622.67
Myanmar Seminar	\$300.00
Total	\$34,660.17



“...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).

Indian outfit. I thought he looked so handsome in it, but unfortunately, he has buyer’s remorse. We will see if he wears it again. It seems most of the women in India still wear the Bible-time clothing while the men wear western clothing.

On November 3, we flew from Bangalore to Vishakhapatnam before driving about 80 miles south of there along the Bay of Bengal. We spent a week in Kakinada for a lectureship. Arriving in early afternoon, I was asked to teach the Friday ladies’ class at 5:00 p.m. Then at 7:00, we had a children’s Bible class. I was more than willing to do whatever the brethren wanted me to do. Of course, most of the ladies and children did not speak English; I had different translators during this week. We had good classes. Then, we went to be with the extended Gootam family for supper. Louis was measured for a new Indian outfit. We got a real surprise; our host had two suits made for him. They were beautifully made, nice dress pants and shirts—Indian style.


November 7-10, we attended and taught at the lectureship in Kakinada. Louis taught as many as 900 people at one time. I also taught the ladies, and I had as many as 300 in my classes on Tuesday through Thursday, for one to two

hours each afternoon. I also taught children on Friday thru Thursday either in the morning or the early evening. They were amazing. I had as many as 65 in class. They knew the Bible lessons that I taught. They sang songs in English and Telegu. I taught them a song in English, and they tried to teach me one in Tamil. They did well, but I did not do as well.

On Saturday, November 11, we flew from Vishakhapatnam to New Delhi. On Sunday, we worshipped with the *New Delhi church of Christ*. Louis taught Bible class and preached. We had a meal upstairs, and then separated the men and ladies for an afternoon class. Louis taught the men, and I taught the ladies. I taught Proverbs 31, “The Virtuous Wife,” ways in which we can become better wives and mothers. I even taught the young ladies that may someday get married. This is a lesson we all need as wives and those anticipating marriage.

On Wednesday, we flew from New Delhi to Raipur, and then, we had a five-hour ride to Korba. We stayed in rooms above a coffee shop. We rode five miles to Balco twice a day for classes Thursday through Saturday, and Louis taught on Sunday. In the afternoon, we visited four families who are members of the church in Balco. The fourth and final stop was for supper and fellowship with a great Christin family. I was surprised when I was given a salwar kameez and jewelry. Louis was given a shirt. Supper was delicious.

Back at the coffee house, we packed suitcases and got ready for an early departure. The next morning, we had a five-hour drive to Raipur, an over two-hour flight to New Delhi, and then an hour or so drive across the city. As soon as we got back to our host family’s home—the Davids, we packed everything to ready ourselves to come home to the States. We rested and ate our supper. A taxi was hailed, loaded with all our luggage, and off we went for another hour ride—back across town to the airport. We checked in with the airline company and had a wait of two hours for our 1:35 a.m. departure on November 21. We flew from New Delhi to New York’s JFK Airport and had a three-hour layover. Later, it was great to land in Orlando MCO and head to our Ocala home for some rest. On Wednesday, November 22, we were on the road early with a van full again heading to our Winona, MS home, where we arrived on Thanksgiving Day about noon. It was a good feeling knowing we had a few days before getting back into the van for travel.

What a great and wonderful way spending eight weeks doing the Lord’s work—meeting and making new friends. Our Lord is awesome! 

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