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Introducing Brother Thomas George

Louis Rushmore

Brother Thomas Gerald George is an outstanding Gospel preacher with whom I was privileged recently to share venues for five weeks across Guyana, South America. He is an Amerindian from Moco Moco Village outside of Lethem, which is adjacent to a river separating Guyana and Brazil. Brother George formerly preached about 10 years in Lethem for the Culvert City Church of Christ and directed a preacher training school from the church's facilities. He is doctrinally sound, a humble servant and amply able to fill a pulpit in the Lord's church in any country, including in the United States.

Brother Thomas supports his wife and himself through subsistence farming a little past his village and beyond the reach of electricity. He and I have established a working relationship whereupon he will commence a "mentoring ministry" for 16 churches of Christ among the Amerindians in one of the remotest and most difficult regions to traverse on earth.

This represents a new and an additional aspect of my missionary efforts through World Evangelism Media & Missions, overseen by the elders of the Siwell Road Church of Christ in Jackson, Mississippi. A modest investment of \$1,650 for the acquisition of a slightly used motorcycle and funds for a year's fuel and maintenance was all that it took to initiate this venture; brother Thomas will continue to support himself, howbeit, meagerly.

Further, I anticipate spending more money as necessary throughout 2018 to provide him with tracts, *The Voice of Truth International* magazines and books to complement his selfless efforts. He and his wife will ride the motorcycle to distant villages and stay overnight many times to accomplish this new ministry of mentoring often lonely brethren who are far from other Christians even in Guyana.

Please pray for this effort. I am convinced that brother Thomas George is the right man and the only man available for this watering program (1 Corinthians 3:6) in that part of Guyana. If this godly venture resonates with you, please consider earmarking a contribution toward this worthy enterprise. 📖



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ATV Update

Louis Rushmore

While in Guyana, from which we just returned, I was able to get a firm cost for purchasing a robust ATV. The purchase price of around \$12,000 includes buying a Honda ATV and taxes or fees imposed by the country of Guyana. That does not include shipment from the capital city of Georgetown on the coast to the “Bush” along the border with Brazil, fuel or maintenance.

To date, we have received from donors just under \$6,100. I hope to complete acquisition and deployment of this essential tool sometime in 2018. It would be wonderful if 6 or 7 congregations would agree to provide \$1,000 each to expedite getting this machine and placing it within the hands of Amerindian Christians who are already through great sacrifice—on foot in mountain jungles—evangelizing distant Amerindian villages.

Presently, chiefly one brother walks hours one way to reach the nearer settlements. He depends on subsistence, hillside farming to support his family and himself, which is threatened by his absences to preach and teach the Gospel. Providing an ATV will greatly assist him in his labors for our Lord and also encourage additional brothers to take their turns in the rotation of going out to sister villages with the Gospel. If this is something in which you are interested or something in which you can interest your congregation, please make a contribution accordingly, marking “ATV” in the memo line of the check. 📖

Guyana, South America Workshops and Seminars

Louis Rushmore

January 30 through March 6, 2018, Martha and I criss-crossed the country of Guyana, South America. We were involved in two parallel programs—**workshops** with congregational attendance in mind and **seminars** especially for preachers and church workers. The theme of the workshops was “Back to the Bible,” whereas the topic for the seminars was “How We Got the Bible.” Guyanese brethren Thomas George and Nigel Milo and I were the speakers. Martha also taught ladies and attended to the seminar certificates.

We traveled by car and bus on paved roads, by water taxi and boats on waterways and by small planes through the air over jungles. Places to which we went included Enmore and Kitty near Georgetown, Good Hope across the Essequibo River, Lethem adjacent to the border of Brazil, Linden, Hosororo out from Mabaruma, Port Kaituma, Matthew’s Ridge, Paramakatoi and Kilodonan. We went from border to border; we presented lessons along the populated coast as well as in the interior. Over 100 congregations of the Lord’s church were provided an opportunity for fellowship and edification on a region by region basis. 📖



Oops!

Martha Rushmore

It seems as per usual, but for some unknown reason, when we get our suitcases packed, we must unpack and repack more than once. We think we have something we need, and of course, we cannot find it. So, here we go again. I believe this is a ritual for Louis and me. It happens so often that I just laugh, and poor Louis goes to work again. Packing the final time is Louis’ job. This way he is sure we do not leave behind anything that we will need on our trip. (Yet, we always forget something.)

January 28—We worshipped with the Central congregation in Ocala. Then for lunch, we went home and spent some time with Jim, Denise and the grandkids. Later, we had to make a special trip to Gainesville, Florida. I was trying to do a good deed of buying food for a homeless woman. I see her most

every time I go to the chiropractor, and I left my credit card at a McDonalds—80 miles from the house. So, we had to go rescue it before leaving for Guyana. Another of my oops moments! (Some consolation, Louis has his own oops moments, and recently, too.) Out of my oops, we had the opportunity to go to Middleburg, Florida to visit Louis' son Robert before leaving the country for five-weeks. After a meal out together, we returned home to finish doing last minute packing before leaving the next afternoon.

January 29—I got up early so I could give each of the grands a hug and kiss before they left for school. We departed Ocala about 2:30 p.m. and headed south to Sanford, Florida to have supper with some of my nieces and nephews. We had a good visit. Louis found out that my daffiness runs in the family. Ha-ha! Then, we continued to a motel for a few hours of sleep.

January 30—We were up at 4:00 a.m. to be at the Orlando MCO Airport by 5:00 a.m. to fly out at 7:05 a.m. to Miami. Upon arriving in Miami, we had an 8½ hour layover—a long 8 ½ hours! Finally, we flew to Georgetown, Guyana, where we were met by our brother Nigel Milo, with whom we work with while in Guyana. We had a very good flight.

This year, we are also working with brother Thomas George from Moco Moco Village in Guyana. He is a very special Christian preacher to Louis and me. I really enjoy listening to him preach the Gospel of Christ. He and Louis shared the pulpit most of the time. Their lessons pertained to “How we got the Bible” and “Back to the Bible.” When time permitted, brother Nigel gave a lesson. These three men are very qualified speakers for teaching the Scriptures. They also have a good rapport with the audience and with one another. We have learned a lot about “How We Got the Bible” and “The Inspiration of the Bible.” To God be the glory for these workshops and seminars.

I was pleased to be able to teach a few ladies classes. I talked on “Getting Back to the Bible by Being the Wife of a Preacher, an Elder or a Deacon,” “The Good Shepherd” and “Putting on the Whole Armor of God.” I also included other married ladies, and of course, the single ladies. I really enjoy working with the women of different congregations of the Lord's church. I got to renew friendships and make new friends. What a great blessing from the Lord!

We accommodated all 10 regions of Guyana. The workshops and seminars were set in areas where those from other congregations close enough could come. It is easier for us to have the people come to these collection points than for us to try and go to some 100+ congregations of the Lord's church in Guyana.

We visited the churches of Culvert City, Turu Mission, Estate, Kitty, Good Hope, Paramakatoi,



Evangelism Fund: November 2017–February 2018	
Income	
North India Fund	\$25,000.00
Literature & Bibles	\$5,575.00
Guyana ATV Fund	\$4,180.00
Foreign Travel Fund	\$6,410.00
Contributions	\$20,206.66
Stateside Travel	\$400.00
Rebates/Discounts/Refunds/Resale	\$74.27
Total	\$61,845.93
Expenses	
Foreign Travel (General)	\$3,244.04
Foreign Travel (North India)	\$22,829.32
Foreign Travel (India)	\$6,700.00
Foreign Travel (Guyana)	\$19,959.33
India Missions Conference	\$258.98
Medical Expenses	\$7,168.03
Auto Expenses	\$3,205.27
Stateside Travel	\$622.22
Bank Fees	\$72.72
Internet (Gospel Gazette Online)	\$853.00
Office (supplies/equipment/software subscriptions/help)	\$2,462.85
Postage/Shipping	\$474.31
Housing	\$1,107.86
Salary (catch-up)	\$15,100.00
Business Telephone	\$251.87
Newsletter	\$662.72
Business Expenses	\$17.43
Total	\$84,989.95





“...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).

Enmore, Hosororo, Kildonan and Amelia’s Ward. We had many other congregations represented. I feel this was a very successful work. We try to edify brethren and help them to be able to go out in their country and teach others. This is the mission of the church. Mark 16:15 and Matthew 28:19 both tell us to go teach. It is wonderful to see and hear of those who go out to different areas to spread the Gospel. We have been with brethren who are doing this very thing.




Paramakatoi, Guyana



We have ridden fast boats, car ferries, small airplanes, vans and cars to spread the truth. Sometimes, riding in these vehicles is like going on some amusement rides at parks in the US. Some of the roads are so full of potholes that it is like riding the “jack-rabbit” roller coaster. Louis has said often, “We do not need to go to amusement parks; we get enough excitement in Guyana and in Asia.” I agree, but I still enjoy the shows and riding *the easy-going rides* at theme parks.

Louis is always teasing me about making an international incident when we travel out of the US. Well, unknowingly I tried again. We got on a plane that had been carrying government officials, one of whom who got off the plane for a rest stop just before we began loading. There were only 12 seats for passengers on this plane, and the 2-seat side either was full or had one person in each of them. No seats were left so Louis and I could sit together. A lady in the second seat from the front said I could sit with her. Then, I thought she said that I could move his bag (from the front seat), so I did and put it in the seat beside her. Oops! Another miscommunication! When, the gentleman returned, we had taken his seat, and he said something about moving his bag and taking his seat. We did not hear the conversation. So, brother Nigel told him he had been demoted. The others on the plane laughed. On the way back to Linden by car, brother Nigel told us of this. He laughed some more and said that this made his day. Seems to me I do something dumb (funny unknowingly) every time we travel.

Last fall when we came to Guyana for two weeks, I made quite an impression on one security guard (literally) at the little Ogle Airport. As we were going into the last security clearance, I tripped on a small step going into the room where we had to go through the body scanner, and I fell against the table and shoved it against the guard—pushing her back against the wall. So, as you can see, I am *unforgettable*. Even the guards who were not involved know me. As Louis says, “Martha, they probably have your picture on the wall.” This was another oops!

As long as we are physically able, we plan to continue these mission trips. To God be the glory. Please continue to keep us in your payers. 

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