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Special June Session for Youth in Myanmar

Louis Rushmore

Bonnie and I are headed back to Myanmar (Burma) for a mid-June 2010 special session for Burmese youth. In 1997, there were only about 50 known members of the church in Myanmar, but the Lord's church has mushroomed since then to over 6,000 members. This is especially remarkable since the official penalty is death for converting a Buddhist or for a Buddhist converting to Christianity. Despite the fact that our Burmese brethren have not experienced this terrible fate, some of them have suffered imprisonment, expulsion from their village and loss of employment for becoming Christians. Our Burmese brethren are aware, too, that the government knows who and where they are, and that the government purges various lists from time to time.

Nevertheless, Burmese Christians eagerly forge ahead, evangelistically throughout their nation. They present the Gospel to non-Christians and provide for the ongoing Bible education of Burmese evangelists. However, our Burmese brethren have largely neglected hereto date the biblical education of children; only recently have some of these brethren begun to conduct Bible classes for children (thanks at least partly to Sharon Larsen, Janet Barrier and Bonnie).

However, some of our Burmese brethren realize the importance of teaching their children so that years from now the church in Myanmar can mature to the point that it will have elders and deacons. Hence, at the urging of Burmese Gospel preachers, several American brethren will assist Burmese Christians with a three week school for youth—little children through teenagers. Bonnie and I, our daughter Rebecca and Randy Gaddy will spend two of the three weeks in Myanmar this summer. We will be traveling together, and others will travel as well for this special session for youth.

Please pray for Bonnie and me as we prepare for this mission trip. We respectfully welcome financial participation by Christians and congregations to help us get to Burma this summer; significant, necessary advance preparation requires that we begin putting the funds together as soon as possible. (We are also scheduled, as we have been for the past two years, to teach mature Christians for three weeks at the Hmawbi Bible School in October and November.) Bonnie and I have determined to dedicate our lives to glorifying God and edifying souls, and we greatly appreciate your assistance toward that end. ☺

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missionary labors of
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Janet Barrier, Jerry & Paula
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**Louis Rushmore
Gospel Gazette Online, Editor
Voice of Truth International,
Associate Editor**

Hit the Ground Running!

Bonnie Rushmore

As you may recall from our previous newsletter, we returned home from our overseas trip November 17, 2009. Just two days later, several individuals arrived in Winona, MS for the monthly School of Missions classes. Saturday morning, we left for Collierville, TN to visit with Rebecca and for Louis to give an update on our trip to the congregation Sunday afternoon. A Wednesday evening a few weeks later, I spoke to the ladies at the Collierville Church of Christ while Louis presented a lesson on evangelism; earlier that day, Louis showed a PowerPoint of our trip to India, Sri Lanka and Myanmar to students

Out of the Mouths of Babes

By Bonnie Rushmore

Anyone who works with children or teaches children's classes knows that the words coming out of children's mouths can be enlightening at times. Often the words are amusing, sometimes they are embarrassing (especially to their parents) and occasionally, children's words are heartbreaking. The younger the children the more honest and endearing are their words. Several years ago, while teaching a preschool class, one youngster proceeded to tell me, and the rest of the class, why her mommy and daddy do not sleep together. Fortunately, the explanation was not as revealing as I feared, but, certainly, embarrassing to her parents had I repeated the story to them. This should be a gentle reminder to all parents to be careful what you say and do in front of your children, because they will repeat it, and not necessarily with all the facts. Let me tell you about some of our recent encounters with children.

Several weeks ago, a brother in a nearby congregation called the office to order books for the prison ministry with which he and the congregation are involved. During the course of our discussion, he told me about a conversation with his young son. This family reads our newsletter together when each new issue arrives. When the family completed reading about our travels as outlined in that issue, the young son asked, "Daddy do they have a home?" Apparently, we visited a lot of places during the course of that writing, and visited in the homes of several Christian families. To his young mind, only a homeless person would spend so much time in other people's homes. Yes, Kirk, we do have

a house that we call home in Winona, MS, and it is always a welcome sight when we have been gone for several days or weeks.

At the conclusion of the Sunday evening service in Cleveland, TN where Louis talked about our work, an elementary age girl and her mother approached me. As we greeted one another, the mother said to her daughter, "Go ahead." The young lady handed me \$5.00 and said, "This is to help with your work." The mother then gave me the form from our newsletter that the young girl had completed. Apparently, this young lady was watching the pictures and listening to Louis as he apprised the congregation of our recently completed trip to India, Sri Lanka and Burma. Lauren, I will use your donation to assist the recently started children's Bible class in Hwambi, Burma. We, and they, thank you for your act of kindness.

A few weeks later found us in Vermillion, OH visiting our sponsoring congregation. The preacher and his family are dear friends. We fell in love with the Weaver children when Mark was a student at West Virginia School of Preaching. Their blond hair, blue-eyed little girls reminded us of our daughter when she was a youngster. Mark and Dawn have added another girl and boy to the family since leaving West Virginia, and they are just as endearing to us as the other children. While in the kitchen with Dawn, after Wednesday evening Bible Class where Louis presented information about our recent trip, Faith (age 12) handed me a small piece of folded paper. I opened the paper to find \$1.00 and a note reading, "Bonnie, Thank you for your work to the Lord and for being a good friend. Love, Faith." When I took the note to the living room to show Louis, he said, "I'm special" and handed me a similar note. Faith gave each of us and Rebecca (who was with us) notes with a dollar bill folded inside. The Weaver children have daily chores with each chore allotted a small wage. When the chore is completed, their wages are tallied on a chart posted on the refrigerator. Faith requested some of her ac-

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**Rushmore Evangelism Fund:
November 21, 2009—January 31, 2010**

Beginning Available Balance	\$11,959.37
Beginning Foreign Travel Balance	\$1,114.69
Beginning Tracts (for Asia) Balance	\$0.00
Income	
Contributions	\$11,733.33
Printing/Book Sales	\$471.16
Foreign Travel	\$1,500.00
Stateside Travel	\$1,938.76
Tracts (for Asia)	\$0.00
Bible Fund	<u>\$50.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$15,693.25
Expenses	
Auto Expenses	\$2,265.77
Stateside Travel	\$1,565.14
Foreign Travel (lodging, meals,	\$0.00
Lectureships/Workshops	\$465.54
Tracts for Asia	\$0.00
Office	\$441.18
Postage & Shipping	\$192.10
Internet (Gospel Gazette)	\$228.00
Printing Expenses	\$2,562.59
Office Telephone/Email	\$287.67
Medical Treatment	\$60.00
Bank Fees	\$17.50
Medical Insurance	\$0.00
Life Insurance	\$150.87
Housing	\$1,888.79
Salary	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$12,625.15
MONTHLY NET	\$3,068.10
Available Balance	\$13,477.47
Foreign Travel Balance	\$2,614.69
Bible Fund	\$50.00
Tracts/Literature Balance	\$0.00

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 as they continue the
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 J.C. & Betty Choate
 and labor with the Barriers
 and the Bates & others in
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- Here is a onetime gift of \$_____ to help perpetuate the proven work of evangelism in which Bonnie & Louis are participating.
- I (we) plan to send a monthly gift of \$_____, beginning _____ (month) to help the Rushmores spread the Gospel far and near.
- Here is my gift of \$_____ toward the \$5,000 needed for 5,000 NKJV Bibles for India.
- Here is my gift of \$_____ toward the \$100,000 needed for 1,000,000 tracts in various languages for Asia.
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 - The One True Church of the Bible
 - Beverage Alcohol
- We want to schedule Louis Rushmore for a Gospel meeting.
- We want to schedule Bonnie Rushmore for a Ladies' Day.

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cumulated chore money from her father to give to us. Donations like these and the children who present them are precious to us and to our heavenly Father.

After the Sunday morning Bible Class at Liberty Church of Christ in DeFuniak Springs, FL, a young girl handed Louis a piece of paper. The sheet read, "We are praying for you and your travels," and it was decorated with stickers and signed by each student in the class. We were leaving immediately following the worship services for our evening appointment, and the children and their teacher wanted to remind us that they would keep us in their prayers. When we returned to Winona, I taped this picture on the wall by my desk to remind me to pray for them as well.

A couple of weeks ago, we visited the Leighton, AL congregation. Following services a ten-year-old girl hugged Louis and me and said, "I missed you so much." We first met Baylee when we visited that congregation a year ago. She told us that she was baptized a few weeks before this visit. We pray that she will continue to grow in the knowledge of God and remain a faithful servant to Him.

I have listed here some examples of excellent youngsters. Their parents, Bible class teachers and the elders of their home congregations should be proud of them. Their parents are to be commended for training them with a Christ-like attitude. Some of our greatest encouragement comes forth out of the mouths of babes! 

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at Rebecca's school.

The following weekend, we travelled to Cleveland, TN to report to the East Side and the Central congregations. The months of December and January found us visiting the congregations of Elliott, Old Union, West President, Red Hill, Zion Rest, Charleston and Batesville in MS, as well as Pataskala and Vermilion in OH, along with Liberty and Lakeside in FL, plus Leighton and Austinville in AL. We met with the mission committee of the Florence Blvd Church of Christ in AL to report on mission works in India that they support.

While in Florida, we attended the Florida School of Preaching lectureship, and then travelled to Heritage University in Florence, AL for the January two day session of the School of Missions and a Saturday morning meeting with individuals involved in the work in Myanmar.

The purpose of our December Ohio trip was to visit Raymond, Vanessa, Eli and Nate for the holidays. Unfortunately, we found snow while in Ohio.

When we are not on the road, we work in the office typesetting *Voice of Truth International*, ship books, answer phones, publish *Gospel Gazette Online* to the web, etc. In December, we loaded about 600 boxes of books headed for NY to be shipped overseas, and Thursday February 11th we unloaded five pallets of books into the warehouse in Winona. To round out our activities over the past several weeks we have been repairing and painting the walls in our home. Two bedrooms are complete with the living room needing some touch-up and we are just beginning the dining room.

Louis has a railroad lapel pin with a crossing and the letters RR painted on it. A friend said the "RR" stands for "Ready Rushmore." Yes, we hit the ground running and I do not see a rest in sight. As one young Christian brother once said, "We'll rest in eternity one day!" 