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# *Plans Shaping Up for Overseas Travel!*

Louis Rushmore

The one question we receive more than any other as we travel between congregations in our stateside travels is this, “When are you going overseas again?” We are always aware of the generalities regarding our annual trips out of the country, but it is always a logistical challenge to speak with certainty very long before the events for many of the details. Of course, we also receive invitations almost daily to make mission trips throughout the world, which offers exceed both calendar days available (and still keep up with the publishing end of our labors) and funds at our disposal for such trips; the bigger inhibitor for more foreign mission work remains lack of financial resources to do more abroad more often.

However, plans for our overseas travel are shaping up. I suspect that most of you who are reading this are not aware of the extensive lead time required to make such foreign trips. Because there was a need and because our daughter Rebecca is committed to a mission trip to Guyana, South America this summer, Bonnie and I accepted the invitation to participate. Though our time going to, in and returning from Guyana encompasses July 16-23, we had to purchase the round-trip airfare April 17<sup>th</sup>. That was an expenditure of \$2,458.20 for which our budget was unprepared, and which brought our evangelism fund balance dangerously low; we truly operate on a shoestring budget. Additional money will need to be wired to Guyana ahead of time and convert-

ed to their currency for expenses we will incur while we are there.

In the mornings, we will teach VBS for a congregation, with an anticipated 40 to 80 children per class. Bonnie will be teaching 8- to 9-year-olds, and I will teach 13- to 19-year-olds. Afternoons, we will do door knocking to set up appointments for Bible studies to be conducted by workers coming to Guyana the next week. Some evenings, Bonnie and I will be teaching adult classes (Bonnie, of course, teaching ladies) at a second congregation. One evening, I will be teaching an adult class at a third congregation. Sunday, I will be preaching for one of the churches. The evening appointments were added to the original schedule because Bonnie and I want as little downtime as possible; we want to get all the bang for the buck possible with the Lord’s money (that is, we want to make the best use of as much time as possible while there).

Later in the year, Bonnie and I will be in Myanmar (Burma) and India. We will need to leave the US about September 28 for Myanmar, where we will teach at various locations through October 21. We will break new ground for us, as we will be going to several locations in the north, interior of the nation where we have not been before. We are spoiled by the few amenities available in Yangon, and we will miss them as we go into more remote areas of the country. We will need to raise from churches of Christ and in-

dividual Christians sufficient money for our plane tickets plus lodging, food and program expenses.

When we leave Myanmar, we will go to India where we will travel extensively and teach brethren and non-Christians in many states of India – southeast, south central, northeast and north. All together in Myanmar and India this trip, we will be gone approximately eight weeks. My guesstimate for the two-country mission trip is that we will invest around \$18,000 for round-trip airfare to Asia, program expenses, lodging, meals, ground transportation, domestic air travel and literature (tracts and Bibles).

It is simply impossible for Bonnie and me to go these foreign countries – taking the Gospel of Christ to brethren and non-Christians alike – unless fellow Christians and congregations make it possible by sending the light of the Gospel in our hands through their financial support. We are willing to be tools in the hands of God – His feet, His hands and His mouth – if you will participate with us by sending some of the blessings with God has blessed you to our sponsoring congregation (or to us if you prefer). We send a thank you card acknowl-

edging every monetary gift plus an end-of-year statement of contributions for tax purposes; in addition, we disclose income and expenses in each newsletter.

Please pray for our 2011 Guyana, Myan-



mar and India mission trips. We need your prayers and financial help for each of these journeys. Besides this, we travel about 3,000 miles monthly by car to stateside congregations with personal mission reports and biblical lessons; schedule us today for 2011 or 2012. In addition, I am booking Gospel meetings through 2014 and Bonnie and Rebecca are scheduling ladies' days, etc. 

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## Rushmore-ing About!

### Bonnie Rushmore

The first week of March found us in Knoxville, TN for the East Tennessee School of Preaching and Missions lectureship. The balance of March and all of April found us in Winona during the week and traveling out on Saturday afternoons or early Sunday mornings for our Sunday appointments plus one Wednesday evening appointment.

Rebecca came to Winona the second week of March to visit and assist in the office during her spring break from teaching school. As always, we planned to accomplish more than the allotted time allowed, but she was a big help in completing a couple of mass mailings and other projects needing our attention. On Wednesday morning, we packed bags, loaded the car and headed north for an evening appointment in Benton, KY. The congregation ordered 50 copies of Rebecca's book *What Makes Us Tick?* that we hand delivered on our visit. The fact that the author was coming with us was an added bonus. I teased Rebecca on the way that she better rest her hand as she would need to sign each copy before we left for home. After Bible class, we drove to her house for the night before returning to Winona Thursday.

Other appointments the last two months found us in McMinnville, TN (twice, two weekends apart); Leighton, AL; Rogersville, AL; Jackson, MS; Batesville, AR and Columbus, MS. Some of the trips were close enough that we left early Sunday morning, giving us



opportunities to work at the house on Saturday. This is especially important now that spring has sprung and yard work is once again calling for our attention. With the nasty thunderstorms and high winds in the area the last several weeks, it takes an hour to clean up the tree branches before we can mow.

We had the pleasure of Peter and Yong DeGraff visiting for a week in April. As with any visitors, we found a few chores to keep them busy during the day. Peter assisted Louis with some computer technical difficulties and changed the ballast in a couple of fluorescent lights. Peter and Yong proofed *The Voice of Truth International* as Louis finalized its preparation for the printer; they helped prepare and mail Betty's newsletter, and Yong pulled weeds around the office building. We took one afternoon off from the office and travelled about two hours north to Southaven, MS for supper at our favorite res-

restaurant, and to purchase external hard drives for backing up data at the office. One of the two drives we were using failed a few days earlier.

The last weekend in March, we turned our frequent flyer miles into two tickets to Wilmington, NC. Our son Raymond is stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC, teaching Coast Guard classes at the military base. On Friday night, we visited in the home of the local evangelist; they open their home to the congregation every Friday evening for fellowship and a devotional. Saturday, we walked a couple of beaches, picking up a jar full of seashells and visiting a couple of gift shops. Sunday, Louis taught Bible Class and preached for both the morning and evening services, and we enjoyed a covered dish lunch following the morning service. Sunday morning's attendance was twelve – with six visitors from out of the area, and the evening attendance was five. This little congregation began about three years ago and meets in the community building in Hampstead, NC. They have faced some difficulties but are working to grow the church in that community. We were told that during the summer, attendance picks up with visitors vacationing in the area, and attendance varies depending on the schedules of some of the military families. We enjoyed the weekend with Raymond and all too soon, it was time to board the plane for our return to Winona. Unfortunately, Raymond's family is still in Ohio, so we were unable to visit with Vanessa, Eli and Nate. We flew out of Memphis Friday morning and returned Monday

evening in time for supper with the Weaver family from Vermilion, OH who were in Memphis for the week.

While March and April found us in the office during the week, the next few months we will be travelling extensively. The middle of May is the annual Maywood Missionary Retreat at Maywood Christian Camp in Hamilton, AL. Following that program, we leave for appointments in Georgia and Florida, being gone about two weeks. A few days after our return to Winona, we head north for our semi-annual trip to visit family and to report to congregations in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. This northbound trip is a little later than usual as we waited for Rebecca to finish the school year so that she could accompany us. It has been over a year since she has seen her grandmother, who has health issues. This will be a difficult trip as my mother's Alzheimer's is getting worse and she probably will neither know us this time nor remember we were there. In July, we travel to Guyana South America with Rebecca and others from the Collierville church for a weeklong mission trip.

We have been fortunate that the severe weather has skirted Winona. If you have watched any news on TV, you have seen the massive destruction in Arkansas, Alabama and Mississippi from tornados and the flooding along the Mississippi River. Please keep these families in your prayers.📖



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# Literature!

Louis Rushmore

A large share of what I do concerns literature. Literature includes tracts, Bibles and Bible study books. Some of it I write; some of it written by others, I may proofread and otherwise prepare for publication. Other times, I may find coworkers and myself unloading pallets of literature, one box at a time, or we may be loading pallets, one box at a time for a long-haul freightliner to transport it to a coastal city for placement on container ships; these ships may take our literature to Asia, Africa or South America. Still on other occasions, we may pull a trailer filled with literature to a site stateside for placement in a container bound for overseas.

One picture accompanying this article depicts an occasion Bonnie and I took 2,000+ pounds of literature along with us on Sunday appointments so we could deliver the literature on Monday to a site for shipment abroad.

The second photograph is of several of our titles displayed by youth in Peru. It is not often that we get to see the end result of our shipments overseas.



Literature is an extension of any worker, which is ready whenever and wherever someone takes time to examine it. Literature can go to places in the world where Christians may not be able to work openly for Christ. Literature can arrive before workers and remain after they have returned home. Literature is a valuable ingredient to evangelizing the world with the Gospel of Christ and leading new Christians to heightened maturity. I teach and preach at every opportunity at home and abroad, but through literature, I can help teach a lost world even when I am not present personally. Finally, literature is more durable than I am, and literature will outlive me. 📖



**Rushmore Evangelism Fund:  
March 1—April 30, 2011**

Beginning Literature & Bible Balance	-\$105.91
Beginning Foreign Balance	\$0.00
Beginning Available Balance	\$9,310.11
<b>Income</b>	
Contributions	\$7,745.33
Stateside Travel	\$990.00
Literature & Bibles	\$500.00
Foreign Travel	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$10,235.33</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Auto Expenses	\$1,193.01
Stateside Travel	\$1,489.88
Lectureships/Workshops	-\$9.13
Printing	\$50.12
Bank Fees	\$10.88
Internet	\$60.00
Literature & Bibles	\$600.00
Office & Misc.	\$957.51
Postage/Shipping	\$91.80
Business Use Telephones	\$309.65
Medical Treatment & Insurance	\$2,056.59
Housing	\$562.47
Salary	\$1,962.55
Foreign Travel (Guyana)	\$2,458.20
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$11,793.53</b>
<b>Statement Period Balance</b>	<b>-\$1,558.20</b>
Ending Literature & Bible Balance	-\$205.91
Ending Foreign Travel Balance	-\$1,458.20
Ending Available Balance	\$7,751.91

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**“Their idols are silver and gold,  
the work of men’s hands” (Psalm 115:4).**

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side of the planet with  
the Gospel of Christ!**



**“ ...you should  
turn from these  
useless things  
to the living God,  
who made the  
heaven, the earth,  
the sea, and all  
things that  
are in them”  
(Acts 14:15).**

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