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## No Moss Growing Here!

Louis Rushmore

It is said that, "A rolling stone gathers no moss." Well, the Rushmores gather no moss! Bonnie and I arrived back in the USA on July 3 from a summer mission trip to Myanmar. October 6, Bonnie and I board a series of airlines for India and Myanmar. Between July and October has been a flurry of stateside travel for teaching and preaching (see Bonnie's article about our travels).

Two of our fellow travelers and teachers this summer were unable to raise the funds for their plane tickets to Myanmar; that resulted in about a \$4,400 shock to the Rushmore Evangelism Fund, since we had to pay for those tickets, too. Now, we find ourselves facing immediate purchase of our fall mission trip tickets – without the benefit of those funds that were unexpectedly expended this summer. 

## Will You Be an Advocate?

Louis Rushmore

Bonnie and I are just two persons, and as husband and wife, we are only **one** in matrimony and only **one** in our devotion to the cause of Christ. Will you be an advocate for us – bringing to the attention of congregations **with whom you are familiar** our evangelistic efforts stateside and abroad? Will you invite churches to participate with us financially? Are you willing to inquire of church leaders on our behalf, when we may visit their congregations and I can apprise brethren about our mission work? Please request prayers for us for the furtherance of the cause of Christ. Please encourage your congregation to remember Bonnie and me in the church bulletin or from the pulpit from time to time. As an advocate for the Rushmores, you can uplift our spirits and make a meaningful difference in world evangelism, in which we attempt to immerse ourselves fully. 

## Traveling Companions

Louis Rushmore

Therman Hodge is our newest traveling companion on overseas mission campaigns. He, Bonnie and I leave Memphis, TN on October 6 for numerous locations in India, followed by time in Myanmar (Burma). Brother Therman, though, is much more than a traveling companion; he is a seasoned student of the Bible, and he will be sharing God's Word with precious souls, Christians and non-Christians, wherever we three go.

A couple of years ago while speaking for the Macon, MS Church of

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## Here We Go Again!

By Bonnie Rushmore

It seems as though we have not stopped since our return from Myanmar July 3. Our week-end travels and some Wednesday evening appointments often impede keeping on top of things at the office and even more so at the house. With our mobile office (two laptops – one that I frequently use while Louis drives) contributes to keeping abreast of some of the office work, such as, *Voice of Truth International*, *Gospel Gazette Online* and lessons for our overseas travels. However, there is still much work left undone when we are out of town, especially, if the Bates and Betty are away also. Of course, the household chores cannot be done while we are away. That means the dust is growing on the furniture, the grass may look like a goat pasture and spider webs are abundant! As I write this, we have been gone for two weeks and will leave for weekend appointments in just three days. Only time will tell when the household chores are completed as our time at the office demands our attention with Jerry and Paula on their way to Africa, India and Sri Lanka.

The Strickland Church of Christ brought several teens and adults for about four hours one Monday to assist with some routine office work and maintenance on the building. They and others who volunteer to come to Winona and lend a helping hand are always welcome and appreciated. This trip, the group prepared the mailing of Betty's newsletter, assisted with our newsletter, cleaned, pulled weeds, made some minor maintenance repairs, labeled boxes of books in preparation for overseas shipment and moved boxes in the warehouse, making space for an upcoming book delivery. Even though they could only stay about four hours, much work was accomplished.

The summer has brought many visitors to the World Evangelism office in Winona.

Obadiah Doka, a Nigerian preacher, stopped by with Kathy Segars from the West President Church of Christ in Greenwood, MS. Obadiah wanted to visit us and relate how much the Nigerian brethren use and appreciate *The Voice of Truth International* magazine. His praise of this magazine makes the hard work involved in getting it ready for the printer worthwhile. They arrived just after we unloaded a tractor-trailer loaded with three pallets of books and Volume 64 of *Voice of Truth International*. We jokingly chided them for the perfect timing.

Gene and Madolyn Gibson and Gene Hill brought Brother Hill's son and daughter-in-law by for a visit. This young couple, along with their two-year-old son, lives and works in China with the China Now program. They talked about their work in China and picked out some books for use in their work.

Other visitors included Joe and Bonnie Ruiz who work with the Spanish community through the West President congregation in Greenwood, MS. The Ruiz family also makes trips to Peru. Even though they live about two hours from Winona and work about 45 minutes from our office, this was their first visit. They stopped by on the way to an appointment in Jackson, MS. Since they were on a tight time schedule, their visit was short, and we encouraged them to stop on the way back through for our annual team meeting, beginning the next morning.

We have had missionaries from the Philippines, India and France stop by within the last few months. We welcome their visits, appreciate hearing about their work and always send them home with books.

The annual World Evangelism team meeting was held July 29-30 in Winona. About 20 missionaries gathered to report on their individual labors, discuss what needs to be done in various locations and to encourage one another in fellowship. As with any overnight visitors, those living in Winona provided lodging and meals to our guests. Needless to say, I allotted some time to clean our house before anyone's arrival.

Since our last report, we have visited congregations in KY, AL, MS, TN and FL. The trip to Florida was our third since the first of the year. One congregation in AL is almost to GA, and while in that area, we spent a few extra days near Chattanooga so that Louis could tape some lessons for GBN.

After Louis scheduled our Benton, KY appointment, he realized it was our 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary. So, we left half a day early had a nice dinner along the way, spent a night in a motel, did a little shopping and made a leisurely trip to celebrate 37 wonderful years together.

The last week of August, we spent at Polishing the

**Rushmore Evangelism Fund:  
July 4, 2010—August 31, 2010**

<b>Beginning Available Balance</b>	<b>\$11,024.88</b>
<b>Beginning Foreign Travel Balance</b>	<b>-\$1,773.61</b>
<b>Literature Balance</b>	<b>\$3,056.59</b>
<b>Beginning Bible Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>

**Income**

Contributions	\$7,551.66
Printing/Book Sales	\$34.00
Foreign Travel	\$550.00
Stateside Travel	\$1,650.00
Literature	\$200.00
Bible Fund	<u>\$50.00</u>

**TOTAL INCOME                    \$10,035.66**

**Expenses**

Auto Expenses	\$1,377.48
Stateside Travel	\$1,605.68
Foreign Travel (Visas)	\$207.05
Lectureships/Workshops	\$163.13
Literature	\$60.00
Office	\$282.21
Postage & Shipping	\$200.77
Printing Expenses	\$455.35
Office Telephone/Email	\$280.24
Medical Treatment	\$378.35
Bank Fees	\$11.76
Medical Insurance	\$1,462.00
Housing	\$2,753.98
Salary	<u>\$2,542.29</u>

**TOTAL EXPENSES                \$11,780.29**

**MONTHLY NET                    -\$1,744.63**

<b>Available Balance</b>	<b>\$9,280.21</b>
<b>Foreign Travel Balance</b>	<b>-\$1,430.66</b>
<b>Bible Fund</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>
<b>Literature Balance</b>	<b>\$3,196.59</b>

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the Rushmores save souls  
as they continue the  
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J.C. & Betty Choate  
and labor with the Barriers  
and the Bates and others  
in worldwide evangelism.**

- 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 literature for Myanmar (Burma).
- We want to schedule Louis Rushmore for a PowerPoint presentation on:
  - Worldwide Missions
  - Bible Archaeology
  - 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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Pulpit in Sevierville, TN. Louis and I each taught three lessons to the 6-9 year-olds. The children love Louis' map class and on occasion will tell their parents, "There's the map man!" I taught PowerPoint lessons about the Christian Armor, Youthful Servants of God and Bible Geography Jeopardy (based on the material Louis taught). The children were wonderful, well behaved and they and we had a lot of fun together. When we were not teaching, we tended the display for World Evangelism with an emphasis on our work and the books for sale by Choate/Rushmore Publications, and we attended several excellent lessons. This week is a time for spiritual refreshment, renewing friendships and making new friends. Frequently, a couple would speak to us and ask if we remembered them. Many times, I would have to beg forgiveness and ask their names. Most of the time once the name was given, I would remember we stayed in their home or we had a meal out together. I can usually remember a face, but putting a name with the face is a struggle for me. If you are one of the ones I forgot, please forgive me.

Following the weeklong spiritual feast at Polishing the Pulpit, we took a five-day vacation in a quiet cabin outside of Pigeon Forge, TN in the Smoky Mountains. We spent time relaxing and enjoying the scenery and went to two dinner shows (a treat for us, as this is something we have never done before). Back at the cabin, I worked on the last lesson of my book, *Living Principles: Gleanings from Unnamed and Named Bible Characters*. With the last chapter written, I need to reread it for consistency since I started this book three years ago while we were living in West Virginia. My goal is to have it completed,

ready for the printer by the end of the year. Louis worked on *Gospel Gazette Online* and our September newsletter. On our way home, we stopped at Clingman's Dome (one of the highest points in the Appalachian Mountains) and hiked the half-mile to the top. We love the mountains and miss them in flatland Mississippi!

The middle of September we head north to visit my mother, Louis' father and our son, Raymond and his family before our fall trip in October to India and Myanmar. We will visit with three congregations in OH while on this trip. 📖

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Christ, I invited brethren to consider traveling with Bonnie and me abroad. Brother Hodge volunteered, and now it is a reality. As a result, God's name will be glorified and souls will be edified. Brother Hodge (besides Bonnie and me) will enjoy a heightened personal gratification in the service of Jesus. The Macon congregation will be invigorated in a way that may well translate to greater local evangelism, too.

Now, will you be our traveling companion and fellow teacher in the future? You won't be the same person when you come back, and you will do untold good for the cause of Christ abroad and at home. 📖

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