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Rebecca, Louis & Bonnie Rushmore after
their return from Guyana, South America

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Ambitious Eight-Week Mission Trip to Asia Looms in the Near Future!

Louis Rushmore

The last few days of September, Bonnie and I leave the States for Myanmar, India and possibly Sri Lanka. This ambitious eight-week mission trip will require the expenditure of about \$12,000, for which we rely on good brethren and congregations to make it happen. We do not depend on funding for the Lord's work from denominations, non-Christians or non-religious sources, but the churches of Christ alone have the responsibility to evangelize the world with the Gospel of Christ. Only the churches of Christ and its membership have the Lord's money at their disposal, and so to you alone we appeal.

In those eight weeks, Bonnie and I along with additional team members will fly almost exactly to the other side of the planet. First, we will go to various locations in the northern interior of Myanmar where we will hold seminars among our Christian brethren for their edification and encouragement. There is airfare to consider going to Asia and around Asia and returning to the States Thanksgiving week. Seminar expenses include travel money, lodging and food for the nationals who attend, plus printing tracts and purchasing Bibles. After two weeks of seminars at multiple locations, Bonnie and I will teach our respective classes for a week in the southern part of the nation at the Hmawbi Bible School. Our own lodging and transportation plus printing still more tracts and buying still more Bibles will consume funds, too.

Next, we will fly to India and make our way to destinations in Andhra Pradesh for at least one week. Tentatively at this point, we will also travel to various points in and out from Bangalore and New Delhi. In each of these places, too, we will need to spend funds like in Myanmar for seminar expenses, air and ground travel, lodging, printing tracts and purchase of Bibles. In early stages of development, we may also fly to Sri Lanka and conduct seminars there as well, experiencing similar financial outlays for the same purposes.

Typically, Bonnie and I schedule each day abroad to the fullest so as to avoid as much as possible any lost time. We want to be used up for the cause of Christ, and help brethren to know God's Word more perfectly and to more efficiently evangelize their respective nations. When possible, we also speak to large, village groups of primarily non-Christians or teach from house to house. We want busy days, modeling the hours afforded us each day after the exemplary busy days of our Lord during His earthly ministry.

Bonnie and I are wholly dependent on brethren such as yourself and the congregation with which you worship to make our mission work a reality. We cannot do any of what we propose or attempt for the cause of Christ without your financial participation. You can go with us in spirit through your prayers and monetary gifts. Send checks payable to the Rushmore Evangelism Fund to the Siwell Road Church of Christ, 4075 Siwell Road,

Jackson, MS 39212. Indicate in the memo line of the check how you want your gift applied to the work (e.g., foreign travel or tracts and Bibles). It will not be long before we need to purchase the airfare, so please send your gift today. In addition, we need to plan the scope of the mission trip based in part on the availability of financial resources, and we need to plan out the eight-week mission trip in as many of its details as possible as soon as we can. The timeliness of your donation, then, is very important. Each gift will be personally acknowledged and will receive a receipt at the end of the year for tax purposes. 📖

Guyana Mission Trip Loaded with Teaching, Preaching, Bible Studies and Encouragement

Louis Rushmore

It was my good pleasure to teach publicly eight times to three congregations during the week in Guyana recently. In addition, I worked with a fourth congregation one of those days, and each day other team members and I canvassed neighborhoods to set up home Bible studies and invite children to the VBS at one of the churches. Bonnie and Rebecca taught five days of VBS along with other US team members and Guyanese brethren; the precious souls of 303 children participated in VBS. One evening, Bonnie and I visited homes by boat prior to an evening service in a pavilion like structure. The boat ride itself was interesting as Bon-

nie bailed water from the boat as we traversed a large and deep river, and the operator of the little boat brought his rifle along just in case any snakes or crocodiles were to take a special interest in us.

Sure pleasure was ours to make the acquaintance of brethren in this poor country to our south. Especially one preaching brother we found to be very well educated, experienced, capable and motivated; he is key to the future of not only the area in which he resides and labors for the Lord, but also I think for the brotherhood throughout the nation. Plans are already underway to provide literature and books through this good Christian brother. Upon our return to the States from Guyana, we have prepared 50 boxes of books for preachers, enough to give to the 50 preachers serving the 95 congregations in the country. Besides this, we will be looking to provide some extra items of special interest to some of the church leaders and workers we came to know. Anyone wishing to help finance the acquisition of books, tracts and Bibles for Guyana or help with the expense of shipping these things into the country can send a check payable to the Rushmore Evangelism Fund to the Siwell Road Church of Christ, 4075 Siwell Road, Jackson, MS 39212. Mark "Guyana" on the memo line of the check so we will know

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Saturday, July 30, a Caribbean Airlines jet with 163 people aboard touched down on a rainy runway, then slid through a chain-link fence and broke apart just short of a ravine in Georgetown, Guyana. There were no deaths reported, but there were dozens of injuries.

August Already!

Bonnie Rushmore

It is hard to believe that August has arrived. It seems as though yesterday was the beginning of May and we were making final preparation for the annual Missionary Retreat in Hamilton, AL. As Rebecca said recently, "Where has the summer gone?" We have been blessed to have Rebecca's company off and on throughout the summer.

The wheels on the van have continued to turn with our many adventures out of Winona. Our appointments the past two months have taken us to destinations in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina and Alabama by car and Guyana, South America by air. Some of our appointments were new to us, and others we have visited multiple times before. Congregations visited include the Nettleton Church of Christ in Jonesboro, AR; the Central and East Side Churches of Christ in Cleveland, TN; the Hampstead, NC Church of Christ; the Eldridge, AL Church of Christ; the Burnham, Amelia's Ward, Blueberry Hill and Dora Churches of Christ in Guyana, South America; and the Courtland, MS Church of Christ.

Monday morning, June 27th instead of driving six hours in a southwesterly direction home, we drove eight hours southeast toward North Carolina. We decided to accompany Rebecca on her weeklong visit to our son Raymond's temporary home at Topsail Island, NC. Since Raymond had to work Monday through Thursday, we spent the morn-

ings and early afternoons walking along the sandy beach across the road from his condo. Yes, much to my surprise Louis and I actually took some time off, relaxing and gathering shells and shark teeth along the sparsely populated beach. However, *The Voice of Truth International* and *Gospel Gazette Online* required our attention during the week. We had to have *Voice of Truth* completed and sent to the printer before our departure for Guyana the 16th of July.

Even though we have had several extended trips out of Winona the past two months, our time in town has been extremely busy. A tractor-trailer arrived with Volume 68 of *The Voice of Truth International* and one book title, which we unloaded from the truck one box at a time. We try to schedule deliveries when all five of us (Jerry and Paula Bates, Betty Choate and Louis and I) are available to unload. Louis and I missed the last delivery while in Florida, and the rest of the Winona team made sure we were in town for this one.

On June 16th, a work crew from the Liberty Church of Christ in Dennis, MS descended on Winona to assist us at the office. At the end of the day, the adults and teens prepared for mailing 1,500 packages of *Global Harvest* magazine, 266 single copies of *The Voice of Truth International* magazine, 150 cases of *The Voice of Truth International* and 471 *Rushmore Newsletters*. Some of the men built another shelf in the warehouse for

additional storage of smaller quantity book titles.

One month later, another work crew arrived. This group consisted of teens from the Siwell Road (Jackson, MS) and the West President (Greenwood, MS) congregations. The youth packed 100 boxes of books for preachers in the Philippines and Guyana. (The only study material available to most of the 50 preachers in Guyana is the Bible.) Others counted tracts into bundles of 25 (a great time saver for us when shipping tract orders), taped boxes of *The Voice of Truth International* in preparation for shipping overseas and thoroughly cleaned the building.

These two work groups accomplished more in two short days than the five of us who daily work in the office could complete in several weeks. We are indebted to those who willing volunteer their time and energy assisting us with shipments of material around the world. It takes takers and senders to spread the Gospel to a lost and dying world. Each volunteer who packs a book or tapes a box has a part in spreading the Gospel to the recipient. Those who come and clean are relieving Paula and me of this task, allowing us to focus on other matters requiring our attention such as *Voice of Truth International*, *Global Harvest*, lesson preparation and routine daily office work. Yes, all who volunteer their services at the Winona office are assisting with the spread of the Gospel around the world.

July 16th, Louis and I along with nine individuals from the Collierville (TN)

Church of Christ boarded a plane bound for Guyana, South America. Rebecca has been going to Linden, Guyana for several years, and she convinced her father and me to accompany the group this year. We taught VBS each morning (high attendance was 303 children), door knocked for two hours each afternoon, and Louis and I taught “maturity” classes to the men and women each evening. I discovered on this trip that I am older than I thought I was. The youngsters (ranging from one ten-year-old to the mid-forties) seemed content to sleep a few hours in the afternoon and then play games until the early morning hours. I am too old to deal with laughter and games at one in the morning! All in all, it was a worthy trip with much good accomplished for the Lord.

Wednesday evening July 20th while in Guyana, I received an emergency phone call from my brother. Mom was admitted to the hospital with pneumonia, a staph infection, kidney failure, extremely low blood pressure, extremely low oxygen levels and food going into the lungs when she swallows. The doctors did not instruct him to call me home, but they did say she is in very poor health. By Saturday, her oxygen levels and blood pressure had increased and stabilized. My brother called this afternoon (July 30) letting me know that the doctors do not expect her overall health condition to improve. At this time, we are planning a trip to Pennsylvania August

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Technological Investment in Precious Souls!

Brother Jay Ahti is a key participant in the translation and distribution of tracts in Myanmar (formerly Burma) and China. He translates tracts into multiple languages and personally sees that they are put in the hands of non-Christians in both countries. A couple of years ago, brother Ahti not only saw to the printing of thousands of tracts, but he traveled to China from Myanmar, advertised, rented a hall and preached the tracts to the Chinese men and women who attended.

Jay Ahti has the education and the command of the languages from which and to which he translates this literature. Recently, however, the computer that he uses in the translating process has failed. In order for brother Ahti to continue translating, printing and distributing Gospel literature in Myanmar and China, he needs a new computer. A printer, too, will help in the preparation of these materials. Some software may also be needed. We are planning on providing funds for the purchase in Myanmar of a laptop computer for about \$500 USD; the battery power of a laptop will be particularly useful given the unreliability of electric power almost daily. An inexpensive printer can be acquired for about \$100. Any additional funds can be used for software or the literature.

Bonnie and I are hoping to
raise \$1,000

Louis Rushmore

for this project from interested brethren so we can take care of this critical need upon our fall mission trip to Myanmar in September. This is a critical investment in souls, and we hope that you or your congregation wants to help. Make checks payable to the Rushmore Evangelism Fund, earmarked in the memo line "Jay Ahti Computer," and mail them to the Siwell Road Church of Christ, 4075 Siwell Road, Jackson, MS 39212. Each gift will be personally acknowledged and will receive a receipt at the end of the year for tax purposes. 📖

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how you desire for your gift to be used.

Our Guyanese brethren were much encouraged. You who helped Bonnie and me make this trip are responsible for the edification and encouragement afforded our brethren on that shore. 📖



Guyana VBS

Rushmore Evangelism Fund:
June- July, 2011

Beginning Literature & Bible Balance	\$444.09
Beginning Foreign Balance	-\$339.20
Beginning Available Balance	\$9,487.63
Income	
Contributions	\$6,891.66
Stateside Travel	\$1,608.00
Literature & Bibles	\$700.00
Foreign Travel	\$5,145.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$14,344.66
Expenses	
Auto Expenses	\$1,324.33
Stateside Travel	\$1,798.56
Bank Fees	\$65.18
Internet	\$60.00
Literature & Bibles	\$200.00
Office & Misc.	\$981.44
Postage/Shipping	\$283.99
Medical Treatment & Insurance	\$1,669.57
Housing	\$479.50
Salary	\$3,154.00
Foreign Travel (Guyana)	\$719.64
Printing	\$172.63
Business Telephone (4 months)	\$600.43
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,509.27
Statement Period Balance	\$2,835.39
Ending Literature & Bible Balance	\$944.09
Ending Foreign Travel Balance	\$4,086.16
Ending Available Balance	\$7,292.77



Yes, we want to help Louis & Bonnie Rushmore in their publishing of Gospel literature and foreign evangelism.

- Here is a onetime gift of \$_____.
- I (we) plan to send a monthly gift of \$_____, beginning _____ (month).
- Here is my gift of \$_____ for literature & Bibles.
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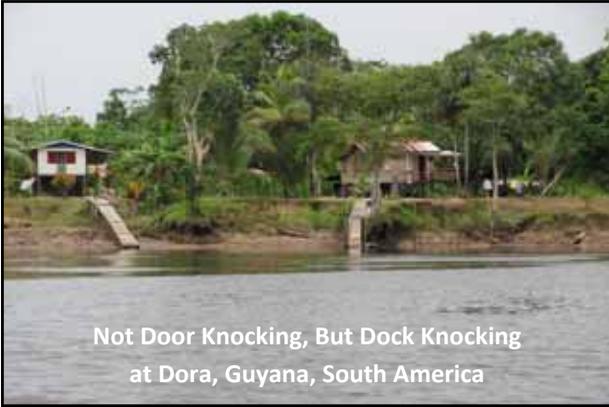
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 schedule a ladies' inspiration day.

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19th (immediately following Polishing the Pulpit – Louis and I are both teaching children’s classes Monday through Wednesday afternoons). Of course, if her condition deteriorates, we will cancel our scheduled appointments and make the 800-mile trip sooner. Please keep all of us in your prayers!📖



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