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### *Ink in the Wings*

Louis Rushmore

A large part of what Bonnie and I do pertains to putting good, biblically accurate literature into the hands of Christians and non-Christians alike. Not only so, but often, we have the opportunity to help precious souls abroad to have that literature in their own languages.

Several of my tracts have already been translated into about eight languages and distributed by the tens of thousands. Bonnie's book, *Living Principles*, has been translated into Telegu and Burmese. The \$1,200 necessary for printing in Telegu has been acquired, but the \$1,500 needed for printing it in Burmese has not been obtained yet.

Several of my books are waiting in the proverbial wings for their turn for marriage to ink and paper. I would like to publish a minimum of two of them per year; if I leave any legacy behind when someday my soul flies heavenward to where God is, it will be my religious writings that outlive me.

Waiting their turn for publication are a commentary on the Book of James, class books on Esther and Ruth, *The Cost of Discipleship* (the first book of mine ever published, in 1985 but now out of print), *The Spirit Summarized* and 10

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# Visitors, Travels and Home Improvements

## Bonnie Rushmore

### Visitors

The last week of December, we were wonderfully blessed to have Winsome Vertannes from Yangon, Myanmar staying with us for a few days. Sadly, she was in Winona for only 2½ days as her month-long visit to the US was



divided among the several who teach at the Hmawbi Bible School. When it was time for her to return to Myanmar, she was weary of traveling in cars between several locations in Alabama and Mississippi. Of course, Rebecca spent her Christmas break with us in Winona, helping out at the office as needed.

The second Saturday in January brought a group of 27 to work in the warehouse for a few hours. Individuals of all ages descended upon Winona, four men from the Union, MS Church of Christ (southeast of Winona by 1½ hours) and 23 individuals from Collierville, TN Church of Christ (north of Winona by 2 hours) to work on the various projects that Jerry and Paula Bates and Louis and I planned for the

day. In 4½ hours, this work crew built and filled a tract rack of bins, built and loaded tract box shelves from floor to ceiling and about 6 feet wide, prepared four mailings (three for the US and one for overseas), packed boxes of books for preachers abroad, custom cut pallets to move books and packing materials off the floor, replaced two exterior lights, trimmed



shrubbery in front of the building, worked in the archive room labeling and entering into the computer database archived material, cleaned and organized shelves, and the youngest worker (kindergarten) with adult supervision shredded old bank statements. This group accomplished more in a few short hours than we who work every day in the office/warehouse could accomplish in several months as our time is divided with many items needing our daily attention.

Our very dear friends Bob and Martha Noland from Hanoverton, OH planned on a four-day visit following the Freed Hardeman Lectureship. We always look forward to time spent with them. We convinced them to stay until

Saturday afternoon so Martha could attend the Ladies' Day in Collierville, TN. Martha persuaded me to spend a few hours in the sewing room hemming and mending some clothes for



her. Before her travels south, she decided to make a purse from a pair of jeans. Since her sewing skills are limited and she was having difficulty completing the task, I finished the project with some frustration.

## *Travels*

Our travels the last 3½ months have taken us far and wide. We visited churches in Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky. We spent a week in Henderson, TN attending the Freed Hardeman Lectureship with wonderful accommodations at the home of Buddy Parsons. The following weekend, we along with Bob and Martha Noland stayed with Rebecca so the ladies could attend the Ladies' Inspiration Day at the Collierville, TN Church of Christ on Saturday. Immediately following that program, we headed west for congregations in Arkansas, returning to Rebecca's Sunday night and finishing our weekend travels on Monday. Bob and Martha traveled to Florida for the balance of their vacation.

The first week of March, we attended the lectureship at the East Tennessee School of Preaching and Missions in Knoxville, TN. We

lodged with dear friends Jody and Evelyn Apple.

## *Home Improvements*

Since our arrival in Mississippi 4½ years ago, Louis and I have tried to make capital improvements to the home in which we lodge. You may recall a couple years ago we painted the bedrooms, living room, dining room and bathrooms. The next year we contracted to have the main bathroom redone with new floor (from the dirt up – replacing rotten wood), toilet and sink.

With one small window covered with a porch, dark paneling and dark cabinets, the kitchen was dark. Sooooo, this year we decided to tackle the kitchen. Finally, after two weeks and several coats of white paint on the cabinets and light blue paint on the walls, the kitchen is much brighter. Now, I can fix a bowl of cereal without turning on the ceiling light! We still need to replace the countertop and flooring.

We planned to tackle this job ourselves and purchased a “How To” book since this is something we have not tried in the past. After I skimmed the book and Louis read it from cover to cover, we decided that after we purchased the needed special tools, the difficulties of the project and lack of time it would be best to enlist an experienced craftsman for this project. I am sure we could muddle through, but I am not convinced that the end project would be up to par nor would it last as long as it should – not to mention the sheer aggravation and frustration of attempting something about which we know nothing. What should be a couple days work would probably take us a couple of weeks, and the kitchen would be off limits during that time. Of course, that would be a good excuse to eat out!📖

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December 2011 - February 2012***

Beginning Literature & Bible Balance	- \$1,213.76
Beginning Foreign Travel Balance	\$503.34
Beginning Available Balance	\$3,197.18
<b>Income</b>	
Contributions	\$15,816.99
Stateside Travel	\$2,480.49
Literature & Bibles	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$18,797.48</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Auto Expenses	\$2,063.45
Stateside Travel	\$1,469.24
Bank Fees	\$1.18
Internet	\$318.00
Literature & Bibles	\$1,000.00
Office & Misc.	\$1,344.69
Postage/Shipping	\$272.07
Medical Treatment & Insurance	\$2,676.43
Housing	\$1,549.90
Salary	\$4,019.05
Foreign Travel (Ticket Refund)	-\$310.40
Business Telephones (3 months)	\$600.43
Lectureship/Workshop/Seminar	\$256.41
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$15,260.45</b>
<b>Statement Period Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$3,537.03</b>
<b>Transfer from General Account to Literature &amp; Bible Account to Offset Deficit</b>	<b>\$1,713.76</b>
Ending Literature & Bible Balance	\$0.00
Ending Foreign Travel Balance	\$813.74
Ending Available Balance	\$6,923.81

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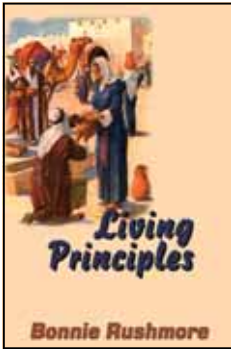
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sermon outline books. For fourteen years, I have been answering religious questions with biblical answers in the pages of the Internet journal *Gospel Gazette Online*; I would like to publish selected questions and answers in book form. Presently, I am writing a critique of a book that was translated into an Indian language and that resulted in dividing the Lord's church in India with false doctrine; my critique may only be published in limited quantities in India, though the heretic who wrote the offending tome lives in America.

Hitherto, brethren have graciously made it possible for our writings to be published and distributed stateside and especially abroad. Both Bonnie and I delight in opportunities to



teach the Gospel of Christ orally, but fellow Christians have helped us to reach many thousands of people in several countries with the printed word. If this is an area of labor for the Lord in which you are particularly interested, send a financial gift and specify that you want

## Books by the Rushmores

### *Louis*

*The Parables of Our Lord, vols. 1 & 2*

*Bible Geography*

*Biblical Companions: Geography, Archaeology & Sacred History*

*Digging Up the Past*

*No Hermeneutical Gymnastics, Please!*

*Beverage Alcohol*

*The Church Divine*


### *Bonnie*

*Living Principles: Gleanings from Unnamed and Named Bible Characters*

### *Rebecca*

*What Makes Us Tick? A Look at Personality and the Bible*

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# Guyana National Preachers Seminar

Louis Rushmore

In the 1600's, Guyana was a Dutch colony. However, in 1815, Guyana became a British possession, but it was granted independence in 1966. Its citizenry is comprised primarily of descendants of an African population (30.2%) that settled there after the abolition of slavery, descendants of indentured servants from India (43.5%), mixed race (16.7%) and descendants of native South Americans or Amerindians (9.1%). The population is estimated to be 741,900. Languages spoken include English (British with Caribbean accent, spoken quickly without distinction between words), Amerindian dialects, Creole, Caribbean Hindustani (a dialect of Hindi), Urdu.



Guyana has been a mission destination for many years due to its relatively close proximity to the United States and because many of its people speak English. Our daughter Rebecca along with a team from Collierville, TN goes each summer to Linden, Guyana. Other American congregations and they take turns descend-

ing on Linden (an hour from the capital of Georgetown) each week throughout the summer. Overall, they door knock, set up and conduct home Bible studies, present vacation Bible schools and teach maturity classes for Christian women and men. Bonnie and I participated in 2011 with the Collierville bunch.

Since then, Nigel Milo, preacher for the Amelia's Ward Church of Christ in Linden, Guyana, and I have been planning a national preachers' seminar for June 2012. There are approximately 65 Gospel preachers in the entire country. Many of them are separated from each other and armed



with little more than a copy of the Bible. Bonnie and I specialize in teaching brethren abroad, as we do annually in places like Guyana, Myanmar (Burma), India and Sri Lanka.

Upon returning to the States from Guyana last year, Bonnie and I prepared 50 boxes of books for preachers in Guyana and had them shipped (while we were overseas in Asia for two months last year). Subsequently, we found that we were about 15 boxes short of providing for all of the preachers and have packed that many more boxes for shipment to Guyana. In addition, Bonnie and I want to participate in a



nationwide seminar for preachers, their wives and other church leaders. I had hoped to have the attendees come to us maybe in Georgetown or some other convenient location. However, Nigel Milo's wisdom and knowledge of his country and the Lord's church there has suggested that we divide Guyana into five sections. Instead of them coming to us, we will be going to them!

Nigel will be our director/coordinator. A

Caribbean preacher (recommended by brother Milo) and I will speak to the men, while Bonnie will speak to the women. We hope to uplift and encourage these preaching families as well as to edify and better equip them for Christian service in their own country. Church leaders need to know that they are appreciated, and they need to be provided the resources to succeed in communicating the Gospel of Christ. Nationals in each country bear a considerable degree of responsibility for evangelizing their own nations and growing the church in their countries. We propose to assist Guyanese brethren to continue to succeed in these areas.

It is not our intention to compete with anything good brethren have done or are doing in Guyana, but we want to provide an additional valuable service to our Guyanese brethren and their countrymen. Bonnie and I can extend ourselves to Guyana as we regularly do in Asian countries, that is if you make it possible through your prayers, encouragement, moral support and financial participation. Donations of any amount turn plans into reality.

The details are still being worked out, but we can ballpark estimate some of the expenses now. This effort is beyond anticipated revenue to the Rushmore Evangelism Fund in 2012, and so if this worthy effort is to succeed, we need financial participation by many Christian families



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and congregations of the Lord’s church. Further, it is imperative that we begin **immediately** to put together these funds to make sure that we can proceed with the plans each step of the way when needed. A conservative estimate of the minimum funds for Guyana National Preachers’ Seminar to become a reality is \$5,000. This figure is subject to change as more concrete details are worked out.

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