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## Do Not Pass Go!

Louis Rushmore

We met with a serious snafu two days before Bonnie and I were to board the first of a series of airplanes to commence a 9-week mission trip to four Asian countries. Bonnie received some startling news following her routine follow-up CT scan and medical checkup in the aftermath of treatment for pancreatic cancer. Bonnie's cancer is back! She had been cancer free for 17 months since cancer surgery or 12 months since she completed her last go-around of chemotherapy, but the cancer came back. Therefore, the oncologist advised us that neither of us should take this mission trip, and that we cannot wait for nine weeks for us to return to the USA to resume treatment.

Consequently, we cancelled the start of our trip, holding out hope that if subsequent tests showed otherwise – which was a possibility, we could catch up to our foreign itinerary at some point. Eventually, we had to cancel the mission trip in its entirety. Presumably, other trips abroad for the cause of Christ will be in our future, or at least in my future, the Lord willing; if necessary, when Bonnie is in better health, I can go overseas alone as I have done before.

Twists and turns betwixt medical doctors and our insurance company lost us a week of treatment on the front end as two tests were cancelled – one because the insurance refused to pay for it. Eventually, a biopsy confirmed the return of Bonnie's pancreatic cancer, and a PET scan determined that it was localized – had not spread – and is the size of a golf ball.

A series of up to 28 radiation treatments has begun. These occur daily Monday through Friday (except for Thanksgiving and the day after) and should conclude around December 9. In addition, Bonnie undergoes chemotherapy once weekly; however, she has already missed one session because her blood platelets are too low. Bonnie is being medicated with a number of medications for various consequences of her illness as well as the side effects from treatment. Some days are rough on her, and other days are better. Still, she applies herself as much as possible to the office work associated with our evangelistic effort (e.g., lay-out of The Voice of Truth International, accounting, etc.).

Not only have we been unable to make this trip as planned to Myanmar, India, Sri Lanka and Singapore, neither have we been able to travel stateside as we normally do while in the states. Being in Jackson, Mississippi for daily radiation treatments, besides how Bonnie may be feeling, greatly restrict our movement.

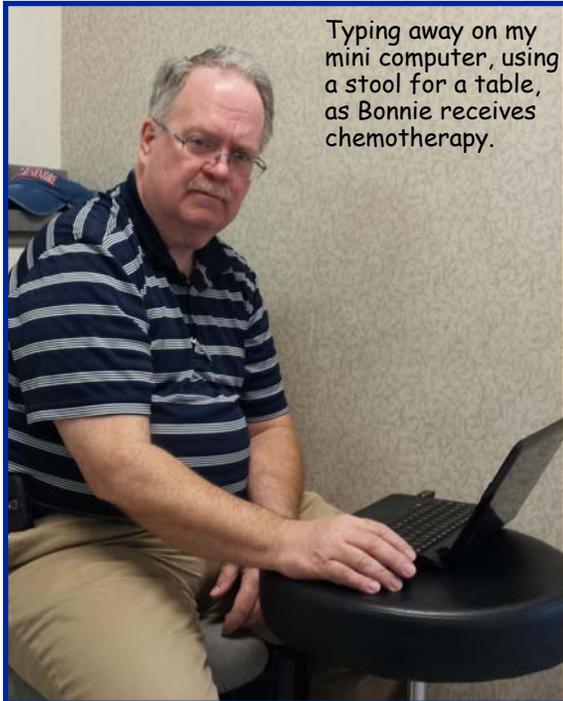
Fortunately, we have been afforded lodging in Hope House of Hospitality about five or six miles from the hospital so that we don't have to make the 3-hours roundtrip drive daily from Winona, MS. This has proved to be a blessing to us. We drive from Winona to Jackson each Monday morning in time for radiation, and we return to Winona each Friday after the radiation appointment. We are weary, but just think how weary we would be if we drove back and forth every day.

Bonnie and I will get through this together if God wills. The phone calls, cards, texts and emails from throughout the worldwide brotherhood bolster our spirits each day. Thank you for that. Please remember us in your prayers from time to time. We are not down and out, and we are confident that we still have years of service ahead of us in the kingdom of our dear Lord Jesus Christ. 📖

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# Still Working for the Lord Anyway!

Louis Rushmore



Typing away on my mini computer, using a stool for a table, as Bonnie receives chemotherapy.

Despite not being able to make the fall mission trip to Asian nations to encourage and strengthen brethren as well as to reach non-Christians with the Gospel, Bonnie and I nevertheless are productive in the service of our Lord. Our efforts pertain to both stateside and overseas activities relative to the evangelistic endeavors to which we devote ourselves.

**Stateside**, we work to publish *The Voice of Truth International* (print) and *Gospel Gazette Online* (Internet) magazines. We write articles and tracts as well as fulfill requests for literature. There is much written and email correspondence to address daily, and Bonnie keeps up with the accounting for the Rushmore Evangelism Fund. Together, we prepare and mail personal “Thank You” cards each week. Besides these things, we acquire specialized literature, equipment and other material for specific Christian families and foreign preachers.

With the **overseas** labors in mind, we write the necessary checks to fund one of the two Hindi TV programs in New Delhi, India, and we make sure that the funds are mailed to the appropriate persons for that in India. Unable to go personally this time, twice we have sent cash money

by various missionaries with whom we are associated so that brethren abroad can have the necessary working capital for follow up work to the Hindi television programs and other evangelistic programs. In addition, we keep in touch with foreign brethren through an exchange of emails and phone calls.

On a side note, the airline tickets that we purchased for the fall mission trip this year were more expensive than in any previous year. For the two of us to Asia, flying around Asia and returning to the USA cost just a little less than \$10,000. On top of that, we spent hundreds of dollars for ticket insurance. So far, we have also paid the penalties for requesting refunds, and we have recovered some of the ticket expense above the penalties we paid. Now, we will complete ticket insurance forms in hopes of recovering most of the balance of the cost of the airfare this year. Everything recouped will be returned to the foreign travel fund for future mission trips.

Our next scheduled mission trip out of the country is for the month of February to Guyana, South America. There Bonnie and I in conjunction with Guyanese Christians travel throughout the nation to strengthen and encourage brethren as well as take the Gospel to non-Christians. Early next year, I also may schedule a shorter trip than usual to Asia specifically to work with our preaching brethren in India, especially in New Delhi, but possibly in some other areas of India, too.

Bonnie and I appreciate your continued prayers and financial participation that enables us to serve our Lord Jesus Christ at home and abroad. Counting the United States, Bonnie and I work in six countries. Someone said to us recently when I made a mission presentation, “I guess that’s why you call your effort ‘World Evangelism.’” Other brethren with whom we closely associate in mission work go to additional countries as well (e.g., the Philippines, Viet Nam, Malaysia, Peru, Nigeria, Ghana, etc.).

P.S. Bonnie and I have a new book out on which we collaborated. It is titled, *Noble Ladies*, and is a brief commentary and class study book on Ruth and Esther. Besides the several titles in print between Bonnie, our daughter Rebecca and myself, we have nearly two dozen titles not in print that are waiting for their turn. Beyond that, our books are in demand in foreign languages also. Do you think you know why they haven’t been printed yet, or why more of them have not been printed in foreign languages? 📖

# Rollercoaster

Bonnie Rushmore

We have had a tornadic, whirlwind, rollercoaster ride since publishing our last newsletter. My physical health has been a challenge the last several months – no appetite, fatigue, nausea, losing weight and an on and off again low-grade fever. Sandwiched into all of that has been weekly Sunday appointments in Indianola, MS; the Pleasant Cove and West Riverside congregations in the McMinnville, TN area; Clinton, MS; Siwell Road in Jackson, MS; Old Union in Carroll MS; West President congregation in Greenwood, MS; Medina, OH; Hanoverton, OH and Sandyville, WV. In the approximate two weeks in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, we visited many friends as well as Louis’ dad, our brothers and my sister. Even though our family members live in the same general area (less than 50 miles of each other), we often find ourselves visiting each one independently. My brothers did agree to meet at one brother’s home, and then we headed out to the local Pizza Hut for a meal together. We arrived back in Winona on Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>, just in time to greet Rebecca as she was spending the night at our house in preparation for her Ladies’ Day at the Huntsville church of Christ outside of French Camp, MS (about 30 minutes away). We still had lessons to finish preparing, suitcases to pack and a number of other matters to tend to before leaving for our Fall Asian Trip (Sept. 24-Nov. 25).

Much to my surprise, almost a week of our trip north left me feeling better than I had in weeks. I thought that the antibiotic given just before we left cleared a mild infection, and I was good to go. However, my routine CT scan on September 22 upon our return showed abnormal tissue on the pancreases. Louis said, “I should have studied harder for the test” – I guess he was right! Further testing of the abnormalities could not wait until we returned from Asia. The first leg of our trip was cancelled. Various tests were ordered – not as soon as we would have liked – and some of which the insurance company refused to pay, so other tests were ordered. Another segment of our trip was cancelled. Soooo, once again we played the waiting game.

A biopsy showed a cancerous tumor on the pancreas. A week later a PET scan showed the cancer was confined to one tumor about the size of a golf ball. Our entire fall trip was then cancelled. I began radiation treatment October 29 with up to 28 daily radiation treatments scheduled for the weeks ahead, Monday through Friday each week. Since radiation is a daily treatment, we opted to stay in Jackson Monday through Friday morning. We are staying in Hope House of Hospitality – a home for cancer patients who live more than 30 miles from Jackson. The lodging is free, and some meals are provided. We are asked to keep our room and bathroom cleaned and wash any dishes we use in the kitchen area, as well as keep the main areas neat

<b>Rushmore Evangelism Fund: August–October 2014</b>	
Beginning Literature & Bible Balance	\$3,138.16
Income	\$1,090.00
Old Equipment Sold	\$675.30
<b>Ending Literature &amp; Bible Balance</b>	<b>\$4,903.46</b>
Beginning Foreign Travel Balance	\$329.19
Income	\$27,236.04
Expenses	-\$9,665.66
<b>Ending Foreign Travel Balance</b>	<b>\$17,899.57</b>
Beginning Medical Balance	\$000.00
Income	\$300.00
Transferred from General Fund	\$2,579.85
Expenses	-\$7,750.51
<b>Ending Medical Balance**</b>	<b>-\$4,870.66</b>
Beginning General Fund Balance	\$4,720.51
Contributions	\$12,808.99
Stateside Travel	\$1,900.00
Hindi TV	\$4,500.00
Auto Expenses	-\$1,709.26
Stateside Travel	-\$1,544.32
Internet (Gospel Gazette Online)	-\$167.99
Office & Misc.	-\$1,055.82
Postage/Shipping	-\$522.47
Housing	-\$2,252.84
Salary (August–October)	-\$3,750.00
Business Telephones	-\$432.52
Transferred to Medical Fund	-\$2,579.85
Newsletter (printing)	-\$314.32
Hindi TV	-\$4,500.00
<b>Ending General Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$5,100.11</b>
<b>** January 1st Bonnie's medical deductible + copay will increase the medical balance deficit by another \$7,500.</b>	

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and orderly. Chemotherapy began October 30<sup>th</sup>.



Since we planned to be out of town from the end of September until just before Thanksgiving, Louis did not have any Sunday appointments scheduled, and he could not schedule anything until we had a plan of action for treatment of the returned cancer. Now that we have a plan, he will begin making appointments around the holidays and into the first of the year. A couple of appointments have already been set.

The emotional toll has been extremely difficult the past few weeks. I was looking forward to meeting our brethren in Asia, especially since I missed the trip last year. I thought I had beat this dreaded disease “cancer” and was clear to continue my life in service to God both here in the US and around the world. On more than one occasion I uttered the thought to God, “Why me?” “Why is this happening again? I’m supposed to be in Asia; there are ladies waiting for me to teach them Your Word more perfectly so that they can better reach out to the lost in their communities. There are ladies who want to hear of your saving power, to become Your children. Why am I not able to make this trip? I am serving you; I thought that is what you wanted me to do.”

In reality, I know God is in control. I do not nor do I need to know the reason for which pancreatic cancer has returned to my body. God knows the answer, and I accept the trials that I have been given. Once again, my prayer is that God will choose that I be healed, that I will have many more years of service to Him while upon this earth.

The Book of Job clearly shows that pain and suffering fall upon those who are God’s faithful servants and those who totally ignore God, too. Why should I think that just because I try to serve God to the best of my abilities that I should be spared the pains of this life? If everything was perfect here on earth, we would have no need to long for and look forward to heaven!

Even though we had to cancel our Asian Mission Trip, Louis and I are still working for the Lord. I am working on *Voice of Truth International*, Rushmore finances and writing articles for *Gospel Gazette Online*. Louis is writing another book on first principles for primary use overseas and as an outreach here in the US. We may be slowed somewhat in our travels with the recurrence of my cancer, but we have not stopped serving God. We have distributed several tracts, *Voice of Truth International* and a few books here at Hope House and at the hospital. Maybe some good will come of these endeavors.

Yes, the last few months have been a rollercoaster ride of activity and emotional turmoil. The activity we enjoy, and the emotional turmoil we deal with on a day to day basis. Please continue to keep us in your prayers (James 5:16) as I continue to fight this battle with cancer, and we serve God to the best of our abilities. 

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