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Urgent: ATV Update

We are close to providing a robust ATV for brethren in a remote region of Guyana, South America. These Amerindian brethren live in Paramakatoi, a village on top of a mountain rising about 3,000 feet above the surrounding jungle. This ATV will enable fellow Christian men to more efficiently travel with the Gospel of Christ where there are no roads to distant villages. Presently, they walk from 8-hours to 3-days one way to reach other members of the Lord's church and non-Christians in isolated villages. Of course, the same investment of time and energy traversing through jungles and up and down mountains, with no amenities along the way, must be incurred for the return trip. One's wife and children tend to mountainside, subsistence crops when a husband makes such a trek to and returns from another settlement. The ATV will increase efficiency, lessen travel time and afford brethren more time at home with their families and the opportunity to provide for their families.



More or less, congregations and Christian families have contributed enough to purchase the ATV in Guyana. The exact price of the ATV depends on the pricing of ATVs on the next shipment that the dealer receives; prices may vary from the most recent shipment and are more likely to increase than to decrease. We hope the costs have not increased.

Then, we must face a major hurdle, an expensive one, to transport the ATV to the other side of the tropical nation, wherein are few roads. Aside from coastal areas,

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there are hardly any roads in Guyana, but there are some logging-type roads on which freight is hauled. Much transport also occurs on large rivers and on the Atlantic Ocean along the coast, but rivers are out of the question for hauling the ATV into the distant mountains.

Subsequently, we need to secure additional funds, not only for shipment of the ATV to Paramakatoi, but also for fuel and maintenance. Nigel Milo, a coworker and Guyanese brother, must fly at least twice to Paramakatoi to work out details with the brethren in Paramakatoi; communication between the coast and the remote interior is difficult to non-existent. In addition, since English is not the first language of residents of Paramakatoi, face-to-face communication is necessary. So, he needs to personally converse with the church in Paramakatoi. Plane service is spotty, requiring Nigel to remain in Paramakatoi for two or three days between flights. Thus, more funds are necessary for this, too.

Investment in this ATV is one of the most productive efforts in foreign evangelism in which a congregation or a Christian family can be involved. It helps brethren who are already reaching out through their own initiative without foreign funds to more effectively shoulder some of the responsibility of evangelizing their own nation—in a harsh, foreboding environment, off the beaten path. If you have helped already, “Thank You!” If you can help more, “Please, do.” If you haven’t helped yet, there is still time to be a valuable participant in this noble pursuit. 📖

Looking forward in 2018

We are scheduled to be in Myanmar for two weeks in October, teaching brethren and non-Christians in the Hmawbi Bible School about 45-minutes out of Yangon. Before or following that, I usually go to Singapore or Sri Lanka—or both—to be with dear Christian brethren. Late October or early November, tentatively, we will go to various locations within India. Altogether, we anticipate being up to eight weeks abroad in Asia this fall.

Consequently, we must make plans and work out the details. However, we rely on the financial gifts of brethren to make what we do possible. It is important to the success of our efforts to gather the funds as early as we can. Please pray about this and help if you can. Tell others about our labors so they may know of and possibly help with our fall trip out of the country. Send funds either to the Siwell Road Church of Christ, 4075 Siwell Road, Jackson, MS 39212 or to me at Louis Rushmore, 705 Devine Street, Winona, MS 38967. Thank you. 📖

March 6, Martha and I returned to the USA from six weeks of traipsing around and across Guyana, South America. The **next evening, Wednesday**, we assembled with the **Wildwood Church of Christ** in Wildwood, Florida; I was privileged to teach Bible class. The following Sunday morning, I was afforded the opportunity to preach during worship with the Wildwood congregation. Over the next several days and before returning to Winona, Mississippi, Martha had a few doctors’ appointments, since her medical insurance is tied to Florida rather than to Mississippi or elsewhere. By the end of the month, we were back in Mississippi, whereupon we had dental appointments; besides cleanings, a couple of root canals were on tap for me.

Recently



Saturday, April 7, brothers and sisters from the **Collierville Church of Christ** in Collierville, Tennessee came to the World Evangelism Building in Winona. Together, we had a workday, attending to a wide range of jobs behind the scenes to the overall work to which we are devoted. We rely on the assistance of brethren from time to time for help with packaging literature for overseas, preparation of mailings and literature for stateside distribution and warehouse work. On this occasion, the Collierville brethren loaded a utility trailer with over \$17,000 of literature, bound for churches of Christ throughout Guyana, South America.



Sunday, April 15, I preached in morning worship for the **West President Church of Christ** in Greenwood, Mississippi. That afternoon, Martha and I met with the elders of the **Siwell Road Church of Christ** in Jackson, Mississippi; these elders oversee my ministry.

April 17-19, World Evangelism, of which we are members, hosted the **Annual India Missions Conference**. It transpired on the campus of **Heritage Christian University** in Florence, Alabama. Brethren from around the country convened for those days to encourage one another and provide insight to others of the respective endeavors.

Sunday morning, April 22, I taught Bible class and preached during worship for the **Old Union Church of Christ** in Carroll County, Mississippi. That evening, we visited another area congregation, the **Elliott Church of Christ** in Elliott, Mississippi. They also participate with us financially in our ministry.

A week later, Martha and I once more assembled with the Old Union Church of Christ, during which time, we also participated in a fellowship meal with brethren and friends of the congregation. The **next day**, Martha and I hauled the utility trailer, full of literature, to Nashville, Tennessee. We packed the contents into several barrels for shipment to Guyana, South America. Upon arrival in Guyana, it will be distributed to the churches of Christ in that nation.

May 1-2, Martha and I helped other coworkers make preparation for the annual **Maywood Missionary Retreat** outside of Hamilton, Alabama. Wednesday evening, May 2, Martha and I visited the **Bear Creek Church of Christ** in Bear Creek, Alabama. The congregation as well as a family supports us.

Unfortunately, due to dental pain I was experiencing, again, a quick trip to my dentist in Jackson, Mississippi became necessary. This was the instance in which I received the second of the two root canals mentioned earlier. Of course, then, we missed the 2018 Maywood Missionary Retreat due to taking care of my ailing teeth.

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Income	
Literature & Bibles	\$305.00
Guyana ATV Fund	\$8,070.00
Contributions	\$15,510.00
Stateside Travel	\$275.00
Thomas George (Guyana)	\$600.00
Rebates/Discounts/Refunds/Resale	\$1.75
Total	\$24,761.75
Expenses	
Foreign Travel (General)	\$393.26
Guyana Shipping & Distribution	\$1,240.00
India Literature Misc.	\$2,555.00
Literature & Bibles (general)	\$2,689.99
Foreign Travel (Guyana)	\$85.02
India Missions Conference	\$153.15
Medical Expenses	\$4,296.05
Auto Expenses	\$2,286.56
Stateside Travel	\$1,940.04
Bank Fees	\$28.81
Internet (Gospel Gazette Online)	\$201.45
Office (supplies/equipment/software subscriptions/help)	\$1,301.07
Postage/Shipping	\$277.42
Housing	\$2,307.78
Maywood Missionary Retreat	\$111.19
Business Telephone	\$252.41
Newsletter	\$535.26
Business Expenses	\$74.83
Total	\$20,729.29



“...Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved...” (Mark 16:15-16).

So, **May 3**, we headed back to Winona, Mississippi. There, we reloaded the utility trailer with belongings of my youngest child. **Friday, May 4**, I got that needed root canal in Jackson, Mississippi as we were passing through on our way to Florida. The occasion of going to Florida at this juncture was for Martha to attend the graduation of a granddaughter from high school (and attend the promotion of another granddaughter from 5th grade). In addition, Martha scheduled several medical appointments while back in Florida. The car had a medical appointment, too—stemming from the minor rear-end collision a few months back.

While in Florida this time, we assembled with several congregations of the Lord’s church: the **Middleburg Church of Christ**, the **Central Church of Christ** (Ocala), the **University City Church of Christ** (Gainesville), the **Wildwood Church of Christ** and the **Chaffee Road Church of Christ** (Jacksonville).

Since Martha’s Ocala residence is home to one of her children and his family, we squatted in one bedroom—out of which we displaced one child. About a foot from my side of the bed on a small folding table, I erected my office. From there, I feverishly worked on **The Voice of Truth International** and **Gospel Gazette Online**. Both magazines are at a point whereupon I’m waiting on coworkers before final completion can occur. Several additional office-type duties demanded attention, too.

Finally, on **May 30**, we headed back toward Mississippi, pausing along the way for Martha’s final medical appointment outside of Gainesville. Afterward, we drove to DeFuniak Springs, Florida to assemble that Wednesday evening with the **College Avenue Church of Christ**. Though not the halfway point of our travels back to Winona, we wanted to be present for a memorial service that night for sister Pam Bradford. She died from pancreatic cancer, the same illness that claimed Martha’s late husband Bob and my late wife Bonnie. We have a special place in our hearts for dear brethren who are experiencing the same grief that we experienced.

Looking ahead, we expect to be traveling stateside for the next few months and assembling with churches of Christ in several states. In July, our World Evangelism Team Meeting will transpire in Winona. We will be making plans to leave the USA at least by the first week of October for up to eight weeks in up to four Asian countries. We don’t know all of what may occur in several areas of life or in the lives of our family members and coworkers. Nevertheless, we will try to be fit for the occasion, whatever it may be—always mindful that we are servants of the Most High God. Thank you for making what we do possible.📖

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