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Literature

India, Myanmar,
Singapore,
Sri Lanka, Guyana

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International*,
Editor

The Way It Is

Louis Rushmore

Martha and I were among the few with whom we are associated in World Evangelism who were able to scurry to and return from a mission trip in 2020 before the Covid-19 pandemic became a worldwide threat with its subsequent lockdowns and travel interruptions. We spent 30 days in Guyana, South America, spanning all of February and a few days each in January and March. The coronavirus has also curtailed stateside travel, and I even missed laying to rest my father; we live in Florida, and he resided in Pennsylvania. Though scheduled for a mission trip to Myanmar and India (perhaps other Asian nations, too) this fall, no one knows at this point if such a journey will be possible, or if possible whether it will be advisable at that time. We'll have to wait and see. Then, of course, Martha and I typically return to Guyana, South America at the end of January.

Our labors go on despite present circumstances. We continue to produce our online journal, *Gospel Gazette Online*, and our print magazine, *The Voice of Truth International*. There is a fair amount of email and snail-mail ongoing, too, behind the scenes to addressees stateside and abroad. In addition, funneling support to overseas brethren for television broadcasts and printing of literature continues even in our absence from foreign destinations. Preparation of printing and shipment of literature to overseas brethren also requires our planning and execution—behind the scenes. For instance, 5,000 tracts are being printed for distribution in Guyana. Thousands of copies of *The Voice of Truth International* will accompany those tracts and make their way into the eager hands of Christians and non-Christians alike.

Faced with too little money and too many demands on those funds, I have explored alternative means of getting much needed literature into the hands of our brethren, for my part, in Asia and in South America. In view of the expense of printing whether overseas or here in the States, and the cost of shipping printed literature, I was hoping that foreign brethren could be persuaded to appreciate and use digital media. Yet, alas, many of the poorer and interior places to which we go still rely on the printed word. Therefore, we must respond accordingly and try to collect sufficient funds to carry on in that regard.

One such request from India demonstrates the great need. I published in two languages a comprehensive, full-sentence sermon outline book about the Godhead—mostly about Jesus Christ. It is available in English and in Telugu.

Desperate Need for Your Book (Jesus Christ is the Son of God) in Telugu. There is a desperate need for this book to be reprinted NOW MORE THAN EVER. We want to give this book to each of the students that attend the school. We also want to have it as a textbook. We have garnished interest in the course among the Jehovah's Witnesses members as well. We currently have 5 from a JW background. We baptized one of them because we taught

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the topics from that book. The other 4 even though they attend classes they're not ready to accept the truth. Books such as yours would help them into the truth during the school period or after that. Lord Willing they'll accept the truth soon. We included the course about the Deity of Christ in the school for the purpose to defeat the false doctrine that is viciously spreading by the faction. A student previously obtained the book you wrote (which Dad translated in Telugu) 'Jesus Christ the Son of God' and shared it on social media some of the chapters of it. ...It certainly rattled the false teachers and equipped the faithful. False teachers are opposing it but the faithful are requesting it. But alas we have no more copies of it.☹ Furthermore, when we get passed this COVID-19 we want to resume the preacher's workshops and Bible lectureships and provide this book to each of those that attend. This would help them defeat those false teachers that are among them wearing sheep's clothing but ravenous wolves inside. Cost of the Book. Each book would cost about \$1.50-\$2.00 to print in Telugu. We at least need 10,000 within the next year.

I feel so helpless in the face of this great need and the immense good that this printing could do so far away from where you and I live. I wonder if there are Christians and congregations of the Lord's church that feel as I do when faced with such a challenge. Can we come up with \$20,000 to meet this need? I know that we could do it together, but will we invest in the future of the church amongst the many millions of Hindus, denominational people and fellow Christians in the Telegu speaking part of India? At the very least, please pray about it, and then, if you can or if the congregation you attend can, please send a financial gift for this purpose to the oversight of the elders of the Siwell Road Church of Christ, 4075 South Siwell Road, Jackson, MS 39212. Please, write "Telegu book" on the memo line of the check.

A second volume, ready to print, pertaining to Bible authority, has been on hold since the fourth quarter last year because of insufficient funds to publish it. This type of sound, detailed and amply documented biblical passages in sermon outline books needs to make its way into the hands of nationals, many who have little or no formal preparation to preach. A thousand of these books will cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000, plus shipping costs across the seas. Who has an interest in this undertaking? How keen is your interest? Think of the good that would result in stabilizing and grounding foreign Christians! Please, write "Bible authority book" on the check's memo line if you are able to help with this project.

Whatever it is we can do, wherever the Lord would have us go, as long as we are able to do so, Martha and I are ready for you to send us along our way with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The places to which we go are not nearly as comfortable and as safe were we to remain in our home. Yet, we remain to the best of our abilities ready to answer, "Here am I, Lord, send me!"📖

Yes! We want to help Louis & Martha Rushmore in foreign missions to India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Singapore & Guyana.

- Here is a onetime gift of \$ _____ to be used as needed.
- I (we) plan to send a monthly gift of \$ _____ beginning _____ (month).
- Here is my (our) gift of \$ _____ for literature & Bibles.
- Here is my (our) gift of \$ _____ toward overseas travel & missions.
- Here is my (our) gift of \$ _____ to print the Telegu book about the Godhead.
- Here is my (our) gift of \$ _____ to print the book about Bible authority.
- Here is my (our) gift of \$ _____ for Hindi TV Guyana TV webpage.
- I (we) plan to include the World Evangelism labors of Louis Rushmore in our will.
- The _____ Church of Christ is closing, and we wish to contribute the assets to the World Evangelism labors of Louis Rushmore.

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Home Time

Martha Lynn Rushmore

It is time to let you all know what has been going on with our lives again. We got home from Guyana on March 2. This trip was great and harder this time than it has been before. We reunited with brethren, and we met brethren we had never seen before, even some from the USA.

Two things that stand out on this trip to Guyana are: (1) **Our trip to Paramakatoi.** We usually stay in the guesthouse, which has a bedroom and private bathroom with a cold shower. This year, however, government officials occupied the guesthouse. They were there for two reasons. The president's wife was there to campaign for the president. She and other government officials were dedicating a new water system. The standpipe faucet was leaking that evening (oops). (2) **Our trip to Richmond.** The night before we were to take the car ferry across the 20-mile wide Essequibo River, I fell trying to walk into the shower to hang up a wet washcloth. I tore a gash on my thigh about 4-inches long and 1-inch wide. It was at 10:30 at night. There was nothing open in this little town except bars. We had no first aid supplies with us. Louis woke up our coworker Nigel, and unknown to us, he drove an hour away to Georgetown to get gauze and tape. This was the strongest tape we have ever seen. It was stronger than Duct Tape! Louis was afraid I would not be able to walk to the boat, which is well over a half mile. I told him I was going, I would be all right, and I was.

Back in the States, on March 3, we had a new refrigerator delivered. It was ordered before we left for Guyana. Then, in April, my oven went out, and it was not safe to repair. Louis took it apart, and there was a place that had burnt on the back of the stove. Lastly, in May, my washer quit working. Well, you guessed it; as both appliances were old, we purchased a new washer and a new dryer. We gave the dryer to his son, hoping it will last a while. Things seem to come in three's, and we are really hoping the breakdown of appliances is done for a long, long while.

Then, the coronavirus hit our area, and we here in Florida were put on a lockdown. We had food and household items delivered to the house. Some of the bottles came damaged and were impossible to open, so therefore, we had to go into the store for an exchange. We also tried ordering groceries we wanted and tried the curbside pickup. That was kind of useless, too. The orders were wrong. We did not get my whole order, and so again, we had to go into the store. Thereafter, we used the approach of going into the stores but wearing our masks. This seemed to be our best effort.

Louis has continued doing *Gospel Gazette Online* and *The Voice of Truth International*. He has worked on these magazines every day, unless he was not been feeling up to par (you do know he is **getting OLDER!**). Louis has also gotten many of his "honey do list" tasks done and many projects he wanted completed. He is a hard worker for the Lord and for his family. I am so fortunate that he is in my

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Income	
Foreign Travel	\$1,000.00
Contributions	\$38,640.00
Total	\$39,640.00
Expenses	
Foreign Travel (General)	\$13.48
Guyana Literature Shipping & Distribution	\$645.00
Guyana Workshop	\$675.12
Guyana Preacher Mentoring	\$300.00
Medical Expenses	\$2,575.56
Auto Expenses	\$4,460.30
Stateside Travel	\$28.81
Bank Fees	\$99.00
Internet (Gospel Gazette Online)	\$573.95
Office (supplies/equipment/software subscriptions/help)	\$1,405.95
Postage/Shipping	\$130.00
Housing	\$25,138.09
Religious Library	\$50.00
Business Telephone	\$288.41
Newsletter	\$1,037.56
Total	\$37,421.23





“...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).

life. The Lord has blessed me with a wonderful husband. Our goal is to help each other make it to Heaven and to take care of each other here on this earth.

Around April 22nd to June 20th, we had all five of our sons and their families here for a visit—some from about three hours to a week. It was great. It was not worked out among them, but the visits were staggered just right. During this time also Rebecca, Louis’s daughter, came to be with us from May 22nd until July 20th, when she needed to head home so she could go back to work. We hated to see her leave. It has been a wonderful summer seeing all our children. This was one of many blessings the Lord has given us during this time of the Covid-19.

On the other hand, during this time, Louis’s dad passed away, and we did not get to go north because this was during the lockdown in Florida and most states through which we would have

needed to travel. Also, Louis and I are trying to stay as safe as we can. We are both over 65 and have some health issues. We are hopeful to go north to have some closure with his family. Please continue to keep them in your prayers,

I have tried to write a few articles for *The Voice of Truth International* and *Gospel Gazette Online*. It takes me a while to do articles. I get the ideas, and then I think on how and what to say before I start writing. I do wish I could get the idea and sit down and write it out quickly, but such is not so. Oh well, it is what it is. In addition, I do the puzzle for *The Voice of Truth International*.

We are supposed to have a trip to Myanmar and India in October. This flight is over 30 hours long with three different airplanes. One airplane flight is between 13 and 16 hours, riding in coach. In January 2021, we are to fly to Guyana for a four to six-week trip. We do not know what is ahead for our mission work. Please keep us in your prayers that we can do the Lord’s work without fear of the coronavirus and that we can stay healthy enough to travel. Whatever the Lord’s will is for us is what we want. Of course, we cannot do stateside travel or foreign travel either without you all. Your prayers are coveted, and financial help is needed.

We pray for our brethren nightly. We ask God to protect those here in the USA and those in foreign fields. 📖

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