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Time Is Short! by Louis Rushmore

It seems that we have barely recovered from the months that we were out of the country in 2017 and the first part of 2018. Yet, here it is time to make haste in our preparation for going overseas once more. So far, I am scheduled to teach for two weeks on behalf of the Bear Valley Bible Institute near Hmawbi—an hour outside of Yangon, Myanmar (formerly called Burma). The second and third weeks of October have been set aside for me to teach "Worship: Principles, Doctrine and Practice of the New Testament Church" and "A Study of Wisdom Literature: Job." The setting is decidedly tropical and a little way off the hard road and somewhat like winding through a tree farm. Christians and non-Christians are always welcoming and appreciative of the opportunity to delve into God's Word. We have dear friends—precious brethren—throughout the nation.

We are trying to develop an itinerary that most certainly will include various locations in India and may possibly include stops in Sri Lanka and Singapore. Wherever else we go will be molded around the dates already slated for Myanmar. So, we don't know yet whether we are leaving for Asia sometime in September or the first week of October. In any case, our departure is imminent.

Martha and I rely on good brethren and the churches of Christ, not only for our living, but especially for our foreign travels and labors for our Lord Jesus Christ. Last year, we managed to spend about $25,000 more than we took in—a practice we cannot and dare not continue. Fortunately, there was enough cashflow to avert catastrophe!

I am the facilitator for funds to underwrite the airing of a Hindi-language TV program and the follow-up. Therefore, Martha and I must go to New Delhi annually. Usually, we also go to Bangalore, Kakinada and various villages in the state of Tamil Nadu. I have been going to brethren in the state of Chhattisgarh each year, too. Ordinarily, we spend up to eight weeks in four Asian countries.

Please send your check at your earliest convenience to the Siwell Road Church of Christ, 4075 Siwell Road, Jackson, MS 39212. Put on the memo line of the check: "Rushmore Evangelism Fund." Brother Mark Polk, whether I'm in the USA or have already gone abroad, will deposit the checks into my evangelism checking account for me. Time is short! Please act today. Thank you in advance for caring and sharing.

Gospel Chariot for Paramakatoi Christians

The ATV for brethren in the remote, mountainous, indigenous village of Paramakatoi in Guyana, South America has been acquired. Thank you for all who have made the acquisition of this *Gospel chariot* a reality.

We still must transport the ATV from the coast to the interior along the Brazilian border. In the absence of suitable roads and truck service, we will have to fly it to Paramakatoi for a cost of $2,600. Prior to doing that, Paramakatoi brethren will make modifications to a part of their meetinghouse to store the ATV. First, though, they must wait for the rainy season to end so they can cut down a tree and make lumber with a chainsaw.

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In addition to the money raised in the USA for the ATV, accessories, maintenance and transportation, Christians in Paramakatoi contributed the equivalent of $500—an enormous local investment given the poverty and little use of currency in that region.

Four brethren will take turns using the ATV to travel to distant, equally remote, villages to preach and to teach the Gospel. There are Christians already in these isolated settlements. Up until now, these Christian men needed to walk from eight hours to three days one way to reach the other communities in the mountainous jungle. They were doing this because of their zeal for the Gospel and their love of souls. This they were doing of their own initiative and at their own expense. However, it has been difficult for them to maintain their mountainside crops to support their families while being gone so much. Their request for an ATV was warranted and deserving.

Brother Thomas George

Brother Thomas George continues to mentor 14 indigenous villages in another remote part of Guyana—in a region bordering Surinam and Brazil. Due to a motorbike accident by the preacher for the Moco Moco Church of Christ, brother Thomas has been preaching there while the preacher heals. In addition, he continues to teach classes at the school of preaching in Lethem, where formerly brother Thomas was the Director. Still, he has been able to work with at least four of the 14 congregations that are even further off the grid than he is.

Brother Thomas George is a self-starter, dedicated, well-qualified evangelist. Thanks again to all who helped pay for the used motorcycle, fuel money and maintenance allowance whereby brother Thomas has been enabled to pursue his mentoring ministry in the bush country. He, too, like the brethren at Paramakatoi remain self-supporting through subsistence farming. They have none of the amenities to which we are accustomed (e.g., phone service, Internet, utilities, etc.), and yet, they are content and among the most fruitful servants of our Lord who reside on planet earth.

Here in America

Here in America, Martha and I remain fully engaged for our Lord Jesus Christ. One of the highlights of our days was recently hauling 2,400 pounds, worth around $28,000, of literature from Winona, Mississippi to a shipper in Nashville, Tennessee. These used songbooks, *The Voice of Truth International* magazines and dozens of Christian book titles will arrive in Guyana, South America around the middle of September. Then, brother Nigel Milo, an outstanding Guyanese evangelist, will see that the Christian literature is distributed to nearly every church of our Lord in the country. (The only churches, generally, that may not receive literature are the ones not using or distributing literature they already have. There are about 100 churches of Christ in Guyana.)

We also labor stateside on editions of *The Voice of Truth International* and *Gospel Gazette Online*. Sundays and Wednesdays, we visit churches of Christ—whereupon I present biblical lessons, speak about missions or simply acquaint them with us or literature we produce. Seldom do we experience an idle moment—and we would not have it any other way.

Stateside Travel by Martha Rushmore

Louis and I were back in Winona, MS the first week of June. We immediately hit the road running. Louis made appointments for as many congregations as he could for a couple weeks. He always tries to have speaking appointments at two different congregations within three hours or less of one another.

Rebecca, Louis' daughter, came to spend a few weeks with us during the summer. As most of you know, she is a schoolteacher. The third week of June, we three filled the van and traveled off to West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania for a 9-day trip to visit our families and friends. There was no time for any grass to grow under the wheels of the van.

The main reason for our trip was for me to see my sister-in-law, Shari Noland. She was dying, and I

really wanted to visit her before her passing. She and I had always been like sisters. When we arrived, she was in a comma. I believe she could hear me talking to her. She had a rare disease for 19 years. She was bedfast the last few years.

We also visited with my sister Denise and my brother -in-law J.D. Louis spoke at ***Harmar Hill Church of Christ*** in Marietta, Ohio for the Wednesday evening Bible class. We were then northbound to New Cumberland, West Virginia to see my brother Kelly and sister-in-law Carol; my sister Becky was also there. We had great visits. We also got to visit a few minutes with one of my best girlfriends and her sister.

In the meantime, Shari passed away with her husband Randy by her side. The children and grandchildren were there but sleeping. Shari went to her reward very peacefully. She was a good example for her family and loved the Lord. Shari was a good wife, mother and grandma. She will be missed much by all who knew her.

We also visited Louis' dad for a while, and then, we went on to his brother Michael, who is bedfast, and his sister-in-law Donna. However, she was in a rehab center following surgery. Then in the afternoon, we went to see his brother Martin and his family. For supper, Martin, Mary and their daughter, Louis, Rebecca and I went to an Italian restaurant. The food and company were great.

When we parted company, we drove toward Sugar Creek, Ohio. The next morning as we were checking out of the motel, Louis heard someone call his name. He turned around, and it was a brother from Center Ridge, Arkansas. Later that afternoon, we ran into him and his wife again at the Heinie Cheese Factory. This is such a small world!

Earlier in the morning, I ran into friends from Chester, West Virginia. It is such a surprise to run into friends when so far from home. Then, it was time to go meet our children.

We were to meet Louis' older son and new wife for a fun Saturday. Also, my youngest son and daughter-in-law met us for lunch at the Dutch Valley Restaurant in Sugar Creek, Ohio. We had a good time visiting with the kids. It was not near enough time to spend with them. There was a lot of reminiscing and laughter.

Arrangements were made on Friday for Louis to teach class and preach on Sunday morning at the ***Hanoverton, Ohio Church of Christ***. A fellowship dinner followed morning worship so we could have some extra time to visit. We also spent the rest of the afternoon with Chris and Tam Raynor; he is the preacher for this congregation. Louis spoke again at the 4:00 p.m. service.

We thought we had seen the last of any family members during this trip, but to my surprise, things worked out so I could see my oldest son for a short time. He goes to auctions, and quite often he buys Quaker State products. That day, he bought an old Quaker State pen and pencil set with oil in the top of the pen and mechanical pencil. These pens have Oil City, PA on them. I had never seen these before. He gave them to me. His dad, Bob, worked for Quaker State Oil, Pennzoil-Quaker State and finally Shell Oil. My son Bob collects a lot of Quaker State items.

Later, we three headed southbound. We did a lot of traveling for being gone 9-days. It was good to get home to Winona, Mississippi and rest. All of July and most of August, Louis has spoken every Sunday. We also visited different congregations to build a rapport with them. I don't always remember we have been to these churches, but once I see the buildings or some of the members, I start remembering things.

Louis has spoken in Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas and Tennessee since we got home. We also work at the warehouse/office Monday-Friday most weeks. On Monday, after Louis had preached at two different congregation in Memphis, Tennessee, we took 2,400 pounds of literature (about $28,000.00) to Nashville to a ship-

Evangelism Fund: June—July 2018

Income	
Book Sales	$65.00
Guyana ATV Fund	$2,090.00
Contributions	$13,105.00
Stateside Travel	$6,100.00
Foreign Travel	$1,000.00
Rebates/Discounts/Refunds/Resale	$63.03
Total	$22,423.03
Expenses	
Foreign Travel (General)	$155.25
Guyana Shipping, Distribution &	$1,385.00
Salary	$3,500.00
ATV	$21,000.00
Stateside Programs (Missionary	$129.16
Medical Expenses	$2,975.94
Auto Expenses	$1,668.05
Stateside Travel	$1,621.20
Bank Fees	$95.00
Internet (Gospel Gazette Online)	$134.30
Office (supplies/equipment/software subscriptions/help)	$978.22
Postage/Shipping	$261.34
Housing	$969.13
Business Telephone	$165.84
Newsletter	$368.29
Business Expenses	$220.11
Total	$35,626.83

per. From there, it was to go to Miami, Florida to be put on a boat for Guyana, South America. This literature, songbooks, Bibles etc. will be taken to all 10 regions of Guyana by Nigel Milo and other Christians.

We finally took some leisure time for ourselves. I had seen a billboard several weeks ago in Nashville advertising the Ray Stevens "CabaRay." It was a dinner theater. We really enjoyed it. To Louis' surprise, he really liked the show. At the end of the show, Ray came out and talked to people in the audience. We got our picture taken with Mr. Stevens, and I got a hug from him. We had a wonderful time!

Going to something like this show is something Louis would have never thought of doing. I tell him I am breaking him out of his comfort zone as he has done for me. I never thought I could write articles or go on missionary trips such as we do. The Lord has been good to us, and we are good for each other. Please continue to keep us in your prayers, so we can continue to do the work of the Lord. Without your prayers and financial support, these missionary trips, books and tracts would never be accomplished. May God bless you all, and thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support and encouragement.

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Workdays

During the year, especially in the summer when the young people are out of school, we have workdays. These young people and older ones come to Winona, Mississippi to help us get things done that we do not always have time to do. They also help with things that need our attention right now—such as mailouts of newsletters, the *Voice of Truth International* and the *Global Harvest* magazine.

July 16-17, we had 12 adults, teens and younger children from the church in Leoma, Tennessee. This group helped prepare Betty's newsletters and readied packets of *Global Harvest* for mailing. The ladies also washed all the bedding and made up all the beds in the warehouse apartment for the next group coming in on the following Monday. This was such a blessing and saved us a lot of work. Thank you, ladies.

July 23-24, we had 12 precious souls from Double Spring, Alabama come to aid us in our work. They were young people with strong backs. The truck with the *Voice of Truth International* came to be unloaded. What a great help. We are getting older, and our backs are not what they once were. The young people readied the *VOTI* for mailing.

Sister Betty Choate wants to lessen the warehouse of some books. She feels they will be of better use for preacher students than sitting here. She is so right. Therefore, Jerry Bates and I took on the project of contacting the preacher schools. I called and talked with secretaries or directors of the schools on how many students they have enrolled and books they would like. This was not just one book per student, but many books per each young preacher. Several young men from the Double Springs group went over to the other storage/warehouse and brought books to this warehouse/office to get ready for mailing. Afterward, we sent many boxes to students at several schools.

Of course, this is all free labor. I overheard one of the young men say he did not like doing free labor. A 6-year-old young man answered him saying, "This is not free labor; it is labor for the Lord." This could not have been said any better by an adult. This young man will do great work through the years for the Lord and His Church.