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Have ATV, Will Travel by Louis Rushmore

Christian men of the *Paramakatoi Church of Christ* in Guyana, South America **need your help!** Paramakatoi is an Amerindian village in the mountains along the Brazilian border. Residents survive chiefly through subsistence farming, and only recently was currency introduced into their economy because, for instance, an airplane ticket cannot be purchased with a vegetable.

The Christian men of the Lord's church there have graduated from an in-country school of preaching and returned to Paramakatoi. They share the preaching for the local congregation. In addition, three of the brothers alternate in making **1- to 3-day, one way hikes along jungle trails** to reach neighboring villages where there are members of the church. On their own initiative and without outside or American money, the Paramakatoi Church of Christ is taking the Gospel to other Christians and non-Christians under some very challenging circumstances. Not only is it challenging to trek for days where there are no roads—merely footpaths—through the rainforest, but it is extremely challenging to proceed nobly as they are with the Gospel and at the same time tend to their hillside crops so they can feed their families and themselves.

The Paramakatoi Church of Christ is **self-supporting**. They take care of themselves. However, they cannot afford to purchase an ATV to assist them in their mission work to tribal villages. The men have asked for an ATV to facilitate more easily getting them to their mission destinations more expeditiously. This would cut down dramatically the travel time between settlements, which would permit them to more easily support themselves and their families on the mountainside farms near their homes. Besides this, four additional brothers have agreed to commit themselves to alternating travel and teaching in other villages. Having an ATV available will enable them to devote sufficient time to both care for their families and travel to the other communities to teach and preach.

I have seen a robust ATV carry four full-grown adults, clothing and bedrolls, and gas cans (no gas stations in the jungle). The trails with their slopes sometimes necessitate pushing the ATV part of the way.

These Christian brethren are doing what they can, and more than what most of us would do to broadcast the Gospel—edifying fellow Christians and reaching out to non-Christians, too. They live in a remote, rugged part of the world—part of the world to which our Lord charged first century Christians and us also to reach with the Gospel (Mark 16:15-16). The request is reasonable. **Please, help our Christian brothers do what they are not able to do by themselves. They are worthy of our prayers, admiration and financial participation.**

Please make your checks payable to the "Rushmore Evangelism Fund" and mark "ATV" on the memo line. You may mail your checks to the Siwell Road Church of Christ, 4075 Siwell Road, Jackson, MS 39212. Thank you for your much needed help. 



Ready, Set, Go! by Louis Rushmore

It's time once again to get ready, get set and prepare to go abroad. Intertwined with activities at the World Evangelism Building in Winona, Mississippi over the last two weeks, Martha, Rebecca (my

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daughter) and I have been fidgeting with and preparing Martha's India Visa Application. It is so complicated that I suspect that many *would-be applicants* just give up and decide not to visit India. Yet, we finally completed it and sent it off via FedEx.

(Within the last two weeks, the Annual World Evangelism Team Meeting convened in Winona, a visiting youth group from Double Springs, Alabama spent two workdays in Winona, Martha and I had overnight houseguests and I preached out last weekend in Courtland, Mississippi. Also a major achievement, we finalized Volume 94 of *The Voice of Truth International* for printing companies in India, Nigeria and Ghana.)

Plans are in the making for Martha and me to spend about eight weeks overseas in two to four Asian countries (i.e., Myanmar [Burma], India, Sri Lanka and Singapore). Already, I am scheduled to teach for the first three weeks of October in various venues in Myanmar. The first week of November, I am to speak in a lectureship in India. While in India, we plan to travel to New Delhi as well as to sites in the states of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Chhattisgarh, if all of the arrangements can be made. We will check with brethren, too, with whom we may visit in Singapore and Sri Lanka.

Even before that, we may spend the first two weeks of September in Guyana, South America, which would be our second trip to that nation this year. If we return at that time, we will teach college-level classes to church leaders and their spouses.

Lessons must be specially prepared for all of those destinations. In the meantime, we must keep up the stateside workload of publications and speaking appointments. In addition, the Double Springs church youth loaded two trailers with about 2,000 pounds each of Christian literature. One of those trailers, I need to haul to Nashville, Tennessee to place with a shipping agent; that shipment will ultimately arrive in and be distributed in Guyana.

In order for Martha and me to pursue these foreign mission trips, it is necessary for Christian brethren and congregations of the churches of Christ to participate with us financially. I rely on Christians twice annually to make these forays, with the Gospel in our hands and from our mouths, possible. Please, at your earliest convenience, send your check to the **Rushmore Evangelism Fund, Siwell Road Church of Christ, 4075 Siwell Road, Jackson, MS 39212**. Write on the memo line, "Mission Trip." Thank you, and please remember to include us in your prayers. 📖



Whirlwind in the States by Martha Rushmore

Louis and I got back to the states from Guyana, South America on **March 10**. We hit the ground running again. We spent the night with Rebecca.

On Saturday, **March 11**, Louis, Rebecca and I headed for his preaching appointment in Batesville, Arkansas with the **Southside Church of Christ**. In the afternoon, we worshipped with the **Oil Trough Church of Christ**. We really enjoy spending time with our brothers and sisters stateside as well as in South America.

After the evening service, we headed for our home in Winona, Mississippi. We thought we would be sleeping in our bed for the first time in about seven weeks. We got a surprise! While away, we were having our bathroom remodeled because it was starting to pull away from the house. We could just imagine being in the shower and OOPS off goes the shower into the yard! What a shock that would be for all. I do not think it was that bad, but it did need fixed.

However, the bathroom was not done, and we went to plan "B." We stayed in the apartment of the World Evangelism Building. So thankful for a backup plan. Luckily, we had two bedrooms. It was nice to get dressed and head upstairs to the office. There, we worked on sorting six weeks' worth of mail, paying bills, working on volume 92 of *Voice of Truth International*, packaging book orders and preparing them for mailing. We were trying to do so much to get caught up. We never get caught up. There is something to do all the time. We also loaded a trailer with 2,000 pounds of literature, books and clothing (made for some girls and boys overseas).

We were back in Winona for a short while. Then, Louis, Rebecca and I were off with our van, pulling the trailer full of literature, books and clothing. Louis had a Wednesday, **March 15** appointment with the **Walnut Grove Church of Christ** in Benton, Kentucky. The next morning, we headed to Nashville, Tennessee to deposit the items with the shipper for Guyana. Then, it was back to Rebecca's for the night. The next morning Louis and I returned to Winona.

March 18, we headed to Georgia and to Florida for speaking appointments. When at the **Dasher Church of Christ**, I was reunited with a brother and sister in Christ. They were at the Hope Lodge in Gainesville, Florida where my late husband Bob and I stayed. She and Bob were both taking radiation treatments for cancer five days a week. This Hope Lodge is for the cancer patient and one other member of the family. It provides free lodging for as long as one is getting treatment regularly. Bob and I were there for six weeks.

The next morning, we continued to Ocala, Florida. We had just about a month to spend with my son, daughter-in-law and three of my grandchildren. The first thing on our agenda was a birthday party for my youngest granddaughter. Lauren turned 11 on **March 27**. She had a nice party with friends from school and church.

Then, the *fun* began; I had to get my tax information gathered up to be sent up north to my tax lady. The first item of

business was to change my name with social security. After that, we proceeded to change my name on my driver's license, put Louis on a utility bill and take care of other government details. Some things are still in the works. This has been a test of our patience.

On Sunday morning, **April 2**, we decided to go to worship at the **Woodland Place Church of Christ** in Ocala, about 20 minutes from the house. We were early, but as it would happen, the congregation needed a Bible class teacher and a preacher for worship, and Louis fit the bill. One of the brothers there knew of Louis and his work. He had even heard him preach on YouTube. Some congregation for which Louis had previously preached had uploaded him preaching. We do not know who did this good work. The preacher for this congregation did not make it because he was stranded about two hours away with two flat tires on his car. As you all know, the Lord works in mysterious ways.

While in Ocala, we took three days for ourselves and had our *honeymoon* in Daytona Beach, Florida. We spent some time with Emanuel, Judy, Bruce and Gayle Daugherty. It was nice visiting with friends. On Wednesday, **April 12**, we attended the **Beville Road Church of Christ** in Daytona Beach, Florida. Soon, we went back to Ocala to be with the kids and grandkids for the remainder of our time before returning to Mississippi.

While in Florida, we tried to visit as many congregations in the area that we could, to become acquainted with them and to acquaint them also with our foreign mission work. We visited Wildwood, Lady Lake (The Villages) and of course, the Central congregation of which I was a member. Our purpose is to always glorify God and to edify those around us.

While we were in Florida, Louis decided to purchase a 5' x 8' trailer before we headed home to Winona. It was a wise decision. We had the trailer and the back of the Pacifica filled until they both thought they would burst at the seams. We had a king size Sleep Number bed, clothes, dishes, kettles, an exerciser and whatever else we could stuff in between the walls and the windows.

On Friday, **April 21**, we headed north to the home of Thurman and Sadie Hodge outside of Meridian, Mississippi. They were our hosts for the weekend. Sunday, **April 23**, we assembled with the **Union, Mississippi Church of Christ**. Louis presented his PowerPoint lesson in class about our work with World Evangelism, and for worship, he taught a biblical lesson. After lunch, we headed home to Winona. We arrived just in time to unhook the trailer from the car before heading off to **West President Church of Christ** in Greenwood for Sunday evening worship. We made it!

On Monday, we headed to the office to go through a month's worth of mail and also to do whatever else needed to be done. On Tuesday-Thursday, we worked feverishly to get what looked like a warehouse in our living room, the three bedrooms and the den/office to resemble a house again. Believe it or not, I think we did a great job working together and placing my things in the house. We also had to clean the house after the work on the bathroom was all done. The cleaning fairy did not come in and clean the house for us. On Thursday, Betty Choate, Louis and I met with Ricky and Ronnie Gootam, their wives and children at the Mexican restaurant in Winona. Food and fellowship was great. The Gootam family is from India. I will get to meet the rest of their family this fall, Lord willing, in India.

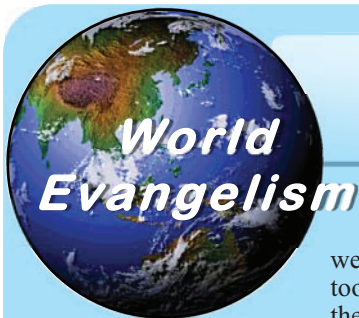
On Saturday, **April 30**, Louis and I traveled to Tupelo, Mississippi and spent the night so we would be closer to our destination. We worshipped on Sunday with the brethren at the **Bear Creek Church of Christ** in Bear Creek, Alabama. That afternoon Louis and I drove around the area and stopped at the **Hackleburg Church of Christ**; two sisters in Christ were cleaning up after a fellowship meal. Everyone had to leave the building earlier because a storm was passing through the area. When the weather let up, they came back. We left some **Voice of Truth International** magazines and some of our newsletters. We, then, traveled to the **Gravel Hill Church of Christ** for the evening service. This was not a planned visit, but we had some time on our hands and no place we had to go. As it turned out, the elders had Louis give his PowerPoint lesson on our work. What a great little congregation!

On Tuesday, **May 2**, we headed to Hamilton, Alabama for the **India Missions Conference** that was to take place on Wednesday thru Friday. The **May Missionary Retreat**, hosted by World Evangelism, and the India workshop overlapped each other, and so we attended the retreat on Friday and Saturday, this year outside of Florence, Alabama. Between the two venues, we appreciated a lot of good teaching, good information, good fellowship, good food and good entertainment.

Next, we headed back home to Winona and for much work to be done in the office and in the warehouse. Of course, we had a lot of laundry to do. Things went smoothly as can be working in a warehouse, full of over 350 titles of books and 125 different tracks. There is so much behind the scenes work that is done. Sometimes we have trucks to unload as well as trailers to fill with literature to be taken to different shippers to be sent overseas.

Thursday, **May 11**, Louis had to prep for a colonoscopy Friday in Jackson, Mississippi. He passed his test with flying colors. Then, on Saturday, **May 13**, we drove to Tuscumbia, Alabama to the home of brother and sister Counts. They

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Income	
Literature & Bibles	\$3,148.00
Guyana ATV Fund	\$675.00
Hindi TV Fund	\$25,000.00
Contributions	\$20,370.32
Stateside Travel	\$5,286.50
Rebates/Discounts/Resale	\$3.32
Total	\$54,483.14
Expenses	
Foreign Travel Expenses	\$1,221.83
Medical Expenses	\$4,826.86
Auto Expenses	\$5,206.60
Stateside Travel	\$4,185.38
Bank Fees	\$104.90
Internet (Gospel Gazette Online)	\$239.94
Office (supplies/equipment/software subscriptions/help)	\$1,240.05
Postage/Shipping	\$326.32
Housing	\$5,479.15
Salary	\$500.00
Business Telephone	\$614.91
Newsletter	\$703.18
Business Expenses	\$125.00
Missionary Retreat	\$275.45
Guyana	\$2,228.00
Total	\$27,277.57



"...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).

had told me they always took him to a steakhouse. He was surprised. Sunday morning, we worshipped with the **Leighton Church of Christ**. In the evening, Louis preached for the **Barn Creek Church of Christ**, outside of Bear Creek, Alabama. It's out in the woods between small Alabama towns.

Through the week, we worked trying to catch things up again in the office/warehouse. On Friday, we cleaned up all the pine branches and cones and mowed. When we finished, I set a yard decoration, a rabbit, on the lawn tractor and had Louis to act as if he was trying to teach the rabbit to drive the mower. He was not sure who drove the tractor better, the rabbit or me. LOL

On Sunday, **May 21**, Louis and I worshipped with the **Old Union Church of Christ** in the morning and with the **Elliott Church of Christ** in the evening, both in Mississippi. The rest of the week, we worked on packing, cleaning and getting everything ready for Rebecca, Louis and me to head out for our 31-day journey through several eastern states.

We left Winona on Sunday morning **May 28**, pulling a full trailer and full car also. We arrived in plenty of time for Bible class at the **Clinton, Mississippi Church of Christ**. After lunch, we traveled to Mobile, Alabama for evening service at the **Creekwood Church of Christ**. Louis spoke for both of these con-

gregations. We spent the night in Mobile before forging on to Ocala, Florida to pick up three grandchildren and their mom, so we could take them to their other grandparents in Ohio and to attend Bible camp in West Virginia. Besides the loaded trailer, the van was wall-to-wall with the seven of us for two very, very long daytrips between overnight lodging in Cleveland, Tennessee. Louis spoke for the **Cleveland Church of Christ** that evening.

(This trip afforded us the opportunity to distribute furniture between residences in Mississippi, Florida and Ohio. Consequently, we hauled a glass curio cabinet from Florida northward and back to Mississippi—without breaking it. Each time we loaded more salvaged songbooks and class material into the trailer, we had to unload the cabinet and reload it atop the growing pile. One of the largest single pickups was from the **Chapel Hill Church of Christ** in Gallipolis, Ohio; we also recovered material from the **Hillview Terrace Church of Christ** and the **West Virginia School of Preaching** that it conducts in Moundsville. The single largest contributor of recovered material to be sent overseas was a mountain of stuff dating back to 1962 from the **Harmar Hill Church of Christ** in Marietta, Ohio.)

Our trek took us through Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Tennessee. We visited family and friends, and we met new family members to each of us between visiting my late husband Bob's family, my family, Louis' late wife Bonnie's family and his family. Louis preached or taught classes every Sunday morning and Sunday evening except one Sunday night and one Wednesday. We visited these churches: **Ashland Church of Christ**, **Vermilion Church of Christ**, **Pickerington Church of Christ**, **Harmar Hill Church of Christ**, **Norval Park Church of Christ** and the **Hanoverton Church of Christ**—all in Ohio; **Sandyville Church of Christ**, **Belington Church of Christ** and the **Wilson Ridge Church of Christ**—all in West Virginia; and the **North Lexington Church of Christ** in Kentucky.

There were some side trips and highlights aside from appointments and spending time with family. We fed bread to tens of thousands of fish (carp) and dozens of geese at Pymatuning Spillway outside of Linesville, Pennsylvania. In West Virginia, we visited Cooper's Rock and Prickett's Fort state parks. The three of us also enjoyed a day at the Ark Encounter about an hour north of Lexington, Kentucky.

I was privileged to meet many Christians with whom we work through the year. This was such a wonderful experience for me. In all my life, I had never thought I would be working with such wonderful Christians from different parts of the world. **God is an awesome God!** 

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