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30 Days in Guyana, South America

Louis Rushmore

On January 31, Martha and I left the USA aboard American Airlines via Orlando, with a change of planes in Miami, to Georgetown, Guyana, South America. There, we teamed up with brethren Nigel Milo and Frederick Darrell for the next 30 days, returning home on March 2.

Our workshops were available to approximately 100 congregations across the nation of Guyana. This included coastal venues as well as interior locations. We traveled by car, minibus, boat and plane from the Atlantic Ocean to the borders of Brazil and Venezuela. Congregations hosting our program were the Culvert City Church of Christ in Lethem, the Cotton Tree Church of Christ, the Kildonan Church of Christ, the Richmond Church of Christ over the Essequibo River, the Estate Church of Christ in Port Kaituma, the Turu Mission Church of Christ outside of Port Kaituma along a river bank, the Hosororo Church of Christ on a hill outside of Mabaruma, the Paramakatoi Church of Christ with members of the Monkey Mountain Church of Christ in attendance and the Enmore Church of Christ (which hosts the Hope Children's Home).

In the spirit of 1 Corinthians 3:6, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase" (NKJV), we brought our proverbial *watering cans* to edify Christians primarily and strengthen churches of Christ throughout Guyana, which we have been doing now for several years. The theme of our program this year was "If Not Now, When?" Topics included lessons on the preparation for the future appointment of elders and deacons, a greater reliance on Guyanese brethren for their own edification, evaluating various evangelistic methods and employing them more effectively, beginning to develop a greater congregational financial independence in the areas that they can provide for themselves, and consideration of expanding the use of radio and television.

Frederick Darrell

Brethren received the lessons well. The men—Nigel, Frederick and Louis—taught combined men and women as well as men's classes. Martha spoke

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to women and children. Attendance ranged from a handful to hundreds across the various venues.

Coastal areas were reachable by highway in Nigel's car or in the church bus of the Amelia's Ward Church of Christ (where brother Milo preaches). In conjunction with land travel, we flew over jungles in small aircraft and plied rivers in boats in size from ones holding about 30 people to a car ferry capable of carrying hundreds.

Lodging ranged from tent camping with the absence of electricity, toilets (outhouses instead) and bathing (bucket and cup for cold water was available) to satisfactory hotels. Nigel and Jasmine's home in Linden was our base, to which we returned sometimes to wash clothes before heading out again.

Nigel Milo

One marriage and one baptism occurred along our travels, though neither of those events were related directly to our endeavors. We distributed 48 Bibles, hundreds of tracts and a few books. I was able to work on *Gospel Gazette Online* and *The Voice of Truth International* magazines while in Guyana.

A few noteworthy incidents happened on this missionary trip. About 10:30 p.m. while in a second-floor hotel room in Parika, Martha fell. That resulted in a 4" cut on her thigh and purple bruising approximately 12" in diameter, along with minor bruising on her other limbs. By her count, she has fallen 9 times since we wed on January 1, 2017. Fortunately, she hasn't broken any bones.

In one city, while I was getting baggage from the car's trunk, a man approached me from behind and attempted to rob me—despite daylight and being on the main thoroughfare. He opened a pocket on my cargo pants before I spun around. Brother Fredrick Darrel (68-years-old) and I (66-years-old) faced the thief and challenged him as he stood in the street standing his ground. He left, though, when Martha (71-years-old) got out of the car. She credits herself with being the deciding factor that led to the robber's exiting the scene.

Upon our arrival back in the United States, Martha's entry was denied at the Global Reentry kiosk. I was admitted, but she was not! Nevertheless, I stayed with her until after talking with officials in another part of the airport and having all of our luggage x-rayed, nearly an hour later, we were both released. No explanation was provided for our closer scrutiny. I didn't think Martha looked like a terrorist or a smuggler, but who really knows anyone? Just kidding.

Martha and I both enjoy being with and worshipping alongside of our Guyanese brethren. We are especially drawn, as in every place we go, to the little ones. Like here in America, we rile them up before returning them to their parents. At Paramakatoi, the primary school children—hundreds of them—came to one of our morning sessions. So, Martha taught them a biblical lesson, and the children likewise recited Bible verses and sang hymns that they had learned in the public school.

We hope and pray that our efforts contributed to the encouragement and edification of Christian brethren everywhere we went preaching and teaching the Word of God. We are thankful beyond words we have to say for the prayers, encouragement and financial participation that make our ministry possible.

Glory Be to God

Martha Lynn Rushmore

I believe this trip to Guyana, South America was the best and also the hardest in some ways for me. We had the best attendance, since I have been accompanying Louis, at most of our venues this time.

While in Lethem before our seminar began, Nigel performed a wedding. After the wedding the groom was baptized, and that evening at the end of service, the young bride was restored to the church. What a wonderful way to start a marriage. I hope they will be a blessing to the Culvert City church.

Culvert City was one of our smallest crowds, though, as usual, the response to the workshop was great. The brethren were so welcoming. I had a ladies' class, and there was much interaction and talking back and forth about the lesson. I love it when the ladies get involve, and I do not have to lecture.

While preparing for our venue across the Essequibo River at the Richmond congregation, we stayed in a hotel because we had to be up on our way to the car ferry by 4:00 a.m. Unfortunately, about 10:30 p.m., I tripped going into the shower and fell. I had a gash on my thigh, and it brought some blood. Of course, we had nothing to bandage me. Louis woke brother Nigel, and off he went to find something for my wound. He drove an hour each way to find some gauze and tape. He is a special friend. Louis doctored me, and then, we tried to get some sleep as we were to be up in less than three hours to proceed on our journey. For some reason, I seem to cause havoc wherever I go. Thankfully I could walk, and my fall did not interfere with our workshop. It was a great day!

We had a great turnout at the Richmond congregation. We also met American brethren from Flatwoods, Kentucky. They were there working with another congregation nearby. My ladies' class was the largest I had had this time so far. I am guessing I had about 75 or so ladies from teens to older ladies in their 80's. I had a lot of interaction with them. What a great class!

Then, we were on to our trip to Paramakatoi. It was the best and the hardest trip for me ever. We generally stay in the guesthouse. It was filled. The first lady of Guyana and other government officials got preference. So, we had to camp out in the classroom of the church building. Louis and I had one tent; brother Nigel had another, smaller tent, and brother Fredrick had a hammock in which to sleep. We had no running water or toilet. This was real camping, except we did not have our tents out in the open.

At night, as typical, I had to get up two or three times to go to the outhouse. This meant flashlight on and climbing around the tent and under the hammock, hoping I did not fall and knock down the tent. Then, we had a jaunt to the outhouse. It was pitch black—no light except our flashlights. We had to watch out for holes in the yard and cow patties. Back to the room and around the tent and under the hammock, trying not to wake the men, we returned to our tent. I'm sure we were unsuccessful. Each time I had to go, I had to wake Louis up to go with me. He did not want me going alone, for safety and to help keep me from falling. Louis takes exceptionally good care of me.

The easiest part of camping in the classroom was it was adjoined to the auditorium. We just had to go outside one door and into the door beside it for our services. So, I didn't have much walking to do.

Then, it was shower time (ha-ha). There was no shower—just a bucket and a pop bottle with the top cut off to pour water over us. It was cold! We washed in the ATV shed. This shed has openings between each board—on the backside about an inch apart and on the front side about four inches apart. The boards for the floor were about three inches apart, not very safe to walk on in the dark. Therefore, you see we could not have a lot of light. Yet, we had to have some light for safety reasons. We just kept it as dim as we could for safety and privacy.

The best part of the trip for me was teaching over 200 children from the elementary school in the mountain village of Paramakatoi—and this was because of a misunderstanding. God works in mysterious ways. The principal asked if they could come and do a short program for us, about 15- minutes. Instead, Louis thought it was for us to teach. About 5-minutes before time to start Louis asked me if I had a lesson I could teach the children and how much time I would need. "Of course," I said. I used a lesson called "Hear No Evil, See No Evil and Speak No Evil." It was great; this was the first time I have ever taught such a crowd. About 20 or so children volunteered to quote memory verses. Grades 4, 5 and 6 sang two hymns for us, and then all the classes sang one more song. Nigel closed out the session with a prayer. What a wonderful surprise to me, even if there was a misunderstanding. All things work together for those who love the Lord.

Saturday, I attended the women's Inspiration day at the Amelia's Ward Church of Christ in Linden, Guyana. The ladies and younger ladies did a wonderful job. The decorations were beautiful. The three lessons were very interesting and Bible based. There were 340 attendees for this day of worship, fellowship and fun. The ladies pay for all the decorations, food and gifts out of their own money, or friends donate for this special day.

The last two venues were particularly good and also very well attended. There were over 150 ladies in my class at the Enmore Church of Christ near Georgetown, Guyana. The last appointment was at Kildonan. This was my first visit to this congregation. At the end of class, I was not quite finished with my lesson, but I cut it off quickly. One of the women complained and said we should have continued even though our time was over.

I feel this was the most rewarding trip to Guyana I have experienced, and it was the hardest of all five trips on which I have been privileged to travel with my beloved to do mission work. Maybe the hardness of the trip is that I am getting older and do not stay on my feet well. Although, I found out how true Philippians 4:13 really is for me. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Please continue to pray for us that our trips to foreign fields can continue. With your prayers and financial help, God will provide for us the ability to go to Guyana, India, Sri Lanka, Singapore and Burma. To God be the glory!

Evangelism Fund: November 2019—February 2020	
Income	
Foreign Travel	$1,100.00
Contributions	$36,280.04
North India Fund	$25,000.00
Rebates/Discounts/Refunds/Resale	$1,431.83
Total	$63,811.87
Expenses	
Foreign Travel (General)	$342.56
Guyana Literature & Bibles	$313.92
Guyana Workshop & Seminars	$22,050.41
Oriya Language Magazine	$600.00
North India	$17,550.00
Medical Expenses	$2,010.08
Auto Expenses	$2,967.21
Stateside Travel	$337.55
Bank Fees	$30.00
Internet (Gospel Gazette Online)	$704.14
Office (supplies/equipment/software subscriptions/help)	$760.81
Postage/Shipping	$121.40
Housing	$20,651.71
Religious Library	$125.00
Business Telephone	$278.64
Newsletter	$732.63
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