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MERRY CHRISTMAS! Here at Siloam Missionary Homes, many of the missionary families have put lights outside their homes, making the place look beautiful. I have strings of colored lights littering the floor in my office, waiting for me to decorate Dad's Country Store. Not that I am a procrastinator or anything! ☺ Somehow they don't just hang themselves. Last week, my grandson David (who is four years old) told his dad that the Christmas tree in the Family Center is "*beauuuuuuuutiful!*"



This morning, I was thinking back to Christmases I had as a boy. The Christmas season officially began when they put up the lights on Main Street. Our town, on the banks of the St. Joe River was between Chicago and Detroit. I, like my grandson, David, thought our little town was the most beautiful town in the world. They used to string the words "Merry Christmas" across the highway. The words were shiny silver and at night they would glow with red lights. It seemed as soon as the town was decorated, that everyone got excited for Christmas. Since then, I have heard choirs sing about the love of God *written in red!* It is because of the blood that Jesus shed for our sins that we can say "Merry Christmas!" He wrote it in red!" I thank the Lord for His unselfish love for us. Because of Him, we can celebrate Christmas.

We want to thank you for allowing us the wonderful privilege of providing homes for missionaries – a place they can celebrate the birthday of our Lord and Savior. This year, because of your generosity, many missionary families were able to call Siloam "*home.*"

It is exciting as the year draws to a close, for me to see the ongoing construction of another missionary home. Yes, house #14! To think that we had to turn away many families in 2010. As I look out the window this morning, I see the first floor of the Bill and Sandra Rice missionary home waiting for the roof trusses and shingles. Help me pray for the completion of this house.

My Christmas prayer this year is to get this house shelled and the exterior ready for winter, along with providing Christmas for all the missionary families and our wonderful staff. It has been a great year – Praise the Lord!

Oh behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff and all of the missionary families, we would like to wish all of you a very *Merry Christmas* and a *Happy New Year!* May God continue to bless each of you as we minister together to reach the world by providing homes for missionaries here at SMH.

May He always receive all the honor and glory! *Merry Christmas – written in red!*

"I will praise the Lord while I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being."

Larry George

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