

Siloam Missionary Homes

"providing housing to missionaries for a lifetime..."

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POINTS² PONDER

We at Siloam Missionary Homes believe we are to go into all the world to preach the Gospel, and we are to be given to hospitality and taking care of the needs of the saints.

- Since 1992, SMH has provided homes for hundreds of missionaries.
- Siloam's campus has 26.5 acres with 13 fully furnished homes.
- Homes range from 540 sq. ft. to 3,000 sq. ft.
- In 2009, we housed 109 people from 17 countries.
- In 2010, we have housed 99 people from 15 countries.
- In 2009, we had to turn away 35 families.
- Gave away \$35,000 of food out of Dad's Country Store.
- We are currently building house #14, the Bill and Sandra Rice House.

Ways you can get involved

- Join the *Coffee Club*
- Be one of the *One of the 109 Team*
- Bring food to *Dad's Country Store*
- Volunteer
- Use our facilities for your special event

THE FIRST MISSIONARY HOME

"Please let us make a small upper room on the wall; and let us put a bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a lampstand; so it will be whenever he comes to us, he can turn in." II Kings 4:10



Mike and Henry beginning to build the walls



Rice home, once completed

II Kings 4 talks about a Shunammite woman who fed a traveling missionary, Elisha. One day, the Lord laid it on her heart to also provide lodging for him. So, she had her husband build an apartment for Elisha. One of the things that is so remarkable was that she wanted to make sure the place was furnished. She could have given him a room and a blanket and then let him fend for himself. But, she wanted to meet his needs. I believe this was the first missionary home.

Because of her willingness to meet his needs, God truly and abundantly blessed her. As I read this passage recently, I praised the Lord for His blessings on Siloam Missionary Homes. Over the years, we have watched God bless people who have given to build and maintain this missionary village. For me, it is seeing a need, sharing that need, and then watching God meet the needs.

Pray for us as we, by faith, continue to build the new Bill and Sandra Rice Home. This new home, once completed, will have 4 bedrooms and also room for homeschooling. This year, we had to turn down many missionary families needing a place to call home. We are praying that we can have this shelled in by winter.



Christmas For Our Missionaries and Their Kids

Thank you for making Siloam Missionary Homes not only part of your prayer list, but part of your wish list. Like the lady that built the first missionary home God will bless you as surely as He blessed her.

— Larry George, President



Remember years ago, on the first of November we used to receive a big Christmas wish book in the mail from Sears? It was the best book in the world! Being raised in a large family, the Christmas Sears catalog was a way to mark your wishes. We would go through the book and carefully fold the corner of the page down to make sure mom knew what we wanted. Because there were 9 of us, we would put our name next to the item we wanted. Even though my brothers and sisters might not get everything we wanted, it was a time to wish for what seemed to be the impossible.

My father taught us to dream. In fact, he would encourage it. Many days, while harvesting fruit from his orchard, he would point to the young trees that he had planted and say, "One day when I retire, we will have all the fruit we need to sell." I was older and married when he saw the trees produce and he was able to sell his fruit. He also instilled in me the importance of giving, telling us how important it is to give back to God, which was His in the first place, to plant the dream and watch God grow the vision. Giving back is giving God's blessings to others.

WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:

The Wreck Center – We have cleared out the old tractor shed and need help to change the façade to look like a gas station and make the inside into a game room. With over 30 kids living at Siloam, we need a game room. We have a ping pong table and other games as well as exercise equipment that we can put into the Wreck Center.

Stone for Driveway – We have about a mile of roads and driveways that need about 2 inches of stone. Through the end of the year, we can purchase stone at a special price of \$1 a running foot, or \$300 for a tandem truckload, which is enough to do 300 ft.

Help Us Build – We are looking for volunteers to help us build. Bring your men's group, Sunday School class and plan a day at Siloam. Volunteer labor saves us thousands of dollars and is a great way to get to know your neighbors and friends.

Building supplies are expensive. Maybe you or the company you work for are looking for a tax write-off for out-of-stock or over runs on building materials. Siloam Missionary



Nathan, Joel, Aaron, Mahayla, Preston, Macie and Sophia with proud new grandparents of 2-day-old Isabela, Lew & Jan

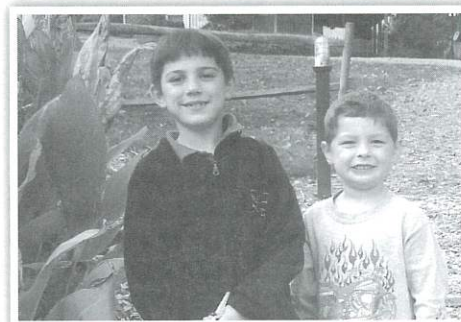
Homes can issue a tax receipt for these items and in most cases, can arrange for pick up.

Fund A Project – You would be surprised how just collecting change can add up to support a project. Have a group yard sale, or a bake sale. Have a work-a-thon – offer to give a day of raking, cleaning, or volunteering at Siloam to support one of our projects.

— Mike Rich, Director



Macie, Sophia and Mahayla playing after homeschool



Joel and Preston play together

FROM THE MAIL BAG

A few months ago I stumbled upon an organization that uniquely meets the needs of traveling missionaries — the folks over at Siloam Missionary Homes, located on a beautiful stretch of land about 20 miles south of Burlington, N.C. They provide missionaries with very nice, fully furnished homes (*for a very reasonable maintenance fee with no lease agreements*) while they're on furlough or while preparing to leave the country. What an oasis in the desert for a missionary! What a unique vision for global ministry!

Recently, I stopped by and met the staff, and they were so welcoming! They are certainly called and gifted to do what they do. If you're interested in supporting a ministry that directly affects worldwide mission or if you're a missionary in need of a place to temporarily hang your hat, then breeze by their website at www.siloamhomes.org and check them out. I haven't even stayed there yet, and they have already been an encouragement to me!

— Keith

We had a wonderful stay. We appreciate your ministry and pray God's blessings on you all.

— B. Dryden

Thanks for the letter, especially about Brother Abbey. My heart is encouraged again. Our ministry is in the name of the Lord. Jesus reminded us to ask anything in His name. Bless you all as you continue to serve our missionaries. He IS ABLE!

— Bro. Dacus



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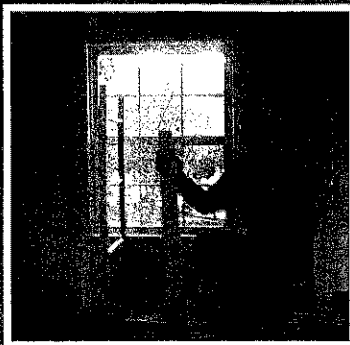
PERSEVERING *Through* the STRUGGLES

One observation I have made about the missionary families who stay at Siloam Missionary Homes is that they all have some ongoing issue with which they struggle. Sometimes the issue is physical, such as what one couple has dealt with for quite a long time due to traffic accidents that were not their fault. Cancer has hindered another couple. Unsaved family members, parents not supportive of their missionary calling, parents needing special care, finding churches to which they can present their ministry are a few other continuing concerns of missionary families. (Even getting pastors or missions committees to return calls or acknowledge their contact is a real problem.)

However, as you might think, the most common problem missionaries face is the one most of us deal with — finances. The present economic climate of the country has clearly affected missionary support. Churches feel the impact, but rather than sacrificing some material comfort or fringe benefit, they cut their missionary support. Yet, reaching the world with the Gospel of Christ and leading people to worship the true God is the “business” of the Church. The economy is not the only problem. A church may have supported a particular missionary family for years, but a new pastor may influence the church to drop them from the budget, sometimes for something trivial, as I have observed. A church may begin a building program and “can’t afford” to spend money on missions. Thanks be to the Lord, missionaries are willing to sacrifice to share the Savior. (Pardon me, I must move ahead or I may begin to preach!)

Satan attempts to use multitudes of means to prevent people from proclaiming the Gospel as Jesus commanded. He tries to obstruct the work of missionaries, to prevent them from getting to the field, to create scenarios that cause them to leave the field and to add to their struggles. Although this is true, another observation meaningful to me is that regardless of the struggles (sometimes maybe because of the struggles), almost all of the missionaries I have met continue in their determination to fulfill the calling of God on their lives. We are here at Siloam Missionary Homes to provide a place where they can reflect on their calling, rest for a while from their work, refresh their spirits and renew their commitment to ministry. We don’t have all the answers for the many issues missionaries face, but we want to encourage missionaries, to help in whatever way we are able. We intend to be faithful in providing “*A Place Missionaries Call Home.*” We always need your help to accomplish this and we are thankful for what you do.

H. Milton Wilder
Missionary Pastoral Care



TOP LEFT: Eric working on drywall in Siloam's Treasure Chest

TOP RIGHT: Sandra Rice presenting the keys to vehicle donated to Siloam Missionary Homes by Bill Rice Ministries

LOWER LEFT: Mariah Dilmore “eating a cricket” at our 18th annual pig pic’n

SILOAM'S TREASURE CHEST

We are working on the SMH Campus and have made great progress. The wall and ceilings on the Rev. Stanley Building's first floor garage should be finished the first week of November. We have replaced windows, improved the lighting, insulated the walls, wired for electrical fixtures and painted the floor. We will add a little heat and set up some area rugs and displays next month. The adjacent work area will be cleared out to add some additional space for sorting new items that arrive.

You may be aware we were open on the day of the Pig Pic'n and we had a yard sale at the I Holt parking lot on Hwy 87 last month. We were able to sell most of the large items that were donated, along with some clothing and household items. After expenses, which were minimal, we made over \$1,600 from these two events!

We have looked at a few locations in town to consider for a permanent location keeping in mind that we will also continue a location at Siloam for the missionary families. But, for now, we have not found the right match or the best timing, and will continue to operate from the store location at Siloam. We will do yard sales when we accumulate enough items, and can be open for visiting groups and consign some antique items to help generate funds for Siloam Missionary Homes. Right now this keeps our expenses very low, providing the most to the ministry.

Once we have completed the store, we will appeal for additional donations. A list of the types of items we need and the condition we like to see will be next on my list. We continue to put aside items needed in the homes and items the missionaries need for their families.

We have initially selected a name for the store — *Siloam's Treasure Chest*. This is still open for discussion.

ITEMS FOR PRAYER:

- Completion of the store;
- Donations that benefit Siloam and the missionaries;
- God's direction in future endeavors;
- Being a good witness in all the activities surrounding the development of the store;
- Volunteers to help in the store.

When I have time, I will share some stories about the people that donated items and purchased items during our recent sales and how the Lord worked to bless both the giver and the receiver.

In His Service, *Eric Foehr*

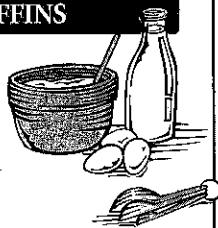
For information about donating items, contact Eric at efoehr@aol.com

LUNCH AT BETTY'S

At our Lunch at Betty's this fall, the ladies at SMH enjoyed a dessert that is great for a brunch, lunch or at any of your holiday entertainment events. I hope you enjoy.
— Betty Wilder

CARAMEL-APPLE MUFFINS

- 3 pounds of small Granny Smith Apples
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt



Peel, core and cut 4 apples into 24 (1/4 inch thick) rings. Sauté apple rings in a lightly greased skillet, 1 to 2 minutes on each side. Remove from skillet, and place 1 apple ring in the bottom of each of 24 lightly greased muffin pan cups. Peel and finely chop enough remaining apples to equal 3 cups. Set aside. Stir together sugar and next 2 ingredients in a large bowl. Stir together flour and next 3 ingredients; add to sugar mixture, stirring just until blended. (Batter will be stiff) Fold in finely chopped apple. Spoon batter over apple rings in muffin pan cups, filling cups three-fourths full. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until done. Remove muffins from pan and cool on a wire rack. Make sure apple rings face up. Press the handle of a wooden spoon gently into the center of each apple ring, forming a 1-inch deep indentation in the muffins. Spoon warm Quick Caramel Frosting over muffins, filling indentations.

QUICK CARAMEL FROSTING

- 2 (14 oz.) cans sweetened condensed milk
- ½ cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- ½ cup butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Place all ingredients in a heavy 3 quart saucepan; bring to a boil, stirring constantly, over medium low heat. Cook stirring constantly, 3 to 5 minutes or until mixture reaches a pudding like thickness. Remove from heat. Will keep in the refrigerator in an airtight container up to 2 weeks. Just warm over low heat for a few minutes or microwave at HIGH for 15-second intervals until soft.

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Dear Coffee Club Members,



We had a nice picnic by the creek that runs through the Siloam property.

Fall is a very busy time for us at Siloam. There seems to be more opportunities to share the ministry in churches and during mission conferences. Church groups are also looking for a place to come and get away. Recently, a local church's ladies group came out for a two day retreat and enjoyed their time of spiritual refreshment and relaxation. They said that they had a wonderful time.

A few weeks ago, I had the wonderful privilege of watching my three grandkids, Macie, Preston and David for a day, while Mike and Abbey were away. After breakfast of pancakes, playing with Buddy (our Yorkie), we put some pizza, chips and apples in the picnic basket and went down to the creek. It was so much fun to just stop for a few hours and play with the kids. Before I know it, they will be all grown up and won't be able to spend as much time with Nana! I treasure these special times.

We have started a new campaign which we are calling "I Will Be One (of the 109)." We are asking the Lord to provide 109 people who would be willing to join with us with monthly support of \$28. This will help us meet the monthly shortfall that we have been experiencing this year. Would you pray about becoming One of the 109?

God bless you!!

Your "Coffeemate," Joyce George

Siloam Missionary Homes is now able to receive your donation through an "Electronic Funds Transfer." This makes your monthly giving easier. Ask us how!

MY LOVE GIFT: I would like to join the Coffee Club with a monthly pledge of

☐ \$15 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ Other \$ (Please send my Coffee Club cup.)

One Time Gift \$ _____

Please designate my one time gift for:

DONATION FOR (check appropriate box):

☐ Family Center ☐ General Fund ☐ (specify project) _____

☐ Larry & Joyce George salary ☐ Mike & Abbey Rich salary

☐ Milton & Betty Wilder support ☐ One of the 109 Team

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