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GOD IS GOOD!

It is impossible for me to write without first reflecting on how Marvelous and Amazing God is, in all of the many ways that He provides. "He is Great!" Phil.4:19 "But my God shall supply **ALL** your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." It is all in His hands, even though we worry about what we need to do to make things work around here. As every day seems to be a test, at the end of the day He is the only one that can pull it all together, and keep everything moving forward. Every night when I lie down in the bed that He has provided, I reflect on the day that has past. I am always humbled to think that as the day begins I start out worried in prayer, I end up relieved, humbled and thankful. "God is Good!"

As you all know, we have begun to build the Bill and Sandra Rice House, house #14. HE is providing for this house the same way that He has for the rest of them - one miracle at a time! We called the folks that do the grading for us. I always have to be upfront and honest with everyone that works around here so I told him that we had absolutely no money to pay him. Being the man of God that he is, Scott said, "Mike I know and that's okay - just whenever you can!" I asked what it would cost. That was around 10:30 a.m., our daily hallelujah time around here. Joyce called and told me that a church had sent in a check designated for the house for exactly the amount that Scott had quoted! Not a coincidence. Praise the Lord! Paid in full! The next step was to get the building permit. Again no money and down to the eleventh hour. We had a group coming the following week from Michigan wanting to work on the house. Larry had called the permit office to find out how much we would have to pay for the permit. Again, a check in the mail for that amount designated to that project. Praise the Lord! Paid in full! The next week the group came in and was *chomping at the bit* to accomplish something that week. Most of them had taken off work - some without pay, some had been laid off. All of them were sacrificially giving of their time and talents, and wanted to be used by our God to accomplish His will. Again no

money. We called in the footer man and asked what he needed to complete the job? He said "Normally I would charge \$1000 to dig and pour the footers, but for this I'll do it for \$400 - just fuel and employee cost." Again a check arrived in the mail for the amount that was needed. Let me say these were same day occurrences so the checks had to be on the way at least three days before the cost had been discussed. That week we were able to pour the footers. But the group would not stop there. We dug up all, and I mean all of the cinder blocks all around the property, washed the ones that needed to be washed, and laid the foundation and the piers for the house. In addition, they installed and painted ceilings in Units F and G basement porches; moved and cleaned up the chicken house area; weeded the entry way; cleaned one of the houses to get it ready for a family moving in; cleaned all of the windows in the family center. Four days - nine men and women determined to accomplish great things for the Lord. Thank you to Faith Baptist (Greenville, MI.) Praise the Lord! Paid in full!

Over the past three weeks we have had groups doing different things. The first group of the summer completely cleaned out the tractor shed in preparation to convert it into the wreck center (our game room). A very, very big job. They moved all of the things from there to the new workshop and put it away. Thank you Freedom Baptist (Goldsboro, NC). The group last week put the entire floor system on the Rice House, as well as water proofed around the foundation; helped to organize a few things around here; painted hand rails, porches and decks; and weeded the property. Thank you to Bible Baptist (New Milford, CT). The third group came from Maple Grove Church (Topeka, IN) to bring boxes full of food for Dad's Country Store and to put decals on the RV. All of this to say that without all of our supporters "prayerfully, financially, physically" this place would not be the oasis that it is today for the missionaries that stay here. Thank you for being sensitive to the Lord. Thank you from myself and the staff here at Siloam. We love and appreciate you! — Mike Rich, *Director*



Faith Baptist Church digging footers.



Faith Baptist working on porch ceiling.



Pouring footers.



Cleaning a missionary home.



Faith Baptist laying block.



Faith Baptist Church work team.

HAVING AN OPEN DOOR

"For a great and effective door has been opened for me, and there are many adversaries." I Cor. 16:9

We have heard from time to time the phrase "I am waiting on God to open or close the door." While reading the scriptures recently in I Corinthians 16, it was encouraging to me to see that even though there was opposition (and this, by the way, came from the church), Paul did not allow it to keep him from pressing on. He had a ministry before him that he had to complete. From the day that Jesus got Paul's attention on the road to Damascus, Paul continued to press forward, looking for opened doors of opportunity. Many times, he didn't know what to do – the doors seemed closed. The very churches he helped plant would fight among themselves. If I were in his shoes, I might say, "What's the use? The door is closed." But, not Paul. He continued to move on. We know the rest of the story of his life, that even unto death, he never backed down. Even though he knew he was going to be executed for being a Christian, his main concern was God's people and the church – to make sure their needs were being met. He was calling

his fellow pastors to keep going.

Over the years of ministry here at Siloam Missionary Homes, I too, grow weary. I feel the pressures of finances and the fatigue of travel. I don't always have the answers when a missionary comes to see me. But I know that God allows these times as doors of opportunity. God IS faithful and always shows us how to open the door. The most comforting thing in my life is my mornings alone with God. Even today, the morning is quiet and calm. His Word flows like a river through my soul. I continue to press on.

We are continuing the construction of the new Bill & Sandra Rice missionary home. The last week of June, Bible Baptist Church from New Milford, Connecticut brought a work team to put the floor trusses and floor decking on the house. You may ask, "How can you continue to build more houses with the economy the way it is?" I have asked the same question. But, like the Apostle Paul, we have a job to do. We have turned away many missionary families because we don't

have enough houses. That tells me we need to keep on keeping on. Proverbs tells us to "plan and prepare without."

You know, friends, we don't always have the answers and it may seem no open door, but God has a plan. It is His desire for us to reach the world. Over and over, when I think that God has closed the door, He always opens another one. Jesus was always looking for windows of opportunity. "Look, the fields are white unto harvest, and the laborers are few. Go ye," He said, "and I will always be with you."

I thank the Lord for you today – for standing in the gap for us. Almost daily I receive phone calls, e-mails or notes. Thank you for your prayers and financial support for Siloam and for the missionary families. Look for your door of opportunity. Even in these times of uncertainty, I can truly say, "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

By Larry George
President



Bible Baptist Church putting floor trusses on foundation of new Bill & Sandra Rice House.



Bible Baptist Youth group photo.



Bible Baptist Youth stained and painted 4 decks on some of our homes.



You gotta have break time! Watermelon hits the spot on a hot day.



The finished floor trusses covered with floor decking.



Each person in the group got to sign their name underneath the crawlspace of the house on a floor truss. Even Preston Rich got in on the fun.



Freedom Baptist Church cleaning up Papa's Workshop



Freedom Youth putting up shelving for lumber



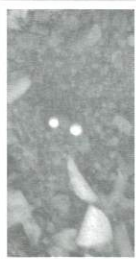
Moving the wood out of the old barn to stack in the new workshop



Let's take a break.



Helping weed the garden.



Snake eggs or moth balls?



Freedom Baptist Youth group photo.

MAKING TRANSITIONS EASIER for Missionary Families

Many of us may not realize the complications that confront many missionaries returning to the US from a foreign country. For example, in North Carolina, when it's time to renew your driver license, you go to the Driver License Office, pass the vision test, pay your fee, receive a 20-day Temporary Driving Certificate and the NC DOT Division of Motor Vehicles mails your license in five to 10 days. This is a relatively simple procedure requiring a little time and money.

However, it is not so simple if you are a missionary like Tom, returning from South America to stay at Siloam Missionary Homes in North Carolina, whose out-of-state license expired a month before arriving here. He had no license, had used public transportation on the mission field and had not driven for four years – and he had no vehicle. Betty and I were happy to take Tom's family of six to church with us and to take them grocery shopping. Before going to get his driver license, Betty took Tom a Driver's Handbook to study. Meanwhile, he drove our car around the SMH campus to get the "feel" of driving again. After getting the proper proofs of identification, a letter from SMH stating he is a resident here, a couple of other missionaries helped by taking him to the Driver License Office to take the written test. He passed it the second time. At this point, he had a Learner's Permit, but no vehicle to drive.

In the meantime, a local doctor heard about Tom's need and generously donated a 1995 eight-passenger van to a mission agency for Tom's use. He was able to secure insurance for the van over the internet. However, Tom could not drive the vehicle because he could not obtain a license plate without a title. Since the law says, "you cannot use the Temporary Driving Certificate to register your vehicle," Tom had to wait until he received his license in the mail. Then, he and I went to the license office where he received a new title, registration and license plate for \$108. At last, he had the privilege of driving his own vehicle.

Imagine what the additional "hassle" would be for a missionary to establish a residence in the US after being out of the country for more than three years. What a struggle to deal with the phone company, the power company, putting together all the necessities to set up housekeeping, etc. and then, after a year or so, closing out everything to move overseas again! What a blessing to move in to "A Place

Missionaries Call Home" at Siloam Missionary Homes, where all a missionary family has to bring is their clothing and personal items, with the house fully furnished, including utilities and satellite TV. Even though transitioning to the US has its share of adjustments for missionary families, maybe getting a driver license and vehicle may not seem so difficult in comparison to the advantages of moving to Siloam.

By Milton Wilder
Missionary Pastoral Care



Tom Johns' family in front of trailer load of food for Dad's Country Store.



Rachel, Sarah & Derrike Johns with Rich kids after putting food away in Dad's Country Store.



Tom putting decals on the RV.

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LUNCH AT BETTY'S



In the spring, a work team from Michigan came to SMH during the time I was having "Lunch at Betty's," which I have each month for the women missionaries and staff. I invited the ladies on the work team to join us for lunch and what a great time we had together. Our visiting ladies enjoyed so much the missionaries sharing with us about life on the mission field.

An easy and quick dish to serve when you are having a group of ladies for lunch or brunch is "Ham Quiche." Here's the recipe. *(The men will like it, too!)*

HAM QUICHE

- 1 cup Chopped Ham
- 1 cup Bisquick baking mix
- 1 cup Shredded Swiss Cheese
- 4 Eggs
- ½ cup chopped onions
- ½ tsp. Salt
- 2 cups Milk
- Pepper to taste



Heat oven to 400°. Grease 10-inch quiche dish or pie plate, 10 x 1-½ inches. Sprinkle ham and cheese in bottom of plate. Beat remaining ingredients until smooth, 15 seconds in blender on high or 1 minute with hand beater. Pour into plate over ham and cheese. Bake until knife inserted in center comes out clean, 35 to 40 minutes. Cool 5 minutes. Slice and serve. — Betty Wilder

Dear Coffee Club Members,



We recently had a family leave Siloam Missionary Homes after an 18 month stay. As I walked with them one last time through the house that they had called home for all those months, they expressed to me their appreciation for all that had been done for them while they lived here. Each of the missionary families who come to stay at Siloam are in different stages of life. Some of them are raising funds in anticipation of going to the mission field for the first time. Some of them are here for a furlough, a time to reconnect with family, friends, and supporters. Some of them are in transition in their lives and in their ministries. Such was the case with this family. When they arrived at Siloam Missionary Homes in the fall of 2008, they knew that the Lord was leading them away from full time missions overseas, but did not know what He had planned for their family.

Now, 18 months later, God has given them clear direction for their future and has provided all that they need to make the transition. As we chatted for a few minutes, they told me that God has used their time here to help them and their children (they have 12 in all!) to adjust back into the American culture. The Lord has provided a home for them as well as given them a new ministry. We praise the Lord that we have had the opportunity to know this wonderful family and that He allowed us to minister to them during this time of their lives when there were so many questions.

Our family is doing well, praise the Lord! Rachel has a new job, after being without one for a little over 3 months. We are so thankful for God's provision for her. Please keep her in your prayers as she walks with the Lord each day and please pray for safety in her job. Mike and Abbey will be facing a new challenge in their lives as they have made the decision to homeschool the kids next year. Most of the missionary families here homeschool, so that will make this new venture a new adventure. They have worked very hard with the work teams who have been here already this summer, and God is continuing to bless their home. The grandkids are growing taller and smarter every day. We have had the opportunity to spend some time at the lake with them and it has been fun to watch them swim and play. They certainly are not babies any more! Larry and I had a nice time of rest at the beach for 3 days in early June, as well as a wonderful trip to Connecticut to visit a supporting church there. God is good!

We have two new coffee club members: Betty Morin and Edna Liner. Praise the Lord for all of you who so faithfully support us each month. We know that it is a sacrifice and we do not take your generosity lightly. May God richly bless you as you have blessed us!

God bless each of you!

Your "Coffeemate," *Joyce George*

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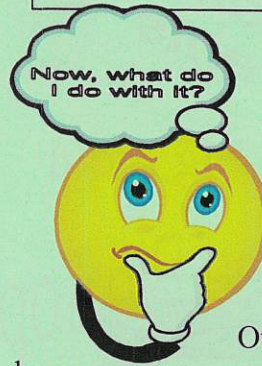
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Got A Call From God?



Weekend Conference

*September
10 & 11,
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