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The Bill & Sandra Rice Home

I met Bill Rice a number of years ago through a mutual friend, Grady Workman. Bill became my friend, my counselor and yes, one of my greatest cheerleaders. He and his wife, Sandra, were a team and they loved missions. Through Bill Rice Ministries, and through their own personal gifts, they gave generously and sacrificially over the years to the ongoing ministry of Siloam Missionary Homes, our staff and countless missionary families. Whenever a new building project would begin, he would call and say, "Sandra and I have been talking. How can we help?" or "Is there a family out there that doesn't have Christmas?" And then he would end the

conversation by saying, "I'll get back with you, Larry, after I pray with Sandra and talk with the board."

Bill truly had a pastor's heart. He would always wrap his arms around me when he was leaving and say, "I love you, buddy, keep up the good work." Every preacher has days of discouragement, loneliness, physical exhaustion. At times, we don't know what to do or where to turn. We

need more men like Bill Rice in our lives. Bill had a humble

spirit and always put others before himself. He was a man of great convictions and loved the Lord Jesus with all of his heart. I will miss him greatly!

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Siloam Missionary Homes and the board of Bill Rice Ministries, we are privileged to announce that in March of this year, Siloam will begin construction of the "Bill and Sandra Rice Home," in memory of Bill and in honor of Sandra.

Through your financial gifts and through volunteers and churches we will join together as a team of believers and build the 14th

home on Siloam's campus, debt free, as Bill and Sandra would want. This lasting tribute and ongoing celebration of Bill's life will be approximately 2,700 sq. ft., with four bedrooms. Lord willing, this house can be built for about \$135,000.00.

Currently, the blueprints are almost complete. The septic plan has been approved by the local health department. The next phase will be clearing the lot and driveway and digging the footers. Weather and income permitting, this will begin in February.

On March 7, 2010, we have an open house and groundbreaking scheduled from 2-4 p.m.

Our homes are built with fellowship and volunteers in mind. We want to enjoy the journey. This project will take about 12-16 months to complete, and will be overseen by Mike Rich, VP of Operations and Development here at Siloam. Once the house is finished, we will have a dedication service and you will be able to tour the home. Each person who contributes to this home will be presented with a drawing of the home.

I would like to encourage you to partner with us in this great endeavor. All contributions are tax deductible.

Larry George, *President*

God's Rainforest Internet Café

"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper." PSALMS 1:3

Siloam Missionary Homes is privileged to present "God's Rainforest" in honor of two families that have been involved with the ongoing ministry of Siloam – Reverend Bob Stephenson, Pastor of Riverside Baptist Church Graham N.C., and his late wife Joan; as well as Dallas and Gwen Davis from Central Baptist Church, Oak Ridge, N.C. We are grateful for their being faith partners by giving their time and promoting the ministry of Siloam Missionary Homes. Gwen is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Siloam. Her children and friends have given to the rain forest mural in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The room connects the fellowship hall to the library. This sunny glassed alcove, once completed, will be used as an internet café, where the missionaries and guests can fellowship, do research and study. This room can also be used for Siloam events. We would like to purchase two bistro tables and four chairs along with two end tables, lamps and one floor lamp.

We would like to invite you to join us as we dedicate this room with an open house on March 7, 2010 from 2-4 p.m. in the Siloam Missionary Homes' Family Center. This will conclude with the groundbreaking of the new Bill and Sandra Rice Missionary Home at 4:00 pm.



Renee Brown painting the beautiful mural

WHAT CHARACTERIZES A MISSIONARY?

Variety characterizes the missionaries who come to stay at Siloam Missionary Homes (SMH).

We meet missionaries here from many different backgrounds. Some knew when they graduated from high school that God's plan for their life was to serve Him as a missionary and they based the choices for their future on that calling. Others heard God's call (or finally obeyed His persistent call) to missionary service later in life and left a job or profession in order to follow the new path on which God directed them.

Missionaries at SMH also minister in a variety of ways. Missionaries come who serve as pastors, schoolteachers, pilots, college and seminary professors, youth workers, church planters, Bible translators, radio broadcasters, relief workers and in other capacities. Some work in countries closed to Christian missionaries where they must enter as "tent makers," following other "secular" professions in order to witness for Christ.

Missionaries at SMH come from different denominational or non-denominational experiences. Some become denominational missionaries and receive their salary from

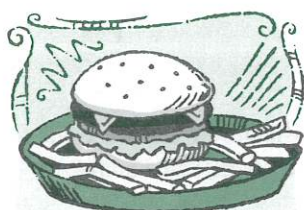
their denomination's mission board. Other missionaries choose to be part of non-denominational or independent mission agencies and must present their ministry to churches and individuals from whom they hope to receive financial support. Some missionaries have a sending church that provides all or the majority of their support needs, but they may also need to seek the remainder of their finances from other sources. Some missionaries secure the resources they need in a short time, while others struggle for a year, two years or longer before they gain the support they must have to reach or return to their mission field.

Other distinctive characteristics may describe the missionaries who move in and out of Siloam Missionary Homes, but some qualities are common to all of them. All are committed to faith in the one and only Savior, Jesus Christ. All are dedicated to witnessing to Him, making His name known, bringing people to find salvation in Him and advancing His Church around the world. [Note: The missionaries who live at Siloam must be in good standing with their sending agency and agree with our

Doctrinal Statement (*See www.siloamhomes.org or call us for a copy.*) that declares the basic beliefs taught in the Bible as God's inspired, inerrant and authoritative word.] All are looking for fellow Christians to pray for them as they serve the Lord. All are ready and eager to continue their ministry in the field of service to which God has called them. All of them require the other members of the Body of Christ to enable them to fulfill their mission.

What a blessing that God has assembled so many different parts of the Body of Christ as His Church and equips them through His Holy Spirit to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" (*Mark 16:15*). He has endowed us with "varieties of gifts..., ministries...and effects," but the same Holy Spirit provides the power and produces the results for His Kingdom (*1 Corinthians 12:4-6ff.*). Let us pray for the missionaries and pray for each other as we give ourselves and all He has given us to reach the world in His name.

H. Milton Wilder
Missionary Pastoral Care



LIFE WITHOUT A KID'S MEAL?

For the past two years, I have had the privilege to have "library day" on Wednesdays. I meet two of my girlfriends whom I have been friends with since WE were in the first grade. We take our children to the local library and have story time, and afterwards we go to McDonalds where we chat and eat lunch while the kids play in the Playplace. A few weeks ago, one of the missionary moms from Siloam went with me. Her family is from Africa (*a national, not from America*) and her little boy and my boys have become great friends. As we were ordering, I mentioned to her about getting a kid's meal to insure little Mikey would also get one of those toys we all love (*ha ha ha*) just like my kids would get. She looked at me and said "What's a kid's meal?" I was almost speechless! Something so important to my children was something foreign to this new friend of mine! Imagine life without a kid's meal!!! No toy?! Why would we ever go out to eat if we didn't get a toy with our dinner!!! This made me stop before I ordered and in my heart just thanked the Lord that I was there to experience a kid's meal for the first time with my friend and her sweet son! - *Abbey Rich*

An Encouraging Note

I don't know if you'll remember us with the many people coming and going at Siloam, but we stayed there for about four months in 2005 when we moved to NC to be a youth pastor. The Lord has since guided us in a different direction and we are now living in Colorado Springs. We are still in ministry, but in a different capacity than we were.

We have talked about you and your ministry quite a bit lately. We were blessed to be able to buy a beautiful home here and have worked like crazy for the past six months finishing our basement.

We really felt God telling us to do this so that we might be able to minister to others similarly to how you ministered to us. Being able to stay at Siloam for such a low cost was such a blessing and was instrumental in helping us get into a home very early in our marriage. We just got our final inspection yesterday, and we have a newly married couple living in our basement for six months. You know that song, "Blessed to be a blessing"? That is how we feel. God has blessed us and we feel blessed to be able to pass that on.

That said, I'm not sure that it would have ever occurred to us to offer our home like this if we hadn't experienced your graciousness when we moved to ministry in NC. Your heart for others was such a great example to us!

So, thank you for your generosity and all that you do to be a blessing for others. Your example inspired us to do the same, so now your influence has at least reached all the way to Colorado (*probably farther!*). Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely, DAN AND SARAH M.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



JOAN JOHNSON

JOAN JOHNSON began volunteering at Siloam about a year and a half ago. We met her at church and were blessed when she approached us to ask if there was any volunteer work she could do for us. She began by helping set up, serve and clean up at some of our dinners. Then she volunteered to help out in the office.

About a year ago, we asked Joan to pray about volunteering on a regular basis to help with accounts receivable. We were so grateful when she answered, "Yes!" Since then, she has been coming out to Siloam Missionary Homes every Monday and Thursday to help out, and other times when something special comes up. Over the past year, she has given over 400 hours to us and to the Lord.

Thanks Joan, for making a difference in our lives and in the lives of missionary families!



MK's painting Christmas ornaments during their party.



Leah getting some help from mom to paint her decoration.



In January a group from Crosslink Community Church came out to help take down and put away Christmas decorations.



Removing lighted garland from Burden/ Love Chapel fence.



Smiles from a volunteer.



Taking time for fun while organizing the Christmas decoration storage area.

FROM MIKE'S DESK

As I've been preparing for the annual board of directors meeting over the past few days, it gives me great joy to reflect on how amazing our God is and has been over the entire year of 2009. He has placed 13 beautiful homes here on 26.5 peaceful acres and has taken care of it all. I can't express the joy that He places in my heart every time I sit down and think of the many ways that He provides through the finances, the labor, the materials... I don't know why it humbles me as much as it does. He does tell us in His word that we have no reason to worry. We can rest assured that He will supply all our needs. (*Philippians 4:19*)

GOD IS GOOD: in 2009, we were able through volunteers, to remodel four of the 13 homes with new flooring, countertops, back splashes, light fixtures, sink fixtures,

furniture, and paint. It's important to us to be good stewards of the things that the Lord has placed us in charge of. He has also supplied us with a new workshop (*Papas Workshop*). It has already been a blessing to us for a place that we can store things and also a place to work - out of the weather. I can't mention all of this without speaking of the new addition to the Family Center (*God's Rainforest*). This turned out amazingly. The whole thing is a work of art, which is an understatement. He has taken care of a lot of things that are not seen. Throughout the year there have been microwaves, stoves, refrigerators, and HVAC units that have gone out. There is no way, without His provision, that we could have afforded the replacement of any of this. I'm sure that I have neglected to place everything on this list. But I can't

say it enough - "Praise the Lord!"

LOOKING INTO 2010: This year's plans aren't any different. We have plans to build two houses this year, and to clean out and convert the tractor shed into a wreck center/ exercise room. This will be a great place for all of the missionaries, adults and kids to go. We are going to have to bring in gravel for the entire property (*10 dump trucks worth*), continue to landscape and keep the property up to standard throughout the year, in addition to whatever comes up that needs to be addressed. So I urge you if you feel as though there is something that you can do here to help, please call us, and we thank you for your prayers.

~ MIKE RICH

VP of Operations and Development



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BETTY'S CORNER

A number of people have asked for the recipe for this quick and easy dish that we served at Siloam Missionary Homes' Christmas dinner for the missionaries and Board of Directors this past December. We'll call it "Roasted Potatoes," a recipe I put together several years ago to serve large groups. I have reduced the recipe to serve five to six people.

- 2 cans (15 oz.) whole potatoes, drained
- 4 Tbsp butter
- 2 tsp beef instant bouillon granules
- 1 Tbsp minced onion flakes (optional)

Heat oven to 375°. Cut potatoes in one-inch pieces. Melt butter in a 9"x 13" pan and dissolve beef bouillon granules in melted butter. Add onion flakes. Toss potatoes in butter mixture and bake in oven for 45 minutes, stirring potatoes half way through baking. (*Dried onion soup mix may be substituted for beef bouillon granules and minced onion flakes.*)

Dear Coffee Club Members,



As I sit here at my computer and look out the window, I can see something that makes me grateful for what we do here at Siloam. Two sisters, adult missionary kids themselves, are holding the hands of their own small children, walking around the Siloam Missionary Homes property together and sharing a few precious minutes. You see, I have heard the stories they have told about the dangers that they have lived with as they and their parents minister in Zimbabwe – feeding those who have nothing to eat, giving away clothing and sharing the gospel of Jesus with them. Their dad is here in the US, waiting and praying for a much needed liver transplant, while their mother is on the mission field, trying to keep up the ministry, and desperately hoping to return here to North Carolina to be with her family. Would you pray for this family? And, pray that we will be a blessing and encouragement to them.

Does your gift make a difference? Yes, it does! Would this wonderful family, who has given their lives for the Lord, have a safe place to rest and face the storm they are going through, if it were not for Siloam Missionary Homes? If you are already a coffee club member or give to Siloam, thank you! If you have not yet given to the ministry, would you prayerfully consider a one time gift or giving monthly? Every gift makes a difference! I would like to thank Alice Johansen for recently joining the Coffee Club.

Rachel has just begun her third set of classes that she is attending to become a medical assistant. She started back to school this fall, and we are so proud of her desire to continue her education. Pray for her as she studies and continues to work part time. The Lord has been so faithful in her life, and we are happy to see His working in her life.

Mike, Abbey, Macie, Preston & David are staying busy with school and church events. Macie & Preston are playing basketball at our church and learning about the game. Preston just celebrated his 5th birthday! My goodness, how time flies! We love having all of our kids close by, watching their lives as they raise their own family and serve the Lord.

Thank you for your part in our lives!

God bless each of you!

Your "Coffeemate," Joyce George

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