

Silvam Missionary Homes

A place missionaries call home

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Seek the Lord while He may be found. Call upon Him while He is near. Isa. 55:6

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are you ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways. And My thoughts than your thoughts. Isa. 55:8,9

The Board has labored in prayer since our annual board meeting in January, praying that we might become debt free. The Board of Directors is elated to announce that the mortgage of Siloam Missionary Homes has been paid off!

At our board meeting, Dr. Davis Goodman, a new board member, challenged us to seek the Lord to pay off the debt. He said, "I do not believe it is God's will to be in debt as a ministry and that it is not a good testimony. We should leave this meeting, board members, seeking God's face to pay off the debt." We all agreed. A motion was made to seek a donor or donors to pay off the debt. We had asked the bank to refinance the mortgage, and they had agreed. Because of new banking regulations by the government, they were requiring a commercial appraisal and were raising our interest rate from 5.5% to 6.7% with a three year balloon payment. This in itself would raise the monthly payments. It was decided in that board meeting that if we had someone come forward with the money to pay off the mortgage that we would name the Family Center in honor or in memory of a person of their choosing.

I am excited to say that some individuals from my family paid off the mortgage in honor of my grandparents. Because of their huge influence in my and Joyce's lives, the Board of Directors would like to name the building the Ruby Marie and Lawrence Preston George Family Center. Housed in the Center is our library, which was named Michael's Corner in honor of Michael Workman and in memory of the late Grady Workman. The kitchen, Mitchell's Diner, is in honor of Al & Lois Mitchell and God's Rainforest is in honor of Dr. Bob Stephenson and in memory of his late wife, Joan, and in honor of Dallas and Gwen Davis. Our overnight room for missionary families and guests is named in honor of Grady Workman III, whose vision it was to build a library for our missionaries.

We will honor these folks as part of our annual pig pic'n this year, on Saturday, September 24, 2011. Then we will have a special time of dedication and praise to the Lord, and burn the mortgage! We praise the Lord for what He has done and we would like to thank all of you who have given sacrificially and prayed for this day to come. We are grateful for your continued partnership and support of this ongoing ministry as the cost to maintain and run the facilities has not changed. May our Lord Jesus receive all the honor and praise as we continue to move ahead, providing a place for missionaries to call home - debt free!

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