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BE ENCOURAGED!

"That is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me." Rm. 1:12

"That their hearts may be encouraged, being knitted together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ." Col. 2:2

Some words, like "be encouraged," are wake up words and make you sit up and take notice. In a day and age where bad news and scandal headline the newspaper and TV, we get very little encouragement. It seems like after we work all day and sit down to an evening to relax, there ought to be good news, doesn't it?

Every day, while walking around the Siloam Missionary Homes' campus, I talk to missionaries that are from many places around the world. It is awesome to talk to someone from Romania and a few hours later to talk to someone from Ecuador. Or while preparing for our radio interview, we learn about what God is doing in Turkey. These things encourage me. We can look

around us at situations and become overwhelmed and stressed, or we can look at these things as opportunities to pray, watch and see what God will do. Be encouraged, dear friend, the best is yet to come!

I praise the Lord for all of the work that has been done here over the past several months, as well as construction that continues on the new missionary house. We have also had the wonderful answer to prayer that the mortgage on the property has been paid off! Praise the Lord! I am thankful, too, for progress on the Wreck Center (game room for the missionary kids) and for the wonderful opportunity that God has given us on the radio each week to share what He is doing in the lives of people around the world. These,

too, are stepping stones of encouragement. Together, dear friend, we are co-laborers at Siloam Missionary Homes. God gives each of us the privilege to serve, whether financially, through prayer, or maybe God is calling you to use your talents here at Siloam to help us build, mow, or maybe it is to bring food to Dad's Country Store. These are your opportunities to serve and encourage missionary families.

Thank you for your encouragement. God has blessed by allowing us the privilege of being caretakers. Your phone calls, financial support and prayers are ways to cheer us on. May God richly bless each of you.

— Larry George, President

Well, GLORY!

"Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever, Amen." Phil 4:20

"Well, Glory!" Are you giving the Lord glory in your life? When you hear someone say, "Well, glory!" what comes to mind? Recently, my dear friend and former board member, Tom DeYoung, went home to be with the Lord. This took us all by surprise. He and his wife, Mary Lou, have been my prayer warriors. I always knew when I faced a crossroad in my life or maybe something small like having the flu, that Tom and Mary Lou were there, praying for me.

When you called Tom, he would start with a snicker in his voice and say, "I was just talking to Mary Lou and said that I needed to call Larry and see what is going on." We would laugh and as I started to tell him about a certain situation, he would always say, "Oh, glory!" I always thought he did this as if to say, "Well, good, or glory be to God!" I may never know why he said this, but it was always with great emphasis! He always had a listening ear and if you mentioned a special request, he

would interrupt me and say, "Just a minute, Mary Lou, write this down."

The DeYoung's always called to get an update a few days after our conversations. I remember one conversation when Tom called and said, "Hey, have you got a minute? We have been looking at our prayer requests and wanted to know if we needed to keep praying for this particular request, or if God has already answered. You need to tell us," he said, "when God answers so we can praise God with you and scratch it off the list." They took these needs to the Throne Room, expecting God to take care of the situation.

I say all this to say, I have lost a great friend and a man that greatly influenced my life towards prayer. With Tom, you presented the request and God did the rest... "Well, glory!" *"Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever, Amen."*

— Larry George

FROM THE MAILBAG

Dear Mr. & Mrs. George,
I am a sixth grade student at Wayne Christian School. Thank you for serving and living your life for the Lord. Our class and I have been working on a missionary biography and I chose William Carey. I have learned that he is a very hard worker and would do anything for the Lord. I will be praying for you and all the other missionaries.

Sincerely, Drake Wise

Dear Mr. & Mrs. George,
Thank you for letting us live here. I loved staying here. It was really thoughtful of you. I hope you can help more missionaries like me. Thanks again.

Sincerely, Anna Hoppert
(MK from Honduras)

Busy, Busy, Busy

As summer is upon us, things here at SMH tend to get a little overwhelming, for me anyway. I begin to think of all of the projects that need to be completed that there's no money for. The grass, weeds and shrubs start to go into overdrive, growing so quickly that it seems as though we finish trimming and cutting today and tomorrow we have to do it again. Building a house, remodeling the old Tractor Shed into a Game room for the kids, trying to finish the clothing store, The Treasure Chest, fixing the daily issues such as replacing microwaves, bathtubs, fixing water damage from the bathtub, porch steps, railings, dishwashers, work in the office, having meetings, making phone calls, returning phone calls, etc. It just seems as though the weeks are too short, and the days need to have at least 22 hours of light. On top of that, I want to be the husband and dad that I know the Lord has called me to be. Probably sounds a lot like your lives. (busy, busy, busy)

Well this may not be news to you, but right when I am having this big pity party, worrying about all of this "stuff," the Lord always convicts, encourages and corrects me with just a few short verses. He reminded me why He has called me, at this time, to this place, for His purposes.

Romans 12;9-13: ⁹Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. ¹⁰Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; ¹¹Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; ¹²Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; ¹³Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

Mathew Henry says it better that I can. "The professed love of Christians to each other should be sincere, free from deceit. Depending on Divine grace, they must detest and dread all evil, and love and delight in whatever is kind and useful. All our duty towards one another is summed up in one word, love. God must be served with the spirit, under the influences of the Holy Spirit. He is honored by our hope and trust in him, especially when we rejoice in that hope. Those that rejoice in hope, are likely to be patient in tribulation. We should not be cold in the duty of prayer, nor soon weary of it. Be ready to entertain those who do good: as there is occasion, we must welcome strangers."

— Mike Rich, Director

Missionary Pastoral Care

One of the responsibilities that Betty and I have is planning activities for the missionary families at Siloam Missionary Homes. Each month, the activities usually include a Missionary Fellowship time with a meal for the whole family. For the men, what we call "3 M" (Missionary Men's Meeting) is held monthly. Lunch at Betty's is for the women once a month, and frequently we schedule a Friday Family Fun Fellowship night.

Recently, we held our Missionary Fellowship at Cedar Rock Park a few miles away, where 30 of us enjoyed the time together. We shared a picnic supper, some "fished" in the lake, others played disc golf and all engaged in good conversation, getting to know each other better. Other fellowship times may involve a speaker, a movie, new missionary residents at Siloam sharing about their ministry, a talent night, when we discover abilities and gifts of fellow missionaries, games and a variety of other activities. For our May "3 M" time, the men enjoyed several games of pitching horseshoes in the yard at the Family Center at Siloam, followed by cooling off with some ice cream. Next month we plan to attend a local minor league baseball game.

Lunch at Betty's, held at our house a short distance from Siloam, is a time that Betty prepares a lunch for the women missionaries and staff giving them an opportunity to share with one another around the table. It often draws the ladies closer together as they talk about common issues and experiences.

One purpose of these events is to build a sense of community at Siloam Missionary Homes, allowing for some fun times and at other times more serious reflections. The interaction helps us all to realize that we are working together in various ministries for the same purpose of reaching the world for Jesus Christ. It helps to know that we are not alone in this endeavor. Many of us have the same problems, deal with the same issues and have similar experiences and struggles. We can be a source of encouragement to each other.

Another purpose of planning activities for the missionaries is simply to allow them opportunities to enjoy some non-stressful time, time away from preparations to go to the mission field or from "furlough" or "home assignment" pursuits. Their days usually are filled with phone calls, travel, speaking engagements, emailing, letter writing and other necessary ministry activities. It's good to have some "leisure time."

One observation that I made recently involves the conversations I have with the

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The Lord has blessed us with 8 work groups this much more than we could have ever expected. You have worked together to support the staff in making missionaries call home. We are grateful for the church shown us their passion to support the missionaries, sending us enthusiastic work groups. These teams have brushed, burned the debris from our tree work, laid pressure washed, stained decks, built walls, floors. We would not be able to operate without all our

Dad's Country Store and Siloam's Treasure Chest stocked this spring and many hands have provided our missionaries. We are praying for some regular a week, to help us organize and maintain the store. We still have more to do. *We encourage you to serve your church to join us in the Lord's work at Siloam.*

missionaries and other conversations that I hear (and sometime overhear) at our gatherings or when a couple of the missionaries are talking together. The subjects are not usually about mundane matters, such as the weather or sports (sometimes, of course), but most often the talk is about important and meaningful concerns, spiritual subjects, prayer needs and personal problems. This, I believe, is significant because it indicates that we are developing a community and a family spirit here at Siloam Missionary Homes where we can get beyond "How are you? I'm fine. Sure is hot, today. Did you see the game?" Life has more that truly matters and we need that special relationship with fellow believers that enables us to share our hearts. (Some churches could use...well, I won't go there!)

— H. Milton Wilder, Missionary Pastoral Care

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MARCH 2011



Mebane Presbyterian Church cleaning up brush



Summerfield Baptist Church installing a door on the Treasure Chest



Summerfield Baptist Church mulching at the entrance way

APRIL 2011



Missionary kids playing in the creek



Cornerstone Baptist Church pouring the cement floor for Wreck Center



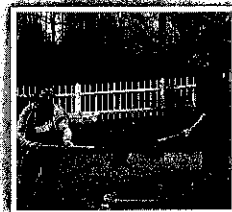
Cornerstone Baptist Church weeding & mulching around missionary houses



Cornerstone Baptist Church seniors providing lunch for missionary families & workers



Cornerstone Baptist Church putting up new fences around missionary houses



Crosslink Community Church mulching around houses



Crosslink Community Church cleaning up brush



Crosslink Community Church pressure washing the Chapel



Crosslink Community Church cleaning the decks



Crosslink Community Church straightening and sorting clothes in Treasure Chest



Jennifer Burlingham sorting clothing for Treasure Chest



Richard Burlingham helping build the porch roof on missionary house



New Covenant Fellowship painting the fence at the entrance



New Covenant Fellowship painting the fence and putting a shade cover over the playground

MAY 2011



Missionary Men's Fellowship - playing horseshoes



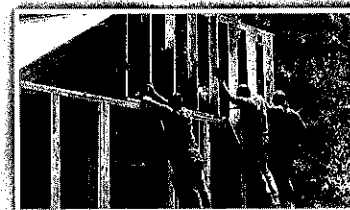
Wake Christian Church building interior wall for Wreck Center



Wake Christian Church weeding and mulching around houses



Wake Christian Church pouring footers for back steps of missionary house



Wake Christian Church building exterior wall of Wreck Center

JUNE 2011



Brush Creek Baptist Church young adults putting on front facade of Wreck Center



Brush Creek Baptist Church putting up roof trusses on new missionary house



Brush Creek Baptist Church building an interior wall on Wreck Center



Brush Creek Baptist Church cleaning and sorting in Dad's Country Store

"Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. I want to see You!"

This week, we had a miracle in our family! On Sunday, our youngest, David, came to me and said "I want to ask Jesus in my heart." We talked awhile and prayed together that "Jesus will take my sins and throw them into the ocean so I can go to Heaven." We were so excited for him! He's anxious to tell people about getting saved and he desires to pray now! On Monday, he had an eye exam. We found out that he has probably never seen a clear image in his life and that he should be blind in one eye! What a shock this was to Mike and me as we had no idea that he had any vision problems. I spent the day crying over the realization that my little son had never seen people, objects- ME clearly! We went that afternoon and bought him his first pair of glasses! Oh how David marveled at things!!! The first thing he noticed was the asphalt in the parking lot. He said "Mommy, it doesn't just look like dirt!" David has now spent this week rediscovering things, books, and most of all, our family! I think I may have an idea how a mother in Bible times felt when Jesus healed her son! In John 9, the Bible tells a story about a blind man who met Jesus! Jesus made mud, put it on the blind man's eyes and told him to go wash in the Pool of Siloam. He could see! Not only had his actual vision been changed, but his heart, too! Like this man, our son David had his spiritual and physical eyes opened this week! What a miraculous week it has been in our family (*and by the way, we live at Siloam!*). - Abbey Rich, *Family Center Hostess*



New Glasses -
Just Like Papa's!

FROM BETTY'S KITCHEN

The missionary moms have found this recipe an interesting way to serve an omelet to their children. I have used it several times over the past years at our luncheon with the missionary ladies. It is a quick and easy way to have an omelet.

EASY OMELET - Fill a large pot with water and bring to a boil. Take a quart zip-lock plastic freezer bag (one bag per person) and break one or two eggs into the bag along with whatever you like in your omelet. (Example: cheese, bacon bits, peppers, mushrooms, salt, pepper, etc.) Zip the bag closed after everything is in, then squeeze bag until the eggs are scrambled and everything is mixed. Place bag in the boiling water. Keep water boiling and cook eggs until done, about 5 minutes. Enjoy! — *Betty Wilder*

Dear Coffee Club Members,



As you can see by looking through this newsletter, we have had a VERY busy, but also very PRODUCTIVE spring here at Siloam. We praise the Lord for each person who has come out to give their time and talents to serve the Lord by helping us maintain Siloam's campus and to help with construction projects! What an awesome God we serve!

Larry and I had the wonderful opportunity to travel to Maine and Connecticut to visit churches and supporters during the month of May. The Lord was gracious to keep us safe in the old RV as we drove 2000 miles in 13 days! We did have one slight "detour" on our way back through New Hampshire. Just as we were approaching a toll booth (not one of my favorite things in the RV... they don't give you a lot of room), the RV backfired twice - really loud! As we pulled up to the window to give the toll lady the money, the engine went completely quiet... Larry tried to start it, but to no avail. Nothing!! He looked at the lady in the toll booth, and said, "It is dead!" She was very gracious, put up her closed sign and went to another booth. So, here we sat. In the middle of the toll booth, just looking at each other. "So, now what?" Well, to make a long story short, we called a wrecker, and he towed us about 10 miles to their shop where they work on semi trucks. They had told us that they probably would not be able to look at it till the next day. We just smiled and said, "That's okay. We have everything we need right here in the RV." Well, it wasn't long before the mechanics came out and started looking to see if they could find the reason for our breakdown.

After about two hours, the mechanic came to us, smiling, and said, "I found a broken wire and should have you up and running in a few minutes." A Broken Wire!! When all was done, it had cost us less than \$200 and we drove away, praising the Lord for His faithfulness to allow us to break down in a place where we would get good honest help fixing it. And, we have also had lots of fun telling people about our adventure and our stay in the toll booth!

Thank you to each of you who so faithfully support the ministry. But, maybe the Lord has been working on the hearts of some of you that have not partnered with us yet. Would you prayerfully ask the Lord if He would impress on your heart to join us and help us give missionaries a place to call home?

May God richly bless each of you as you serve Him.

God bless you!!

Your "Coffeemate," *Joyce George*

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