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## Answer to Prayer?? Or Was it a MIRACLE??

According to Webster's dictionary, a miracle is a wonder, marvel, an extraordinary event manifesting divine intervention in human affairs. An extremely outstanding or unusual event. It seems in our daily Christian lives, I am quick to ask for prayer, but sometimes, I am hesitant to share how God answered that prayer.

Is every answer to prayer a miracle? Of course it is. The devil would like for us to just let it go because God gets the glory. I know in my life, I have personally witnessed miracles. Why, just last week, Mike and I were talking about needing help here with small engine repairs. We started to pray and Sunday a man that we haven't seen in several years came out to talk to us and said, "I have some skills, but one thing I can do is small engine repair." Was that from the Lord? I told him that God heard our prayer and that was why he came out here.

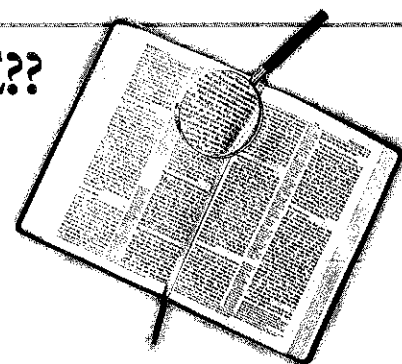
Last year, my mom had a brain tumor. I put out letters on the internet and everywhere I went, I asked people to pray for my mom. The day came when she had surgery to remove the tumor. The doctor wasn't sure at the time if it was cancer or not. Mom had her surgery and the tumor proved to be benign. I was so thankful for this and shared God's miracle with everyone. One year later, she had

to have an MRI to make sure everything was ok and that the tumor had not grown back and praise the Lord, she got a great report and was told to come back in a year. Another miracle!

Those are big miracles, but I believe that God views all miracles to be the same. I believe we rob God when we don't share His miracles. I spent many sleepless nights last year praying and worrying about finances. Then God showed up. Praise the Lord! I need to remind myself daily of these miracles.

Last year, we started a new missionary home here at Siloam. Some people thought we were crazy to build in such a bad economy, but we knew it was God's will for us to build as He provided the funding. He showed me through His Word in Proverbs 24:27 to "prepare to build without, and then to build the house." First the foundation, then the floor. Today as I look outside, Mike, Henry and volunteers are putting on the second floor roof. This is truly a miracle.

Yesterday, we received a letter from a group in Kentucky who had heard about the last missionary home we had built and wanted to help with this one. Praise God for His miracles!



If we approach the Lord in prayer with the idea that we would share the outcome no matter what it is, God will receive the glory. As I write this article, we decided once again to start journaling prayer requests and answers. Recently, I was home sick with the flu. In fact, I have had it twice this year. I prayed, "Lord, why did you allow me to get the flu?" His still small voice said to me, "Sometimes, Larry, I need for you to slow down and rest." I realize now that one of the reasons was for me to write this article for you.

I pray, dear friend, that you will take time to write down and share God's miracles in your life. This year, I am going to log daily what miracles He is doing in our lives. Praise the Lord, we are all over the flu. Mark that as today's miracle! Please e-mail me your answers to prayer or should I say, your miracle from God, so we can praise the Lord together.

— Larry George, President

## Siloam's Treasure Chest



### Our Clothing Closet

We are working on the campus of Siloam and have made great progress. The walls and ceilings of the Rev. Stanley Building first floor garage have been refinished, windows have been replaced and lighting improved. Now, for the time consuming job of sorting the items that have been so generously given to us to make available to the missionary families.

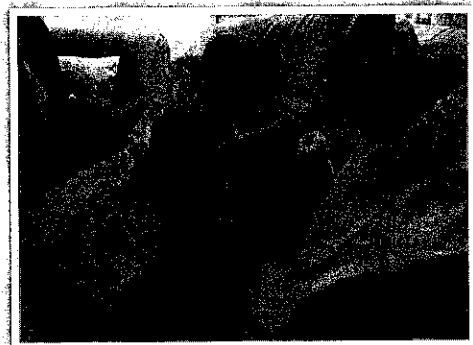
I would like to encourage you to consider giving a few hours of your time to help us get this Treasure Chest organized so the missionary families can go in and pick up the items that they need.

If you would like to volunteer for this or any other project around Siloam, or have items to donate, please contact Eric Foehr, who is the coordinator for these needed ministries at [efoehr@aol.com](mailto:efoehr@aol.com).

## WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO...

*Lots of people may ask why Mike & I do what we do!*

Yesterday, I was painting my living room when one of the missionary kids knocked on my door. Breathless, he said his brother had broken his arm falling off his bike and his mom needed to take him to the hospital. I ran over to their house to see the little guy in lots of pain in his parent's truck ready to go. One of their kids was taking a nap upstairs, another finishing schoolwork and another was playing outside with my kids. I was able to jump into action and take the kids to our house where we had a 'surprise sleepover' and we are now preparing to begin school for today! Their little brother is at the hospital still where he's preparing for surgery as I am typing this!



Bo Hoover in hospital.



Betty Wilder helping the Missionary Kids make their valentines



Missionary Mom, Bethy, and son working together on valentines



Abbey and son, David, and another missionary kid

Last week, I spoke with another missionary mom about how she was having fun learning to bake! Learning to bake? I didn't get it. She said that in the country where they serve, you do not own an oven. People have stoves, but no ovens. She was enjoying learning how to make cakes for her family! What a blessing!

We had a great Valentines Party with the missionary kids that Betty & Milton Wilder hosted. It was great fun to help the kids make all the valentines for their friends! The fudge and heart-shaped cake was a hit with the kids! Thanks, Betty & Milton for all the work you put in for our party!

As I look at another year begun, new missionary kids floating around my house and my yard, I am so thankful that I can have a small part in their lives! Seeing the families leave is always hard on us, but I am thrilled to see new families come in as others are ready to go back! That's why we do what we do! — *Abbey & Mike Rich*

## Our MIRACLES

When thinking about miracles that I have seen since becoming a part of Siloam Missionary Homes, my first thought focused on the Lord's provision of a house for Betty and me. We wanted to find a house within about a five-mile radius of Siloam and Linda Hagood, our Real Estate Agent, patiently showed us quite a few! But just as the time for finding one was becoming critical, the Lord provided a house only three-tenths of a mile from Siloam's driveway. It was the one we had wanted from the beginning, a foreclosure, but could not get a price quote. Not only was it across the road from where we would be working, but we were able to purchase the house and three acres of land for a little over half

of the amount owed the mortgage company! Amazing! God's work!

I have seen the Lord work in many miraculous ways at Siloam, both in supplying the needs for the ministry as well as for the missionary families. I saw several miracles take place in just one family who lived here for a year. I witnessed the Lord provide a van to fit their size family, a gift from someone who came forward at just the right time. Then, as the time came for them to return to their field of service, they were able to sell the van, which enabled them to purchase a car for their daughter who remained in the states to attend college. I saw the college allow her to register as an

in-state student, although she had lived in the state for only 11 of the required 12 months. The Lord also graced the daughter with a wonderful Christian family who welcomed her to live in their home and who treats her like their daughter. God also provided the funds for tickets for the rest of the family to return to the field, including the payment to check their bags! (In the words of the late Jerry Clower, "Ain't God Good?!")

Perhaps we will see more of the miraculous workings of God if we keep our physical eyes open and our spiritual eyes focused on Him every day.

— *Milton Wilder, Missionary Pastoral Care*



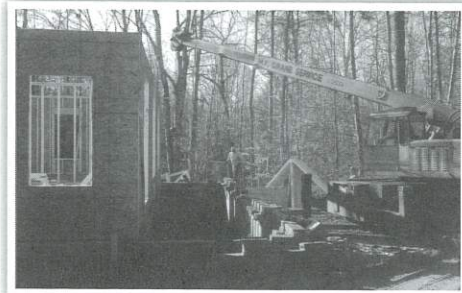
**Top row left** - A volunteer group came out to frame and put up the 1st floor walls.

**Top row right** - Stairway to 2nd floor.

**2nd row left** - A large crane was a big help putting up the 2nd floor trusses.

**2nd row center** - Working on the roof trusses.

**2nd row right** - Preston helping dad (Mike) build a little.



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We took all of the missionary  
kids ice skating



Fun spending time together  
while resting after the skate



"We had a wonderful stay. We appreciate your ministry and pray God's blessings on you all."  
— Benji D, missionary to Haiti

"Thank you so much for all that you do for us. We are most grateful to you."  
— Lew & Jan B., missionaries to Ecuador

"Thank you for allowing God to use you."  
— Jeff & Kathy H., missionaries to Guatemala

"Blessings upon blessings we give to you. You are such a gift to each of us. We hope you know how very much you mean to us."  
— James & Deanna D., missionaries to Tanzania

"Thanks for the letter, especially about Brother Abbey. One heart encouraged again. Our ministry is in the name of the Lord. Bless you all as you continue to serve our missionaries."  
— Br. William D.

"Dear Friends at Siloam, I am selling Christmas cards so that the money that is paid for them can help you build more houses. Because the more missionaries out there, the more people come to know God. I hope that this will make a difference! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

— Love, Sarah R."

"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, NC. 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 missions or if you're a missionary in need of a place to temporarily hang your hat, then breeze by their website at [www.siloam-homes.org](http://www.siloam-homes.org) and check them out. I haven't even stayed there yet, and they have already been an encouragement to me!"

— Keith C, missionary

## LUNCH AT BETTY'S

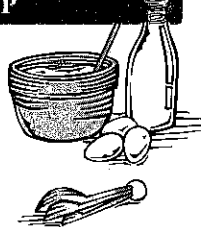


On a recent Saturday, I invited the young girls at Siloam over to my house for a luncheon. They had heard their mothers talk about the luncheons we have each month and they wanted to see what it was all about. We started the meal with fruit, then soup and sandwich and, of course brownies and ice cream for dessert. We had a great time learning about table etiquette and customs in America as well as several other countries. The following recipe is for the soup I served to the girls. Hope you enjoy. — *Betty Wilder*

### CHEESEBURGER SOUP

(Yield: 2 quarts)

- 1 lb. ground beef
- ¾ cup chopped onions
- ¾ cup shredded carrots
- ¾ cup finely diced celery
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- 4 Tbs. butter (divided)
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 4 cups diced peeled potatoes
- ¼ cup all purpose flour
- 2 cups chopped Velveeta cheese
- 1 ½ cups milk
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ¼ cup sour cream



In a 3-quart saucepan, brown beef; drain and set aside. Sauté onions, carrots, celery, basil and parsley in 1 tablespoon butter until vegetables are tender. Add broth, potatoes and beef; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 10 to 12 minutes or until potatoes are tender. In a small pan, melt remaining butter; add flour; cook and stir 3 to 5 minutes until bubbly. Add to soup; bring to a boil. Cook and stir 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low, add cheese, milk, salt and pepper; cook and stir until hot and most of cheese has melted. Remove from heat and blend in sour cream. Serve.

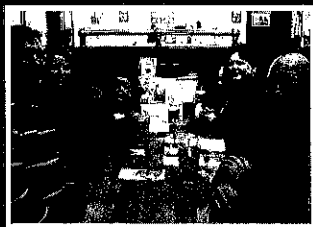
## Dear Coffee Club Members,

Even though it seems that time flies, it sure seems like it has been a long time since Christmas! We were able to get some rest during those days, but right now that seems like a distant memory.



One of the most fun things we got to do during the holidays was to celebrate Rachel's birthday. All 8 of us (Mike, Abbey, Macie, Preston, David, Rachel, Larry & I) drove down to Charlotte, NC, to the mall that has a mini Nascar theme park. They have race cars, a climbing wall, laser tag, and some other fun stuff and we all had such a good time together. Abbey and I actually attempted the rock wall. Didn't get all the way up, though! Laser tag wore me out...my age is showing!

The Lord has blessed us so much here. We are so grateful for the miracles that He gives us every day. When I listen to the missionaries share the stories about their ministries, I am so challenged to continue to work here at Siloam. Don't forget to go to our web site at [www.siloamhomes.org](http://www.siloamhomes.org) and listen to the radio shows that are available. You will hear from people who are literally reaching around the world, giving out the gospel of Christ to those who need to know Him.



*Rachel's favorite restaurant*



*The Rich's, ready for take off!*

One of the wonderful things about Siloam is the opportunity that the missionary kids have to play together. Today, several of the little girls have gotten together to have their BFC (Best Friend Club), which they have started. They bring their dolls to the Family Center and play with them together. This is so important as missionary kids have to say "goodbye" so often during their lives. How grateful we are to the Lord for this place.

Thanks so much to all of you who so faithfully support this ministry each month. If you have not joined the Coffee Club, would you prayerfully consider it? You might not think that what you give matters, but it does!

God bless you!!

Your "Coffeemate," *Joyce George*

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