

*Come Home to Siloam Missionary Homes
And Grow With Us*

February 2012

Dear Faithful Friends,

Greetings from Siloam Missionary Homes. It is hard to believe that Siloam is 20 years old! Many of you have been with us from the very beginning. God has taken a dream and molded it into a missionary village. Along with you, our faith partners, we have had the privilege of enabling hundreds of missionaries from all over the world to have a home. In 2011, SMH was able to provide homes for 94 missionaries from 14 countries, as well as providing 109 nights for overnight guests.

It was 1992 when Joyce and I stood with our two girls and Grandpa and Grandma Abbey, retired missionaries from Brazil, at the edge of 1053 Quakenbush Rd. for the first time. Looking deep into the dense trees, we asked God to use us as instruments to share the need for missionaries to have a place to call home. A lot of people thought we were crazy. I laugh now, but did you know that we had to keep the For Sale sign up for months, because everything out here was woods and we couldn't remember where the property was?

With an old Ford pickup and a chain saw my dad bought me, my family (and anyone else we could talk into coming along) would spend the day cutting trees for a road and staking out where the first house would be. We prayed and asked God for direction, for partners and laborers along the way. He heard and answered our prayers. My girls, Rachel and Abbey, were 13 and 9 at the time. We lived about 45 minutes from Siloam and only had Saturdays because we both worked secular jobs. I grin when I think back to the girls asking us every week, "Are we done yet?" That was 20 years ago, and they still ask me the same question.

I praise the Lord that along this journey that our family continues to hear the call. Both Abbey and her husband, Mike, the Director, their three children and Rachel continue to be part of this ministry.

The other night, Joyce and I were walking around the campus. I was praising the Lord for all the things He has done. Over the years, I have prayed, "Just one more missionary house." Today the need continues and with the need, we continue to expand. The original 16 acres is now 33.5 acres. The missionary houses are full and we are building house #14. Another wonderful thing is our supporters, our staff and our volunteers are growing, too. We could never maintain these facilities without you. Keeping operating costs to a minimum and the cost to the missionary down are our main objectives - to continue providing fully furnished homes for missionary families. That allows them to put their clothes away and to focus on getting rested and prepared to return to the mission field. That is what "Siloam" means - *to be sent*. The blessing for us comes when they leave our gates refreshed, renewed and ready.

As we look into 2012, we have many opportunities to serve. Today's families want to get their children involved in missions and we have the place to plug them in. That is one of the reasons for building a campground and farm next door to Siloam. We also want to be part of helping our missionaries with tools they can take back overseas.



1992 – purchased property



1993 – land cleared for 1st duplex



We have had Ground Breakings for 14 homes, Burden/Love Chapel, Dad's Country Store, Family Life Center, Wreck Center, Workshop



Hundreds of missionary kids with their families have stayed at Siloam Missionary Homes

Camp Glory Farm will be a mission educational tool. By partnering with other ministries such as ECHO International and Water Missions International, we can teach you ways to garden and raise farm animals, so you can help missionaries around the world. I believe we need to teach children at a young age how to grow gardens and raise farm animals for food. What an open door within our schools and church groups. It will give families a place to take a weekend or a few days to do a mission project as a family. Your efforts will provide food for the missionary families living here and we will be able to sell extra produce to offset the cost.

Over the past several months, we have cleared the camp for RV sites and pastures. We are redoing a barn, getting ready to pour a cement floor and have moved the old chicken coop. Stone has been brought in for the road and now we have a walking trail cut around the whole campus.

We have a need for farm equipment, fencing, posts, gates...the list goes on. Our prayer is that over the next several months, we will have the farm operating. Remember, *"Love isn't just a feeling in your heart, it is work gloves on your hands."*

We are currently working on hanging drywall downstairs in the new house, and hoping to paint soon. There are many other projects on the main campus, too. All of us are excited about these projects.

We would love the opportunity to come and share Siloam with your church or your friends in a home setting. Call or e-mail us so we can set the date.

Celebrating 20 years of ministry and yet we have just begun. May God continue to bless you as we serve hand in hand by providing housing and resources for missionary families around the world.

Because of Christ,

Larry George

Larry George, President

I believe the Lord would have me get involved with celebrating 20 years at Siloam Missionary Homes by the following:

☐ I would like to join the *Coffee Club* @ \$ _____ per month

☐ I would like to be *One of the 109* @ \$ _____ per month

☐ I would like to help build the new missionary home

Buy a gallon of paint @ \$ 30 x _____ gal = \$ _____ (need 54 gal)

☐ I would like to help with Camp Glory Farm

Buy a fence post @ \$4.99 each x _____ = \$ _____ (need 214 posts)

Buy a load of stone @ \$264.00 x _____ = \$ _____ (need 6 loads)

☐ I have enclosed my one time gift of \$ _____ for:

☐ New missionary home

☐ General Fund

☐ Camp Glory Farm

☐ Other _____

Name _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____



Missionary fellowships each month



Direction for ministry through Board Meetings



Dedicated Staff



Hanging drywall in new missionary home



Getting barn ready for new siding and floor