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Praise...Prayer...Projects

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

We put all this into daily practice as we fellowship with Christ through worship, the Word, and prayer. As we yield to the indwelling Spirit, we receive the power we need for daily living. It is **through our fellowship with other believers that we contribute spiritually to the growth of the body, the church and the other members of the body contribute to us.** What a wonderful way to live. — Warren Wiersbe Commentary

This morning as I was having my quiet time with the Lord, I was thinking about the importance of community here at Siloam Missionary Homes. Many times in my travels around the country, I have people ask me why it is so important to have a village or a community for missionaries and other Christian workers to live in. Well, the fact is that it is to encourage them to keep going. As we pour our lives into discipleship of others, we, too, need encouragement. When I left the secular work force to put my full effort into Siloam, I needed encouragement and constant interaction with others to keep moving forward. When a missionary arrives here after being overseas or on a road trip, they are spiritually and physically tired. They feel like we all do at times, "I can't keep going." Then, through talking to Milton our staff pastor or after hearing a missionary rejoice over answered prayer, it encourages me to keep on keeping on.

Over the past 20 years, hundreds of road-weary missionaries and pastors have come to Siloam ready to quit. Walking into their new home, we witness a change almost immediately. They are able to relax. As they walk outside around the campus, they fellowship with other families — another form of encouragement. Many families come here ready to throw in the towel. But after a few months of staying here, they come to me or one of our staff and say, "I'm ready to go again." Then, we have done our jobs.

For those of you that support Siloam Missionary Homes, I want to say thank you. If

it were not for you, we would not be able to have helped so many families that were ready to quit. Yes, it is through the Word, prayer and fellowship that the missionary, you and I continue to reach the world. We have so much to be thankful for and today I am especially thankful for you.

Please pray for Siloam as we continue to minister. Thank you for your financial support - it keeps the lights on.

We have several projects this year and need your help. Our outside street lights need to be replaced. We need crush and run for our roads and driveways, mulch to put around all the houses, and to complete the new missionary home. **We need you.**

CAMP GLORY FARM UPDATE

Camp Glory Farm is an extension of Siloam. Located on 7 acres next to our campus, we are building RV sites and camp sites for our church groups and volunteers. The areas have been cleared and the permits have been granted. Lord willing, we can have these available soon.

Next to the RV family camp is the farm. Rachel, our oldest daughter, was let go from her job recently, and is helping us every day. We will be using Rachel, and Hermann and Elizabeth Klaassen, missionaries on loan to us from Germany, to help us develop and teach Third-World Gardening. This farm being developed from grants from the Micah 6:8 Foundation to purchase farm animals, equipment, and pay for labor so that we can not only teach farming for third world countries, but it is a way to reach and

involve our community. Rachel who some of you know, went to college to be a teacher and has taught in Virginia, NC and in Brazil. She will be heading up a 4-H Club for the community of Snow Camp here, teaching and working with ladies here on our campus. She is being sent by her church, Pine Ridge Church in Haw River. Rachel is also teaching a ladies' Bible study at her church and helping them to grow in Christ. Many adults carry battle scars that God is using to reach other people. Rachel, while working through her church is helping these ladies to heal and grow spiritually. They are in turn using their gifts and talents at the farm, helping our missionary families. We are also looking at working within the area public schools as a mission outreach. Hermann Klaassen has done farming on the mission field and for this year he is helping us build the farm and put in place the curriculum and farming techniques needed. We are excited that in building Camp Glory Farm we are able to give back to our community and our churches and at the same time help feed the 14 families that live here.

Pray, too, for Mike and Abbey as they direct the day to day operations of Siloam. Thirty-three and a half acres with 14 homes and numerous buildings is a lot to keep up with. And pray for our staff, for guidance and direction. And last, but not least, remember to pray for Joyce and me too as we travel and share Siloam and get churches and work groups to come to Siloam; also as we do our weekly radio

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Our Journey to Siloam Missionary Homes

When I was pastor of Hines Chapel in McLeansville, NC, near Greensboro, a friend and former missionary to Brazil, Bob Cable, told our church about a new ministry Larry and Joyce George had begun in Snow Camp, NC. It was different from other ministries we knew and supported; it was a ministry that provided housing for missionary families. To me, Bob Cable's recommendation meant that this was a work we could support when funds became available. Very soon, our Women's Fellowship raised funds and purchased a kitchen stove for the duplex that was the first home of Siloam Missionary Homes. This donation also marked the beginning of an ongoing relationship between our church and Siloam's growing ministry to missionaries. The church began financial support in 1995.

As the ministry grew, so did the need for volunteer labor to continue the work of providing "A place missionaries call home." Like many churches, Hines Chapel has sent a number of individuals and teams to apply their skills at helping to build and maintain the houses and grounds.

After the Lord spoke to my heart that my pastorate at Hines Chapel was ending, I waited and waited and He waited and waited before revealing what my next step would be. Having been pastor of a church that supported Siloam Missionary Homes, I was well acquainted with the work and with the Georges. At the Hines Chapel Missions Conference in 2007, Larry was absent one night, but Joyce attended. Neither my wife nor I said anything to Joyce about leaving the church, but she went home and told Larry, "They're ready!" The next day at the Conference, Larry approached me about considering becoming pastor to the missionaries at Siloam Missionary Homes. Betty and I were surprised—shocked may be a better word—but soon we arranged to meet with Larry and Joyce. Although we heard the words, "We can't pay you a salary. You'll have to raise your support," and knowing we would have to find a place to live, Betty and I knew this was the Lord calling us to a new ministry.

The Lord confirmed His call as we took each step in faith. He "found" us a house less than a half mile from Siloam's driveway. He "inspired" the folks at Hines Chapel to renovate the house completely

inside and to provide monthly support for our new ministry. He also raised up other churches and individuals to partner with us in prayer and financial support. These and so many other blessings He has provided for which we are truly thankful! What a privilege it is to serve at Siloam Missionary Homes and have a part in ministry to those who are giving their lives to make known around the world the Way, the Truth and the Life—the Lord Jesus Christ—the one and only Savior.

—Milton Wilder, Missionary Pastoral Care

PRAISE...PRAYER...PROJECTS

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program "A Place Missionaries Call Home" where we give missionaries opportunity to share their passion.

May God bless you my dear friend, as we all work together in reaching the world for Christ through Siloam Missionary Homes—one missionary family at a time—refreshed, renewed and sent (Siloam) to the field again.

—Larry George, President

Greetings and blessing to you from the staff here at SMH.

Well it is already May, it is truly a beautiful spring. Everything is in full bloom here in Snow Camp. As I walk around looking at all of the work that is being done and all of the activity around the campus, it is simply wonderful to know that we serve a "Risen Savoir" Jesus Christ. With spring, the flowers and celebrating Easter, I have to say PRAISE THE LORD. I am so wonderfully blessed to know that by His Grace I have been born again with new life, with a joy that is that is incomparable to anything that this world could ever offer.

We have had a busy first Quarter. We have had lots of volunteers and groups out working. The floor in the exercise room (2nd phase) of "The Wreck Center" has been poured by Mebane Presbyterian. While they were here on that rainy Saturday, some of the ladies and youth cleaned the windows in the Family Center as well as a deep cleaning on the building, organized and cleaned Dads Country Store, cleaned The Burden Love Chapel, and worked in the Treasure Chest, and "in the rain" put out mulch around units A,B and C. A group from Hines Chapel came out and really rolled their sleeves up and reworked the Treasure Chest taking the winter clothing off of the racks and shelves and restocking them with summer clothes. The floor in the barn on Camp Glory has been poured and is ready for walls. The fence for the 1st pasture is in place and in operation. There are three 2 month old Barbados sheep and three 2 month old goats grazing there now. We are hatching out baby chicks and guineas. We have to build a new chicken coup—our old one didn't make it through the move. The Rice house, home #14 has been painted and the kitchen cabinets are in place. Just a few more steps to completion such as flooring, trim, final steps on all of the utilities. The work is unending, God provides. Thank you to those of you who are so wonderful in coming to help us.

All of the tasks that we have I know is all for His purpose and cause. Our dear friends and missionaries to Ecuador, Jan and Lou and Louie have made it back on the field and have had their first church service. Gary and Sandy have moved and are set up for the next phase of their ministry. We have several new families moving in. The Lord is at work—He allows us to see that every day.

There are so many ways that you can be used here at SMH. We would love for you to give us a call if the Lord leads you to do so. I can't list all of the things here in this small area due to lack of space. But PLEASE call—there is a lot to be done.

All of this is to accomplish His will. 2 Thess. 1:12 "That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Thank you, Mike Rich, Director

CAMP GLORY FARM



Rachel getting to know the new baby sheep & goats.



Volunteers helping on Camp Glory Farm.



Pouring cement floor for Farm Barn.



Missionary Kids choose their favorite cereal from Dad's Country Store.



Homeschoolers came out for a tour and to meet the missionaries.



Mebane Presbyterian Church volunteered to pour the cement floor for the exercise room, an addition to the Wreck Center.



Mebane Presbyterian Church youth cleaned out and straightened up Dad's Country Store



Mebane Presbyterian Church volunteers sorted clothing in our Treasure Chest.

So many exciting things are happening at Camp Glory Farm. Through volunteers and staff at Siloam, we have been able to do so many things. The barn needed improvements in order to be able to be used for the animals. This required pulling up old boards, removing the metal siding, and leveling the ground inside the barn. Several dump truck loads of sand were brought in to help fill in holes and level. After this, the area was ready for pouring concrete inside the barn. A lot of work, but the floor looks great. We are currently working on getting the walls up and the siding on in order to use it.

We were also able to get the fence put up in our first pasture. Many hands were involved in getting this accomplished. Thank you Mike, Henry, Hermann, Samuel, Brian, and Larry. Many hours and hard work went in to setting posts, pulling the fence, putting in gates, and running the Solar Powered Electric Fence. We have several more pastures to prepare, but I praise the Lord for what has been accomplished.

This past week, we brought home our first set of "babies" — three

Barbados lambs as well as three Kiko/Boar goats. They are all 2 months old and just as cute as can be. With a lot of patience and consistency, they are finally allowing me to touch them. New excitement each day and never a dull moment.

The Bible talks over and over about Christians being called "sheep." As the shepherd, I desire the best for my little lambs; however, in their immaturity and newness to me, there is little trust. They tend to bump into things and trip over stuff that could have easily been avoided had they followed my leading. Isn't that how we tend to be towards our Heavenly Father? Too often we try to go our own way and hurriedly rush along without staying close to Him. In our immaturity we stumble and run into things that could have been avoided. As I continue to work with my lambs, the bond between us grows more and more each day. It is through the daily relationship with our Heavenly Father, our Shepherd, that we grow and learn how to trust Him more. I challenge you to walk daily as close to HIM as possible. For in Him there is rest and protection. — Rachel George



Mebane Presbyterian Church spreading mulch around two of our homes.



Mebane Presbyterian Church stopped for lunch and fellowship.



Isabella's first Valentine Party with the other MK's.



Volunteers, Left to Right: Linda Hagood, Joan Johnson, Eric Foehr, Rachel George, Ken Johnson, Pat Jordan.



Painters Shane and Vince donated their time to paint our new missionary home.



The Byrd family helping build an addition to Milton's office.



Children from Pine Ridge Church cleaned the Wreck Center.

Isaiah 40:11, "He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young."

FROM BETTY'S KITCHEN

One of the recipes that we have enjoyed at "Lunch at Betty's," is a quick and easy Quiche.

HAM QUICHE

1 cup chopped ham
1 cup shredded Swiss Cheese
1/3 cup chopped Onions
2 cups Milk
1 cup Bisquick baking mix
4 eggs
1/4 tsp. salt
Pepper to taste



Heat oven to 400 degrees. Grease 10-inch quiche dish or pie plate, Sprinkle ham and cheese in bottom of dish. Beat remaining ingredients until smooth, 15 seconds in blender on high or 1 minute with hand beater. Pour into dish. Bake until knife inserted in center comes out clean, 35 to 40 minutes. Cool 5 minutes.

Hope you enjoy.

CORRECTION: The recipe for the Microwave Fudge in the Winter newsletter had an error. It should have read 1/2 cup of butter. Sorry for any inconvenience.



As ya'll know, we have been working tirelessly on the Rice House. My favorite feature in this house is some arches that Mike and Henry built in the living room. They are just a gorgeous addition to the house! Oddly enough, they were made out of the scrap wood that was just going to be thrown out but Mike & Henry made them to be a beautiful accent in the home! It just reminds me that as God is building our 'houses' (our lives) that it seems He takes the 'scraps' that we think are the worthless parts of our lives and He makes them shine for Him – to be the thing that really stands out to others as they look at what God has done and changed in us!

— Abbey Rich, Family Center Hostess

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Dear Coffee Club Members,



I am not sure where the time goes - it seems to be flying by. Spring has come (I can tell by my allergies!) and there are blooms everywhere. Early in the morning, as I head over to the office, the birds brighten the day with their songs and I am reminded of God's faithfulness in my life.

Change is nothing uncommon here at Siloam. Missionary families come and go, and with that a change in our campus. The Beelers left for Ecuador in March and we have been encouraged to hear that they are doing well there and that they are already ministering and God is blessing. The Wittevrongs have moved away from our campus. We miss all of them as they leave us. New families are moving into the homes that have been vacated and so then continues the cycle of meeting new people, hearing about how God is using them in places where we will never go. But, God has sent them, and we are so blessed to know that we have a small part in them being able to share the Gospel with the world.

It is wonderful to have Rachel helping us now. God is using her to help develop Camp Glory Farm. She is working with the animals that we will use to help teach Third World Farming and to sell or use for meat. She is also planning to begin a music class here on our campus for the missionary kids to learn and participate in music. We are looking forward to seeing how God continues to develop her part in ministry with us.

Mike, Abbey and the kids are looking forward to moving into the new missionary house once it is completed. We are praying that it will be in June – please help us pray!

Thank you for your faithful monthly support and for your prayers. May God richly bless you!

God bless you!!

Your "Coffeemate," Joyce George

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