

Siloam Missionary Homes

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20 Years Young

Southern Alamance County provides a temporary home to people who have been living all over the world. Families currently staying at Siloam Missionary Homes have been serving in countries that include Ecuador, Brazil, Gambia, Israel, South Africa and Australia.



The Phillips family in front of their "home away from home" at Siloam Missionary Homes.

On Aug. 11, Siloam celebrated its 20th anniversary with an event that attracted hundreds of supporters. When Siloam opened 20 years ago, its campus was 16 acres. Now, it's a little more than double the original size. There are 14 houses of different sizes. Siloam charges missionary families a monthly maintenance fee that is based on the size of the home where they are staying. "We can have families with as many as 12 children," said Larry George, Siloam's president.

In some cases, George said, missionary children at Siloam were born overseas and are in the United States for the first time. In others, they are too young to remember what American life is like.

Jason and Janet Phillips arrived at Siloam in June after spending four years in Indonesia. They have five children, Alaina, 9, Caleb, 8, Levi, 6, Katie, 4, and Bethany, 1.

George recalled Janet Phillips telling his wife, Joyce George, that spending time at Siloam helped the children get used to simple things such as having hot and cold water available out of the same spigot. "In Indonesia, they didn't have that at all," he said.

While the Phillipses have been traveling a lot to visit family and supporters, Siloam has been a good home base, Janet Phillips said: "Our kids have been playing a lot with kids from other families."

BESIDES HOUSING, Siloam provides extensive amenities for the missionary families, including a family center, chapel and "stores" where food and clothing are available for free. Missionaries, who come back to the United States from tropical climates, George said, typically lack clothing for winter or more formal occasions.

One of the complex's newer additions is a playground and semi-enclosed game room for young people. George said Siloam relies heavily on volunteers to work on buildings and grounds. Local churches and other groups are a big part of that, and a group from evangelist Billy Graham's church in Montreat, NC recently visited to put up a barn.

One local volunteer, Luke Holsclaw, recently made picnic tables for Siloam as his Eagle Scout project. Junior police academy participants, George said, "did seven dump-truck loads of mulch."

Siloam is creating a farm with animals such as goats, sheep, turkeys, guineas and chickens. George is hoping school groups

will visit to learn about Third World gardening, milking and other aspects of farm life. Tilapia fish will go in the farm's pond.

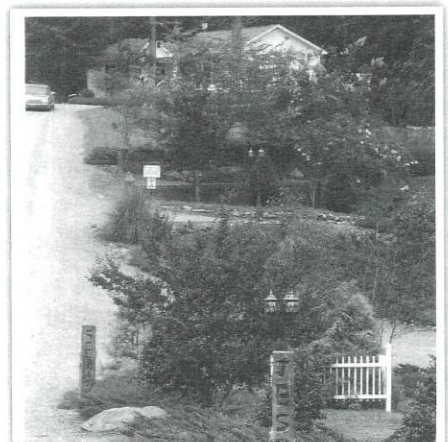
"We're putting in RVs and campsites where families can stay for \$10 a night," he said, and either work on a project or simply enjoy nature trails and time in a rural area. Earlier this week, he was looking at information about yurts – round, moveable, traditional Mongolian dwellings – to add to the grounds at Siloam for overnight guests.

While volunteer labor has helped Siloam thrive, George wants visitors to come to Siloam for another reason.

"We want people to meet missionaries and understand that they're people just like you and me," he said. "Our culture is getting so busy that missionaries never have a chance to tell their stories."

Siloam Missionary Homes has a website at www.siloamhomes.org. Its phone number is 336-376-8200.

By Mike Wilder, Times-News (Burlington, N.C.)



A car driving through Siloam Missionary Homes' 33 acre campus.

LET THE FLOOD WATERS ROLL!

In Haiti it seems like there is one disaster after another. Hurricanes, floods, mud slides. Why would you want to go to a place where you were constantly rebuilding, only to have it be swallowed up again?

Mallory Neptune, a missionary to Haiti, continues to serve the Lord despite all these problems. The last time Joyce and I talked with her, she was sitting on top of a semi trailer with her family and many of the Haitian children from the school she started, with a tarp over their heads, waiting for the rain to stop and the flood waters to go down. I asked her how she was doing, while I was sitting in an air conditioned studio talking to her by phone. She responded by telling me she was fine, but that the children needed food and water and she was concerned about the possibilities of a cholera outbreak. I told her I wanted to get her story out again and let our radio audience know so they could help. (Check out the interview on our web site www.siloamhomes.org – Saturday, Sept. 8th at 12:30.)

This to me seems so overwhelming. Humanly speaking, I would want to get on a plane and say “Lord I did what I could do. I gave it my best shot. But, I’m going home. Let someone else do this.” But who would go? Then they come back here to the states, tired and discouraged. All the time hearing the voices of children crying, knowing they have to go back.

Recently I talked with another single missionary that is staying here at Siloam who told me that she spent two years living alone in an Indian tribe on the Amazon in Brazil. After arriving back to the States, she went through reverse culture shock. She told me that she had visited some of her friends from high school. As she was sitting there listening to them talk about what they were doing, in her mind she was back in Brazil teaching the children about Jesus and how to live to survive. She said, “I wanted to stop the conversation and say, ‘girls, girls what about all the people around the world that are dying daily and there is no one there to help them?’”

I hear stories almost daily here at Siloam Missionary Homes. I see and hear the anxious expressions in their voices and on their faces. Recently, we finished our 14th missionary home. I thought to myself, we need to do more – help send more missionaries! I have to pray more. I can’t stand around a table with discouraged missionaries and say, “it’s OK, it will be fine” when they are on the front lines doing what we should be doing but are doing nothing. Please don’t wait and say “Lord, what do you want me to do?” The Bible makes it very clear. The Lord tells us to “go and make disciples of all men” and to keep going.

In 1992 God gave Joyce and me the vision to build and provide much needed housing for missionaries. We praise the Lord for the hundreds of families that have stayed here. The hundreds of discouraged, ready to say “let someone else do it” missionaries that wanted to quit. Yet, after a few months they give us a hug and say “I’m ready to return to battle.” They kiss their college age children goodbye and head to the airport. “Keep in touch,” I tell them. “I will be praying for you,” and I head back to Siloam. We walk into the office to be greeted by a new missionary family with their children sitting in the van after a long journey, waiting for the keys to their house so they can go to bed. We pray, encourage and love them.

Thank you for your partnership in helping us provide a home for these families. If it were not for your faithful support, we could not continue. Every morning I get up at 6:00 and pray for today and the needs here. At 10 am the mail comes. We call this our halleluiah moment. We look to God to pay the electric, to replace a faulty air unit, to repair a van. The list goes on and on. Why keep doing this? Because this is what God has called us to do! He said go and keep going. Hebrews 6:10 says “*God is not unrighteous to forget your labor of love that you have shown to the saints.*” Thank you for being a part! – Larry George, President

STANDING *with our* MISSIONARIES

We have a diversity of missionaries at Siloam Missionary Homes: some in stateside ministry and some in foreign ministry; single, married, denominational, independent, young, old, in between. Some couples have children living at Siloam (27 children from baby to adult!); other couples have adult children not at home; one couple has no children. Some missionaries know definitely where they are headed in ministry, while others wait for God’s definite direction.

There are other distinctions among the missionary family at Siloam, but all are alike in one area – their need for prayer and financial support. Imagine having to depend totally on other people obeying God calling them to pray and give to provide your livelihood so that you can spend full time in ministry. (What do you depend on?) It takes continual faith and trust in God, because people don’t always hear and obey when God calls them to support missionaries.

Missionaries must be like the Apostle Paul, who depended on God’s people to supply his needs. Paul wrote to the Philippians Church,

“Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my affliction.

“You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs. Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account” (PHILIPPIANS 4:11-17).

Why didn’t people from the other churches give to Paul? Why don’t people give today? Paul makes it clear that “the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel” (1 Corinthians 9:14), but Paul found it necessary to return to tent making for a time, which took time away from his mission. Some missionaries now are struggling because they need more people like the Philippians in their lives. They must take time away from their mission to work in non-ministry related jobs, which in turn makes it more difficult to contact potential supporters to introduce their ministry.

We want to stand with the missionaries who stay at Siloam when they face some struggles and difficult days in their mission for the Lord. We want to show them our care and concern and encourage them to keep on keeping on. We can’t supply all their financial needs, but with your help we can furnish them with a place to call home as economically as possible. Please pray, please give to Siloam and to other missions and missionaries as God calls you. Your gifts will become, as Paul said, “the profit which increases to your account.” – H. Milton Wilder, *Missionary Pastoral Care*

These are a few things from the to-do list. If you are unsure of the farm, this is the property at 1085 Quakenbush Rd., which adjoins the original 1053 property. Camp Glory Farm will be a training/demonstration farm used to help in the training of missionaries that stay with us to equip them with a further knowledge of ways to reach out to the villages, communities, and nationals that they have been called to reach out to with the Gospel, as well as helping open the opportunity to reach out to the community and surrounding communities and public schools in Alamance and Chatham counties. The 4H clubs, as well as Sylvan Elementary principal have expressed their interest in becoming involved in the farm. We see this as an open door in sharing the Gospel of our Savior, as "He" has opened this opportunity over the past year frequently.

This property also houses 4 RV sites and primitive camp sites. Future plans are to build a 40'x100' open-air shelter. This shelter will house one male and one female bath house. Both will have 3 shower stalls and 3 toilets, to accommodate campers and overnight housing guests. This same structure will include within the truss system an 1100 sq. ft. 'caretakers apartment' as well as two more rooms not specified at this time, but with many usable opportunities. As you know, there's not any wasted space here. The same structure will be used for large gatherings such as "the Pig-pic'n event that's held here annually, indoor arena for the 4H and other events such as this, as well as picnic shelter for campers and groups staying and working at SMH. Also we are looking into four 24' Yurts to house work groups, overnight housing, and retreats. The folks using these will also use the bath house.

Come and join us. We look forward to hearing from you. — *Mike Rich, Director*

WORK PROJECTS — Past & Present

You may be looking for a project for your men, young people or families. Here are some things you could consider.

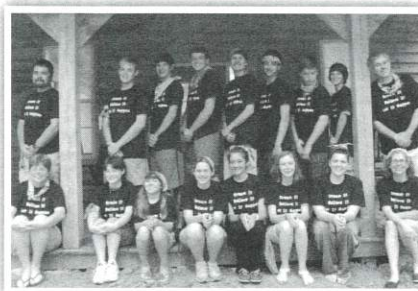
- ① Complete exercise room. This includes framing in an 8'x12' garage door opening. Glass will be provided by Affordable Glass.
- ② Complete barn at Camp Glory Farm. This is building barn doors and hanging them, preparing the barn to be usable for housing the animals for the winter months.
- ③ Wiring receptacles and lights in the barn.
- ④ Hang white board to create a clean room for milking demonstrations.
- ⑤ Disassembling an existing storage building and shelter and moving it to a more appropriate and usable area. This is an 8'x12' storage building with lean to shelters built onto it. This is a building that was constructed by the previous owner. We would like to move it, making it into a garden house and storage shelter for the SMH community garden.
- ⑥ Complete fencing for additional pastures to enable us to do progressive grazing in order to reduce threat of parasites for the animals.



Montreat Presbyterian Church putting siding on the barn.



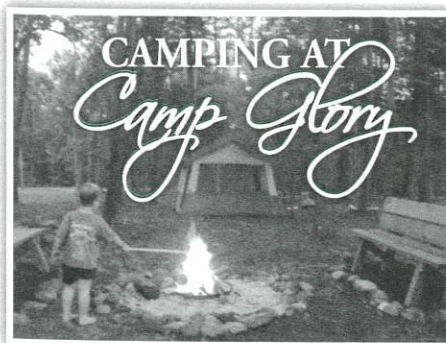
Maple Grove Church remodeled the playground.



Mebane Presbyterian Church built the exercise room.



Maple Grove Church work team distributing food to the missionaries.



My name is Rachel George and I am the daughter of Larry and Joyce George, founders of Siloam Missionary Homes. I graduated from Appalachian Bible College with a B.A. in Theology and a double minor in Family Counseling and Youth Ministries. After graduating college, I taught elementary school in VA, NC, and a semester in Manaus, Brazil. Like many young single adults, as we journey through life, there are splits in the road when we are trying to figure out who we are and what we really believe we want to do. I love teaching children and I am also passionate about helping other young adults, who like me, are trying to figure out who God is.

I have been accepted as an associate missionary with Camp Glory Farm, a support ministry to Siloam Missionary Homes. Camp Glory is for family camping and mission farm demonstration. My ministry will be through raising farm animals, basic gardening, and some other farming techniques as well as training individuals how to take these techniques to various people and groups all over the world. These venues will also provide food for the missionary families living at Siloam and help maintain the 33 acre campus. With my education and experience as a grade school teacher and my love for music, I also teach piano, guitar, and music class to the missionary children at Siloam. My desire is helping individuals see God's love and how He loves them unconditionally.

Ways you can become involved:

- › Pray for me. Never underestimate the power of prayer.
- › In order to minister here at Camp Glory Farm, I have to raise my own support. Would YOU prayerfully consider becoming one of my partners?
- › Allow me to introduce missions to you, your family, friends, Church, Sunday school classes, youth groups, and school with hands on farming.

FROM BETTY'S KITCHEN

I hope everyone has had a great summer and tried some new recipes. Here at Siloam we had several work groups over the summer who helped with several projects. We served a dessert that the groups raved over. I hope you and your family enjoy this recipe that Abbey and Joyce got at a meeting they attended.

CINNAMON CHEESECAKE

- 2 pkgs. Refrigerated crescent rolls
- 2 (8 oz.) pkgs. Cream cheese
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla



Spread 1 pkg. of crescent rolls in bottom of 13 x 9 pan. Mix together cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Spread over rolls. Spread second pkg of crescent rolls over cream cheese mixture.

Topping

- 1 stick butter, melted
- ½ cup sugar
- 3 tsp. cinnamon

Mix the three ingredients together and pour over the cream cheese and rolls. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

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Dear Coffee Club Members,



School is back in session. Most of the families staying at Siloam are homeschooling their children. So, although the kids don't leave the campus to go to school, it is quiet until after studies are done, usually sometime after 2 p.m. Right now, SMH has twenty five missionary kids living here. There is no end to the games and fun that these children share as they play in each other's yards.

Many times, missionary kids (MK's) don't feel like they belong here in the U.S. Even though their parents are American, and this is where extended family lives, they can find life here in America to be strange compared to what they are used to. One mom recently told me that when people ask her kids, "Aren't you thrilled to be in the US?" that many times, they just feel homesick for their friends and their home where they live overseas.

What a blessing it is to know that these kids have a safe environment where they understand each other and all have a common bond - being an MK.

Thank you for helping us give these missionary children and their parents "a place to call home."

God bless you!!

Your "Coffeemate," *Joyce George*



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