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"I, Jesus, am the root and the
offspring of David,

THE BRIGHT AND
MORNING STAR"

Merry Christmas from all of us here at Siloam Missionary Homes. We have had a wonderful year and the Lord has truly blessed each of us. Looking back over the past year, I wanted to highlight a few things. In February, Joyce and I had the privilege of going on a mission trip to Haiti. Seeing all the work that missionaries do renewed our hearts in ways to minister to missionaries while they are in the US, and how important it is for them to have a place to call home.

Another highlight was all the missionaries that Joyce and I interviewed for our weekly radio program "A Place Missionaries Call Home," giving missionaries the opportunity to tell their story.

How wonderful it is for our daughters, Rachel and Abbey to be with us in ministry. Abbey and Mike have been with us for 8 years. Mike serves as Senior Vice President. Our grandchildren Macie, Preston and David are also a great joy to our lives and we love having them close, running to ballgames and special events. This past year Rachel has come on staff full time. She is developing Camp Glory Farm, working and using gardening and

livestock to teach missions. I love the farm and sneak over there as much as I can.

This past year has also been a time of change. My stepdad, Jim Murray, went home to be with the Lord after being married to my mom almost 11 years. He will be greatly missed by all of us. Please continue to pray for my mom.

Christmas is about the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and about friends and family. It is to me the best time of the year. In times past, I have shared memories I had as a child and with my children. Now I am able to share them with my grandchildren.

This morning before the sun came up, I was sitting in the living room looking out the window at the thousands of bright shining stars, and was reminded of the Scripture in Rev. 22:16 where Jesus said to John, "I, Jesus, am the root and the offspring of David, 'The Bright and Morning Star.'" How awesome it is to know that the God of the universe sent His only Son, Jesus, for me and for you. We have so much to be thankful for.

Over the past 21, almost 22 years we have been that place missionaries call home.

I could never thank you enough for your sacrificial giving, your prayers, all the physical work and the time you give to the Lord and to Siloam Missionary Homes. I am excited about 2014 being the best year yet. There is a lot to do, and I look forward to seeing all of you.

I leave you with the thought that I had while getting on the airplane in Haiti to come home. "Missionaries leave their family, friends and everything they have to do what Jesus commanded all of us to do. GO into all the World. The least that we can do is provide them a place where they can rest, get refreshed and be together as a family and have a place this Christmas to call home."

"Merry Christmas, my dear friends. May God continue to bless you and your family as we help missionaries reach the world through Siloam Missionary Homes."

—Larry George, *President, Co-Founder*





Merry Christmas from...

William & Beverly Hayes
Joshua & Jacobary

Thank you for
all you do for us!
Larry & Joyce George

DAVID & CONNIE JOHNSON
Jeffrey and Darlene
BRIAN
Thank you
God bless you!

Thank you very much
Koffi, Elisabeth & Samuel
WODOME
Missionaries in TOGO
(West Africa)

Everett, Mary, Kenadie
and Hope Conaway
Missionaries to Argentina

Thank-you - We appreciate all
of you!
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- Joshua, Matthew, Hailey,
Caleb, Hannah, Isaiah
Ethan, Seth & Josiah
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LOVE Living at
Siloam - Thank You
Les & Carol Carey
God bless
I love you!

We are so grateful for your
care and support for the missionaries
and staff at SMH. Milton & Betty

Thank you

Nick, Jenn, Joy,
Solomon, Avery &
Justice O'Rourke
God Bless!

Thank you
John & Judy Randall
Teresa Harte, etc.

Thank you,
Jim & Deb Wilson
Missionaries in the Philippines
Thanks!
Mike, Abby, Macie,
Preston David Rich

Thank you! God Bless you all right!
William, Nancy, Isabella, + Luciana Beeler



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A great blessing that we are thankful for from our past five years at Siloam Missionary Homes is the many new friends we have made as the missionaries come and go. By year's end, we will have added at least 34 families to our circle of Christian friends in the world of missions outreach. What a special opportunity it is to interact with these dedicated followers of Christ who are giving their lives in His service. It is amazing to realize that we know people from "all over the world" involved with so many different kinds of ministry, but all having the same purpose of making Jesus Christ known and bringing people to Him. It is also very meaningful to reflect on how God has brought missionary families to a place where they needed to be at a particular time

in their lives and that He has used the environment and the contacts with the people here to minister to their needs. More than once, we have seen God bring two missionary families to Siloam at the same time to discover that their gifts, abilities and experiences enabled them to minister to each other. We definitely have seen the different parts of the Body of Christ function together here in this missionary community. It is just a small example of what has developed from the Incarnation of our Lord that we are celebrating at Christmas.

We now have two grandchildren in college, three in high school and one in middle school. The two youngest spent a week with us this past summer. We also enjoyed a week's visit in the home

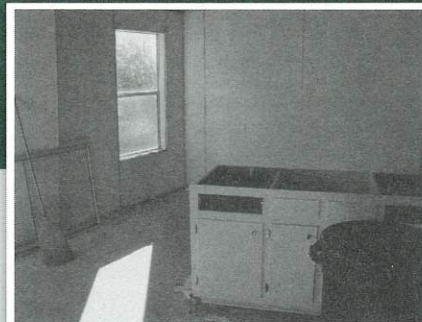
of our friends in Colorado, who gave us a tour of the Rocky Mountains. Later, it was strange to see on television that the area where we traveled was under water and learn that floodwaters completely washed away a house where we visited. Our youngest daughter, Paula, continues teaching ESL at Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown, NC and completes her Master's degree this month at Greensboro College. Melina is Office Manager for the Dean of the Seminary & School of Ministry at Columbia International University in SC. Her husband, Randy, is a church administrator and serves with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Betty's mother at age 91 continues to live alone.

- Milton & Betty Wilder, *Missionary Pastoral Care*

"Let everything that has breath Praise the Lord!" – Ps. 150

**Siloam Missionary Homes 2013 Project
Christmas Goal – \$7,001.06**

These projects will be completed as labors and funds are made available.



PHOTOS OF INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE DOUBLE WIDE

House #15 | The Caretakers Apartment at Camp Glory Farm

We praise the Lord for the provision of a beautiful double wide that was donated and moved over to Camp Glory Farm. Once completed, this home will be used by the Caretaker of the farm and RV camping. It will also house the camp office.

PHASE 1

- The footers were dug and poured - *Completed 6/13*
- The plumbing under the house had to be replaced due to the move. (All the materials were donated) *Completed 11/13*
- The Septic and well were already there. Need to be hooked up. *Completed 11/13*
- The Electric from the double wide to the meter in conduit - \$200.00

Completion of phase 1 - \$200.00

PHASE 2

Foundation walls, replace shingles, install new windows and doors, and repair siding

- 400 - 4"x8"x16" foundation cement blocks @ \$1.42 ea. - \$568.00
- 20 - 80# bags of type s mortar @ \$5.63 a bag - \$112.60
- 20 - Foundation vents @ \$16.05 - \$321.00
- 2 loads of sand @ \$25.00 - \$50
- 50 bbls. Shingles @ \$30.00 - \$1,500
- Install new windows and doors (donated)
- Vinyl siding - 4 corners and 2 squares of siding and trim for replacement windows - Approx. \$500.00

Completion of phase 2 - \$ 3,051.60

Project cost total for the completion of phase 1 and 2 is \$3,251.06

YURT PROJECT

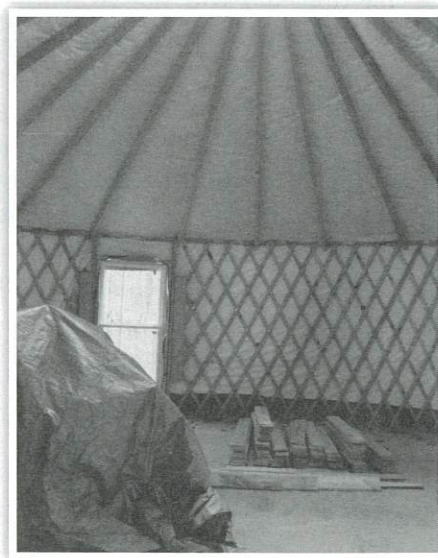
Where our work teams and volunteers will stay

- Electric Service for the yurt village - \$500

Yurt #1

- Finish the floors - \$200
- Install LED lighting - \$200
- HVAC - \$1,000
- Deck - \$1,500
- 1 load of stone around the yurt - \$350

Project cost for completion of 1st yurt - \$3,750



PHOTOS OF INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE YURT

What Makes the Holidays Memorable to Me

When thinking about the holiday season, I am warmed by memories of friends and family. I love the smell of turkey cooking as I come in my parent's house early Christmas morning. Usually, my niece and nephews are anxiously awaiting the opening of gifts, Dad and Mike are enjoying the homemade Cinnamon Rolls that Mom makes, and Abbey and I are munching on all the yummy snacks and coming in to watch the parade. As it gets closer to turkey time, Grandma comes in and we all join each other around the table for the great feast. Before we begin, Dad always reads to us from the Bible and then we pray. My favorite thing about Thanksgiving and Christmas is just the time spent with family. Sometimes we play games or just watch a football game together. Other times we watch a movie or just sit around telling stories of growing up. Regardless of how the time is spent, when we are together, that is what makes the holidays so memorable to me.

— Rachel George, *Camp Glory Farm*

This past year has been a flurry of fun for the Riches! Mike and I celebrated our 12th anniversary and our 8th year of being full-time at Siloam Missionary Homes. Macie is in the 5th grade, Preston is in 3rd grade and David is in 1st. Macie has begun taking gymnastics and is really enjoying that! Preston is our football kid who has gotten his name from his coach "The Manster" (half man, half monster!). David keeps us laughing everyday with his wit and funny phrases. He's still looking for his niche, but I think that stand-up comedy is a strong possibility.

We have had many friends at Siloam that have come and gone this year, but a highlight was when our long-time friends, the Clines from Ghana, were able to come by a few times this summer! I have stayed very busy homeschooling, running the kids in my 'taxi' and staying involved at Siloam with the other missionary moms, dinners, and summer projects. I'm so thankful that the Lord has allowed our family to serve again this year and we look forward to what He has for us, the families that we will get to know, the lives that we may be able to touch or them to touch us. Please pray for us!

— Abbey Rich, *Family Center Hostess*



Dear Coffee Club Members,

As I think about Christmas, my heart goes directly to the manger where the Christ Child laid. I have always loved babies.... I have told people that if my children would have stayed babies, I would have had a dozen.



There is just something precious about them. In my heart, at Christmas time, I find myself wanting to join the shepherds as they knelt before the long awaited Savior, worshipping Him for who He is, and for what He had come to do. I realize that His work was completed at Calvary and the Empty Tomb, but it begins at the manger. I never want to forget — and I want my kids and grandkids to worship with me.

Thank you all for helping us give missionaries a place to call home this Christmas! We welcome our newest Coffee Club member, Priscilla Starling. God bless you all!

May God richly bless each of you.

Your "Coffeemate," *Joyce George*

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HONEY BUN CAKE RECIPE

Here's one of my family's favorite recipes — one that is great for the holiday season. I hope you will enjoy it with your family. — Betty Wilder

Batter:

- 1 box Yellow Cake Mix • ½ cup Sugar • 1 cup Buttermilk
- ¾ cup Vegetable Oil • 4 eggs, beaten well

Preheat Oven to 300 degrees. Mix all ingredients together beating well.

Cinnamon Swirl:

- ½ cup packed Light Brown Sugar • 2 tsp. Ground Cinnamon

Mix all ingredients together in separate bowl. Pour batter in greased and floured 11 X 13 inch pan. Sprinkle cinnamon mixture on top and swirl down through the batter with a knife, making a marbled effect. Bake for 40-50 minutes at 300 degrees. Remove from oven.

Glaze:

- 1 cup Confectioners' Sugar • 1 tbsp. Milk (a little more if glaze is too thick)
- Mix glaze ingredients and spread over hot cake. Let cake cool before cutting.