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INTERRUPTIONS

"Interruptions can be viewed as sources of irritation or opportunities for service, as moments lost or experience gained, as time wasted or horizons widened. They can annoy us or enrich us, get under our skin or give us a shot in the arm. Monopolize our minutes or spice our schedules, depending on our attitude toward them." — William Arthur Ward quotes

Joyce and I had the wonderful opportunity to go to Haiti on a mission trip since our last newsletter to you. We decided to drive "The White Ghost" (that's our RV) to Florida, leave it in Vero Beach and ride with my Uncle Larry and Aunt Karen to Miami, where we would depart to Haiti. We spent weeks planning our trip and with the high cost of fuel, wanted to make sure we could also visit friends, churches and accomplish everything we needed to do in one trip.

Having a 23-year-old RV takes a lot of love and care. I always want to make sure that the engine and everything else is in tip top shape. I didn't want any breakdowns, and I hate interruptions. In planning this trip we allowed ourselves an extra day just in case we ran into bad weather or mechanical problems. We circled the date with the goal to have the RV packed and ready the day before our departure, so that the morning we left all we had to do was kiss our children and grandchildren goodbye and head down the road. Sounds like a plan, doesn't it?

The day to pack finally came. The last thing I had to do was to wash the RV down at the shop. The motorhome looked clean and ready. All I had to do was drive it to the house and load up. Joyce met me at the shop to check on me and asked if I needed her to do anything or if I needed her to watch while I backed up. I quickly responded that it was OK. I would meet her at the house. Getting in the driver's seat, I quickly looked in my rear view camera, the lens was a little foggy but it looked clear. Being in a hurry, I put it in reverse, not seeing the trailer parked over to the side behind me and hit it, tearing off the back corner of the bumper! That, my friend, was the beginning of several interruptions we had on our trip.

I laugh now as I recall this story, but the truth is, most times I view interruptions as irritations. One day while in Haiti, my Aunt Karen asked this simple question during devotions. "Are the interruptions we face every day really opportunities to serve?"

Very tight schedules, cars breaking down, the internet not working, plane tickets and visas not coming through can become a huge irritation quickly. Our response in ministry must include, above all, praying for our missionaries daily and encouraging them through discouraging times. It is in situations like this that we want to take their interruptions and make it an opportunity for us to serve them.

I pray that today your interruptions will be God given opportunities to serve. No, the sky is not falling! God wants to use us.

Thank you for your prayers and your faithful financial support for Siloam Missionary Homes. With heart felt thanks we appreciate so much the privilege to serve these saints that God is using to reach the world for Him. The battle continues, but we know the end of The Story. *"The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."* Ps. 18:2

God bless all of you,
Larry George, President and Founder
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He Loves You! *By Macie Rich*

Did you know that God loves you so much that He died for you? You! Just think, He is the Son of God! The One who created the sun, moon, and even the stars, also created you. If you have accepted Christ as your Savior, then one day you will get to meet Him in Heaven. What a privilege to say that you are a child of God and He is your Heavenly Father. I think that it is so special. Have you ever asked Jesus to come into your heart? If you haven't, then why don't you do that right now? So the next time you pray, thank the Lord for all He has done.

Macie is 10 years old, the daughter of staff members, Mike & Abbey Rich



Consider the Children

Imagine travelling to a foreign country and leaving family and friends behind. Think of the adjustments you would have to make to a new culture, another language, trying to make new friends. It's difficult as an adult to cope with the sacrifices, the changes, but suppose you were a teenager or younger, maybe even too young to understand why you were moving and not being able to see your playmates, your church and school friends again for years.

Then, imagine being in that foreign country, making new friends, feeling "at home" in the culture and after three, four or more years, leaving there and reversing the process by returning to the States and having to deal with a new situation here. This is what all missionaries struggle with, but sometimes it is especially hard on the children. It can be adventure or adversity!

Recently, a Missions Catalyst email directed me to the Pioneers mission agency website, where I learned about a new term, "Third-culture kids." According to the article by Amanda Lynn, "Third-culture kids, also known as TCKs, are described as having spent at least several of their developing years in a culture that is different than their parents' culture. They often identify with their host culture and their passport culture, but they have a hard time feeling ownership of either one." A 14-year-old, Taylor Murray, has written a book, *Hidden in My Heart*, which tells what she has experienced thus far as a TCK in Japan.

(More information is available at www.pioneers.org/Connect/Media/MediaArchive/tabid/149/PostID/572/Making-Tear-Soup.aspx. You may purchase the book from Pioneers.org. Connect with Taylor on Facebook.com/HiddenInMyHeart/Book.)

The children who play together here at Siloam Missionary Homes often have to say goodbye to each other and we see how difficult that is for them at times. Please pray for the children to adjust. Pray that their parents can help them understand why, what it's all about and how to help their children become an integral part of the missions outreach. And while we're praying, let's ask our Heavenly Father to show us, His children, the same things and to accept our share in the sacrifice of taking the Gospel of Christ to the nations.

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FROM BETTY'S KITCHEN

At our last "Lunch at Betty's" (for women missionaries and staff), we talked about a new diet that some of the ladies are trying. Then, we had chocolate pie for dessert! Here's the recipe.

NO-CRUST CHOCOLATE PIE

½ cup butter
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
½ cup sifted flour
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 (1-ounce) square unsweetened chocolate, melted (*If you like it "extra chocolaty," use 1 ½ ounce.*)



Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Melt butter in a pan on low heat. Add sugar and mix together. Add eggs followed by flour. Mix in chocolate and vanilla. Pour into a greased 9 to 10 inch pie pan and bake for 25 minutes. You can add chopped nuts to the top if you like. Good with vanilla ice cream or whipped topping. *Hope you enjoy!*

Betty Wilder, Missionary Pastoral Care

Off To A Fast Start!

The last article that I put in the newsletter was praises and overviews of last year. Well, this year is off to a fast start. We have already had several groups out this year starting a lot of new projects. It has been exciting to see the activity around the campus here at SMH, even more exciting to have so many wonderful people desiring to participate. I pray that it continues – there is so much to do. Really, anything that anyone would like to do – can be done.

We have remodeled one of the houses for a new family to move in May 13th. It always seems as though it is the 11th hour upon completion. Praise the Lord, He is providing! I enjoy times that I can get alone and work. It seems as though it becomes a sweet time for me to spend with the Lord. As I was reflecting and working, I was thinking about my dear uncle whom we called "Rich". Last weekend, Rich graduated to Glory. He was a wonderful man that had a long and great life. He was always thinking and doing something. I learned a great deal from him. He was easy to talk to, and learn from. It seems like I had such a short time with him, but what I had was great.

I can't help but think of James 4:13, 14 "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit,' whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." Life is too short and there is far too much to "do." It's easy to get bogged down in the daily routine of life, but we must stay active and "be about the Fathers business." My uncle Rich always used to say "I'll see you around campus." Over the years I grew to love to hear him say that. Looking forward to the next time that I could hang out with him. He's gone ahead of us to glory to see our Savior Jesus Christ. But his example of staying busy and his wise words live on with me.

I know that I got a bit off in this article, but I would love to see you busy about the business of our Heavenly Father. Don't get bogged down – life is but a vapor.

"See you around campus."

by Mike Rich, Sr. VP, responsible for daily operations
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Rives Chapel Baptist Church came out on April 20th and did various projects around the SMH campus. These pictures show some of what was done that day, on Project InAsMuch.



Wreck center foundation.



Painting the flagpoles.



Working on one of our homes.



Pressure washing the guard house.



Playing with the missionary kids.



Fixing lunch for the work team and missionaries.



Working in Mother's Garden.



Senior Lunch and Tour: One of the senior groups who came out for lunch and a tour. Call for information of how your group can come out.



Larry and Joyce George present a picture to NC State Representative Dennis Riddell with his wife, Polly, to be hung in their office at the NC State Capital.



New Covenant Fellowship Church 318 Youth complete laying pavers in Mother's Garden.

Assembling our first Yurt at Camp Glory Farm



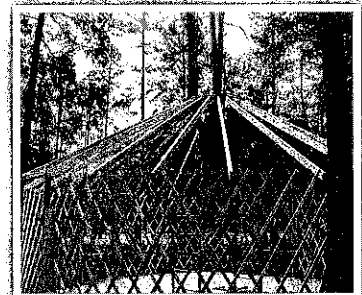
Laying the floor.



Putting up the walls.



Putting up the roof trusses.



Putting on the roofing material.

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By Al & Janice Kennedy*

Camp Glory Farm UPDATE

Camp Glory Farm is an extension arm of SMH to teach volunteers and our community missions through farming. It also provides food for our missionary families.

Things have been busy at Camp Glory Farm. Over the past couple of months, I have had the opportunities to deliver some new little babies. These were the first lambs and kids to be born at Siloam. Our 4 mothers each had one son (two goats and two sheep). It has been a lot of fun watching these little guys grow up. Each has their own unique personality and temperament.

Another exciting thing that we have done is planting our yummy lasagna garden. Some of the families here have jumped in to be a part in order to keep this garden growing and weeded. We are looking forward to seeing the tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and other delicious vegetables coming in.

Summer is right around the corner and I am looking forward to the great events coming up. The most recent thing is our Farm Day on June 22nd. This is going to be a fun, family filled day at Camp Glory Farm. There will be all kinds of exciting events such as booths of items for sale from all over the world, a petting zoo, a picture with an alpaca, food, and the list continues. This event is open to everyone, so we would love to see you too!

Rachel is an associate missionary who receives funding totally through faithful supporters like you. If you would like to become a partner in supporting Rachel, please make your check payable to Siloam and include a note "for Rachel George support."

Serving because of Him, Rachel

Dear Coffee Club Members,

Missionary families coming and going – that seems to be the theme lately, almost like a revolving door. We look forward to meeting the new ones that arrive, getting to know them, and hearing about their ministries. We have just spent a month or so remodeling one of the homes to give it some new floors, paint the whole house and do some much needed improvements. I can hardly wait to take the new family into the house so they can see how God has provided this beautiful home for them!

I hope you will mark your calendars to come and join us on Saturday, June 22, 2013 for our first Farm Day at Camp Glory Farm. There are going to be a lot of fun things for the kids to do, as well as for the adults. So, make plans to bring the family – your kids, or your grandkids! Come and experience Siloam Missionary Homes for a day.

We have some new Coffee Club Members, Paul & Pam Battaglia and David & Anne Coble. We are so grateful for your partnership and for each one who sacrificially gives each month so we can continue to provide this wonderful missionary campus for missionary families.

May God richly bless each of you.
Your "Coffeemate," Joyce George

Joyce is a missionary kid from Brazil, wife of Larry George and co-founder of Siloam. She is also co-host with him on their weekly radio program "A Place Missionaries Call Home." To contact Joyce for speaking engagements or special events, e-mail joyce@siloamhomes.org



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FARM DAY * JUNE 22, 2013 * 10 AM – 4 PM

Bring your family for a day of Fun!

Petting Zoo • Children's games & races

Inflatables, train rides & pony rides for the kids (\$5 wristband)

Trolley Rides for a tour of SMH campus • Crafts for sale

Baked goods for sale • Birdhouses for sale • Hot Dog lunch \$5

