



# Siloam Missionary Homes

*"providing housing to missionaries for a lifetime..."*

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It All  
Begins  
With A  
Home



At the entrance of Siloam you will see multifaceted stone towers with green metal roofs, and on the sides our name *Siloam Missionary Homes*. The main tower is taller than the other two, which represents our main focus – housing for missionaries. The other two towers are smaller and represent ways Siloam provides ministry, such as counseling, fellowship, clothing and food. Camp Glory Farm provides a cultural experience with the logo *"Serve Local, Reach Global."* All of the towers point upward, giving the honor and glory to Jesus Christ. *"One focus, many facets."*

A few weeks ago, a missionary family arrived at Siloam Missionary Homes with a number of small children. As most of you know, Joyce matches the size of the family with the size of the house. This family was moving into one of our bigger homes, which is 2,700 sq. ft. Joyce has told me numerous times that one of the most exciting things for her to do is to take the family and introduce them to their new house. As Joyce opened the door, one of the missionary children said, *"Wow, this is a mansion!"* What joy it brings to our hearts to see the expressions of excitement from the missionary families.

In the Bible there are several illustrations about housing and homes. While writing this article, as I searched, the Lord brought two to mind, both of them in the book of John. John 14:2 is probably the one all of us remember, where

Jesus said *"In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."* Can you imagine how beautiful it is going to be? If God created the world in 7 days, imagine how beautiful heaven will be. Then, in John 19:27 Jesus was concerned about his mother having a home. Hanging on the cross, he looked down on his mother and then at John and said, *"Behold your mother."* In other words, *"Make my mom your mom."* And what did John do for Mary? The Bible says, *"and the disciple took her to his own home"* – not just any home, but his home.

I hope this article will help you to better understand Siloam and how much Siloam Missionary Homes has meant over the years to hundreds of missionary families from all over the world. It continues to be a place of rest, to send them out refreshed. Siloam Missionary Homes is where it all begins with a home, *"a place missionaries call home."* Hebrews 6: 10 is our theme verse, *"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love that you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister."* Thank you, dear friend, for partnering with us. You may never know on this side of eternity your impact in providing a place where weary, traveling missionaries can come to just be a normal family and enjoy one of these beautiful homes that God has provided. Over the years there have been many families like the one I

referred to today that were ready to quit, that are back on the field continuing the difficult and at times challenging ministry in sharing the Love of God to all people. May God bless you today as we serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by providing them *a place missionaries call home.*

## FROM THE MAILBAG

*"Just wanted to say thank you for bringing food while I was down and also how you all work tirelessly to help provide a place for us and so many others to rest and regroup. You have blessed our family in so many ways."*

– Jill, Steve & boys

*"Wow! Thanks for all of the hospitality and concern for my physical needs!!! I so appreciated the great accommodations and the opportunity to do the radio broadcast. You all really have it on the ball!"*

– Paul M.

*"We want you to know that it has been a big help and blessing to our family to be able to stay at Siloam. We appreciate each one of you for the part you've had in providing for so many needs and comforts here. Your warm caring attitude, your prayers and listening ear have all contributed to our encouragement. We appreciate you."*

– John and Darleen C.

*"As I am writing this, I have tears. We are looking forward to returning to our field of ministry, but we are going to miss you all so much. You are like family to us. You have ministered to us during good times and bad and you all have had a great impact on our lives. Your ministry truly touches so many lives."*

– Lew and Jan B.

## CAMP GLORY FARM *by Rachel George*



Bonnie and Ann of Benjamin's Hope with Rachel George and donated goat.

What a busy time we have had at Camp Glory Farm. Over the past couple of weeks I have hatched out ducklings, chicks, and guinea fowl. It is amazing to me to see these tiny eggs produce such a large baby. It has been a lot of fun watching the ducklings swim around in the little pool that I put together their first week of life. They just swish around and talk to each other. At only a couple of days old, they already know how to swim like a professional.

Our lasagna garden produced wonderfully this year. I think the key to this garden was using the Alpaca manure. Alpaca manure is very high in nitrogen, and can be used on any plant, even a small seedling. Once a week, the garden was fertilized with this amazing product. The wonderful thing is that we have a great supply of the manure on our land considering we have 4 Alpacas. We were able to enjoy Cherokee Tomatoes, Cherry Tomatoes, Large Tomatoes, cucumbers, yellow squash, zucchini, cantaloupe, watermelons, bell peppers, banana peppers, and even harvest some of our herbs such as basil, mint, and lemon balm.

Some new gardening techniques that we have begun for our fall crops involve: tire gardening and shallow wade pools. We have lettuces and spinach in these. We have also been able to plant broccoli, cauliflower, and cabbage as well in the lasagna garden.

The animals are doing well. We were able to get involved in Benjamin's Hope in Holland, Michigan. It is very important to me to be able to give back to our community. So, two of our Bucklings were donated and taken to their farm to be used by the residence and staff there. Benjamin's Hope is a wonderful organization that provides a place for adults with autism and also help for their families. We delivered them on September 8th. Even as I write, I have just left the farm where these two little guys will be spoiled and loved by many.

Our first school group came to Camp Glory Farm for a tour, petting zoo, educational experiences, and fun. What a joy to be able to reach out to our own students in this area. Abbey Rich was able to lead this group, as I was out of town delivering our bucklings to Michigan. I look forward to many more opportunities like this in the near future.

I am looking forward to more babies being born here in the next couple of months. We are praying for twins and females. More than anything, that the Lord will receive all the glory for everything done at Camp Glory Farm.

If you would like more information on how to get involved, come for an educational experience, or even a work project, please call Siloam Missionary Homes.

### Donations made in Honor and Memory of...

In memory of *Richard and Theresa Apple* by *Al and Janice Kennedy*

In honor of *Texie Wilson* by *Roger and Donree Howerton*

In memory of *Yukiko George* by *Mark George*

In memory of *Doyle Davis* by *Harold Davis*

In memory of *Harvey Jones* by *Dallas and Gwen Davis*

## AN EXCITING SUMMER

*by Mike Rich, Sr. V.P.*



*Well, the summer has come to a close.* The summer groups were great, with many projects completed. The Barber Shop has been started and is nearly complete. The foundation around the Wreck Center and exercise room has been completed and landscaped with stacked stone. The Treasure Chest is almost complete with the remodeling and hanging drywall on the ceiling "still needs to be finished if you have time." The donated double wide for Camp Glory Farm has been set, but there is a lot to do on that. (Call with questions, PLEASE!) One yurt platform has been completed and has a Yurt in place on it. There are just a few more things to do on that, and it will be ready to use. Sidewalks and waterproofing have been completed behind the Isley House (unit E) to prevent further water damage to the foundation. Permanent electrical has been completed to Dad's Country Store, Chapel, and Wreck Center. And the exterior of the 929 property has been painted and restored along with the storage building there.

Needless to say, it has been a fairly exciting summer, and it looks like it will continue through the fall and winter. I would be lying to say it is not tiring with all of the projects, construction, grounds and building upkeep, traveling and everything else that ministry here requires, and believe me when I say it is difficult to not fall over with exhaustion. I think that I can speak for all of us when I say that. But with all of that said, Abbey and I and our three wonderful children had the fabulous opportunity to travel to Michigan and Indiana a few weeks ago. We were blessed to visit churches and speak on several occasions sharing with them how good and wonderful God truly is. These were churches that have been to SMH working on projects and a number of other things over the years. We also had an opportunity to visit friends and family while we were there. I think the most exciting thing of the trip was that every individual and church that we visited, shared with us the memories, games, and work that they had been a part of. But what blessed me more than anything is that every one of them had a spiritual blessing that they received while here - through the quiet time, devotions, and prayer time. Spiritual renewal is always exciting, far more exciting than anything else that could ever take place.

Like I said earlier, I would be lying to say we don't get weary. I think about Galatians 6:9, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." God knows when we are getting weary. Through the testimonies that I heard while traveling, I have been encouraged and energized so that I wouldn't feel weary. God knew exactly who to place in our paths and gave them the words to say that would encourage us. Isn't it wonderful to serve Him! He knows what we need when we need it. I would like to close by saying thank you all for your acts of labor of love toward Siloam and all of the staff, volunteers, and those that have lived here over the years. Don't be weary or faint. This side of Glory you may never know the impact that you have had, but I can say as for me, You have been a blessing. Thank you for your dedication to our Savior and your giving heart. Keep up the great work that He will be glorified.



Shiloh Baptist church spreading mulch and planting flowers



Shiloh Baptist church cleaning up trees





Pleasant Garden works on electrical for Wreck Center



Pleasant Garden stuffing newsletter envelopes



Pleasant Garden painting one of the homes, getting it ready for another family



Pleasant Garden hanging ceiling drywall in the Treasure Chest.



Maple Grove work team – secret church



Maple Grove work team installing new kitchen cabinets in the donated doublewide



Maple Grove work team packing food bags for the missionary families



Mingo Baptist Church putting up the Barber Shop walls



Jr. Police Academy – youth at risk work day



Jr. Police Academy feeding the animals



Oak Grove Baptist Church building the yurt foundation



Oak Grove Baptist running electrical to Dad's Country Store



1st Baptist Kinston and Oak Grove Baptist working in Mother's Garden



1st Baptist Kinston and Oak Grove Baptist group photo



Trinity Worship Center and Word of Life Church landscaping by the Wreck Center



Trinity Worship Center and Word of Life Church organizing the workshop



Trinity Worship Center and Word of Life Church painting a storage building



Trinity Worship Center and Word of Life Church cleaning the chapel



Farm Day – Petting Zoo

By H. Milton Wilder, Missionary Pastoral Care

At Siloam Missionary Homes, our interest goes beyond providing for missionaries' housing needs temporarily. When you give to Siloam, we want you to consider your gift as an investment in the lives of missionaries. So many times, we see God bring a missionary family here at a particular time in order to use this place and us for His purpose in their lives. One important area of need involves how we might undergird their commitment to their original call to serve the Lord as missionaries. No doubt, God redirects people's lives, but we see a number of missionaries who don't return to the field for a variety of preventable factors. Ultimately, of course, the next step in ministry is between the missionaries and God, but how can pastoral care be a positive influence and encouragement at a time when a "word fitly spoken" (Proverbs 25:11) might be the catalyst for arriving at a right decision?

What we really are talking about is Christians caring for Christians in the Body of Christ, the Church, but with a special emphasis on the particular "category" of "missionary," one sent by the Church. As Kelly O'Donnell writes, "Member care is the ongoing investment of resources by mission agencies, churches, and other mission organizations for the nurture and development of missionary personnel. It focuses on everyone in missions (missionaries, support staff, children, and families) and does so over the course of the missionary life cycle, from recruitment through retirement. Member care is also the responsibility of everyone in missions—sending church, mission agency, fellow workers, and member care specialists" (*Doing Member Care Well*, William Carey Library, Pasadena, 2002, p. 4)

True sending churches realize they must do more than send money to keep missionaries on the field. They recognize the need to be involved personally in the lives of the missionaries whom they support. They learn about and provide care in areas besides financial, while at the same time, meeting financial needs, which they know are essential.

While Siloam Missionary Homes is not a sending agency per se, we want to do our part in cooperating with the church and "everyone in missions" to provide "member care" for the missionaries while they are living here. Please pray for us as we care for missionaries; give financially and give your time and effort as a volunteer to help with the many tasks on site here at Siloam. Please continue to help us help missionaries that we may be an encouragement to them to "keep on keeping on." Also, pray about and look for ways that you can care for and invest in the lives of missionaries in your circle of influence.

## Dear Coffee Club Members,

Did you know that Larry and I host a weekly radio program called "A Place Missionaries Call Home?" On the program, we have the wonderful privilege of talking to missionaries about their lives and what God is doing around the world in missions.



Recently, we were able to talk to the Goddards, third generation missionaries in Paraguay. They were explaining to us how the tribal people in South America have begun to realize that the Great Commission is not just for them to receive – but it is their responsibility to "go and tell others," too. Not long ago, some of these "tribal missionaries" went to a village to share the Gospel with them. The villagers were reluctant to accept their witness. After some time, they discovered that the villagers were offended by how the missionaries smelled – clean from daily baths, shampoo and soap. You see, the villagers did not bathe regularly and the clean smell bothered them. So, in order to win them to Christ, the tribal missionaries decided to give up their daily baths. And now, the villagers have accepted them. Like the Apostle Paul, they gave up their "rights" in order to win some.

To hear more missionary stories, go to our web site at [www.siloamhomes.org](http://www.siloamhomes.org) to listen any time. Or you can listen live at 12:00 noon on Saturdays on WTRU.org. We hope these missionary testimonies will challenge you and let you know what God is doing around the world.

Thank you for your faithful support to Siloam Missionary Homes. Without your generous gifts, we would not be able to give missionaries a place to call home. I pray that God will touch more hearts to partner with us in this incredible ministry to missionary families.

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

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## FROM BETTY'S KITCHEN by Betty Wilder

Last month, a group of ladies from a church in Graham came to Siloam for their meeting, lunch and a tour. We enjoyed having this group and sharing about Siloam with them. Many of the ladies asked us for the recipe for the soup that we served for their lunch. It is a quick and easy, but flavorful soup. We at Siloam would hope you would consider bringing a group from your church or organization to visit, have lunch and tour our campus. We always welcome your visits. I hope you enjoy this soup recipe, as the weather gets cooler.

## BROCCOLI AND CHEESE SOUP RECIPE

- ¼ cup chopped onions
- ¼ cup butter
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1 can cream of potato soup
- 1½ cup whole milk
- 1 cup chicken broth
- ½ pound of Broccoli, steamed and chopped
- ¼ pound soft processed cheese

Cook onions in butter until tender. Add all other ingredients except broccoli and cheese. Blend together and heat.

Add chopped broccoli until heated

Add chunks of cheese a few minutes before serving. Cheese should be partly melted but visible in the soup bowl.