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LET IT BE YOU!

I have the wonderful opportunity to be a part of this ministry that you who are reading this are not only a part of, but involved in. You may be thinking, "Where is Mike going with this?" You may not all be able physically to come out and do the labor, but I can say that we sense your prayers every day. I would like to share part of my devotions from a few days ago, from a book entitled "Prayer Is Invading the Impossible." The title of this particular day is "Let It Be You."

The God we worship is the Lord of creation, and His power knows no limits except those He imposes on Himself. Here is one of them: He waits to work His will on earth in answer to humans who ask. His kingdom - His eternal rulership - will only rule on earth where it is invited.

It is not a question of His ability to dominate on the sheer strength of His own intent. But with reference to earth and people, He has chosen to confine Himself to specific channels of operation. He wills to work through people. Rebels may resist, sin may abound, but He will find someone through whom He can work.

Jesus is saying, "Let it be you." Luke 11:2 "And He said unto them, When ye pray say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth."

- By Jack W. Hayford

As I spent the day thinking about this, the Lord brought you to my mind. The reason I say that, is because I was preparing for our annual board meeting, putting together a list of projects that have been accomplished in 2012. Briefly I would love to share some of them with you as an overview of the year that has passed so quickly.

BEGAN CAMP GLORY FARM DEVELOPMENT

- Barn remodel:
 - Poured new concrete floor
 - Built additions: tack and feed room, a clean room and milking parlor, equipment storage
 - Sided entire barn with rough-cut lumber
- Cleared and perimeter fenced $\frac{3}{4}$ (5 acres) of the farm area both with woven farm fence and electric fence top and bottom and sectioned and fenced 6 pasture areas
- Installed organic raised bed garden preparing for springtime community garden
- Wired and plumbed for 2 temporary RV sites (use often)
- Built a fire pit at the farm
- Installed water line into barn from existing
- Cleared and graded property for RV (4) and campsites.

Completed Second Phase of Recreational Center (The Exercise Room)

- Designed and outfitted a state of the art exercise room (all equipment donated)

Began remodeling and expansion of the Treasure Chest

Replaced vinyl flooring in Kitchen and Dining Room of Unit A

929 house - A crack in the bathtub caused water damage to floor in master bedroom. Replaced Master bedroom sub floor and installed laminate flooring in master bedroom. Painted and updated interior of the Isley House (unit E)

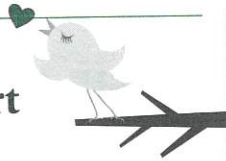
Completed The Rice House (unit J) \$48.00 per square foot.

Now thinking about these things the only thing that comes to mind is "Praise The Lord!" This place would not exist, and these projects would not have been accomplished were it not, first of all, for Our Heavenly Father, your prayers, physical help, and monetary support. Proverbs 15:29, "The Lord is far from the wicked: ***but He heareth the prayer of the righteous.***"

As we enter into 2013 as brothers and sisters in Christ, I invite and encourage you to stay involved. I am excited because this year is going to be another year of excitement in that "we" (you and the staff here at SMH) will see the All Mighty God of this Universe work beyond our amazement. Your involvement is eternally vital!

Because of Christ We Stand,
Mike Rich, Senior V.P.

A Merry Heart



A missionary is one called by God to serve and share the good news! It begins the moment we step out of bed, and ends the moment we enter the gates of heaven. I was challenged to be a blessing without the person knowing who gave the blessing. Did I get your attention? I hope so.

Joyce and I were sitting in a restaurant when we saw an older lady sitting at the other end of the building by herself eating her dinner alone. While eating, I kept looking up, thinking that could be me or my mom or a friend. How could we show her that God loved her? So we motioned to the waitress and after getting her attention said to her very quietly that when it came time to give that lady her bill, to give it to us and tell her that her bill is paid for, but please don't tell her we did it. Of course, this got the waitress excited too. She was the one to deliver the good news. Later on, we watched as the waitress told the lady that her bill was paid. She immediately looked a little puzzled got a huge smile on her face and began to look around the room as to see if she was on Candid Camera. Putting on her coat, she started to walk out of the diner when our eyes connected. She then walked over to us and said, "Excuse me sir, did you just buy my dinner?" I didn't know what to say and lose the blessing, but then I replied, "Yes we did." She then responded with, "Can I ask you why?" "Well," I began, "God has blessed us so much that we wanted to share His blessing with you." This put a smile on her face. She said, "Thank you," and left the restaurant.

We never saw that lady again and it doesn't really matter who she was. But it did to God. He loved her and wanted us to do the same. It made my day and I am sure it made hers. Imagine her telling the story to a friend.

Proverbs 17:22 *"A merry heart does good, like medicine."* A person's inner life affects his physical well being. A cheerful heart translates into two Hebrew words that are rendered "a happy heart."

Have a wonderful day. Be a missionary today and touch someone's life by blessing them. This is the first day of the rest of our life! Be blessed.

— Larry George, President

Everyone's Called — Everyone Has a Ministry Here

Beep Beep! This is my least favorite noise, with a wave out the window... For those of us at Siloam, it's the sound of our spiritual 'pay day'. It's the day that we say we have done for this family what God has called us to do, and our missionary friends move on to the next step that God has for them. It's the day I console our kids to remind them of their ministry here, too.

God hasn't just called Mike & me, He has called Macie, Preston and David, too. As we talk around our dinner table and the kids say 'I wish so-and-so were here,' we remind them that a new family needs us and we need them. I tell our kids to make room in their hearts for more kids - more friends. Macie told one of the missionary moms the other day that a new family had moved in and it was her responsibility to make sure the kids felt at home here. She is the 'kid's-hostess.'

We said some good-byes in December, but some hello's soon after. We are making room in our hearts to see how we can be used for these new families who need Siloam- and us- but more than that- we need them. And thankfully, there's always Facebook and Skype for us to stay connected after the good-bye horns blow.

— Abbey Rich

Camp Glory Farm

Things have been busy at the farm. It is amazing to see the changes that have been happening over the past few months. I have been hatching chicks and keets (baby guineas). We now have 3 alpacas, 3 sheep, 3 goats, 4 guineas, 11 chickens, and a lasagna garden. It has been exciting to learn how to work with each of them. The Lord continues to teach me life lessons through these beautiful animals that parallel to His Word.

Daily, as I care for the animals, I am amazed at their trust in me. They don't run around worried if their needs will be cared for. Instead, they fully trust their shepherdess to provide. How often I think we fear the lack of things we need because we really do not understand His perfect love for us. In I John 4:18, *"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love."* (NKJV) As I go about my day, I remind myself of this lesson He is teaching me. Daily, I ask Him to show me His perfect love. Each day is a new adventure in my relationship with Heavenly Father as He teaches me to trust completely in Him. So, I ask you...do you know His **perfect** love?

—Rachel George

FROM BETTY'S KITCHEN

One of the recipes that I am asked to share is the recipe for "Carrot Soufflé." It is always the requested dish of my three grandsons when they come to my house. When we have missionary families with children in our home and I make Carrot Soufflé, the children ask for the recipe. I hope your family enjoys it also.

CARROT SOUFFLÉ

- 1 pound Carrots
- ½ cup melted butter
- 3 Eggs
- 3 T. Flour
- 1 tsp. Baking Powder
- 1 tsp. Vanilla (*The vanilla lessens the carrot taste.*)
- ¾ to 1 cup Sugar

(depends on how sweet your carrots are)



Cook carrots until tender and drain. Put carrots in blender and blend with all ingredients until mixture is smooth.

Cook at 350 degrees in greased, 2-quart casserole about 45 minutes or until center of soufflé is done. Serve immediately.



Mingo Baptist Church unloading donated clothing.



Missionary children played the bells during music recital.



Missionary children played bells for Wake Chapel Church.



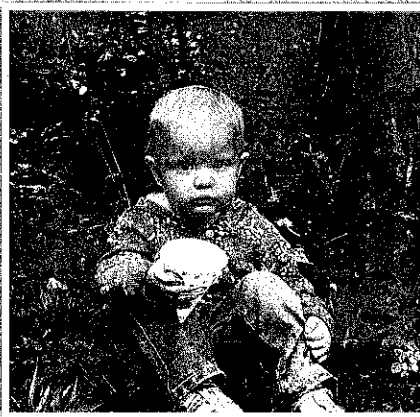
Missionary kids showing off the completed lasagna garden.



Families around the campfire during the Homeschooling Party.



Missionary kids working hard on lasagna garden.



Bethany taking a break.



David Rich showing off his Music Class Certificate.



Pastor David Jackson making presentation to Mike Rich, new Sr. V.P.



Missionary Kids sledding in the snow.

When you pray for Siloam Missionary Homes, I have a request for you to include in your prayers. Pray for the missionaries who are unsure about returning to the field. Pray that when they ask counsel from us, God will give us wisdom to help them to be clear as to His will. The percentage of missionaries who do not remain on the field — missionary attrition — is relatively high, because of both non-preventable and preventable reasons. "Current estimates are that more than 6000 missionaries quit and go home every year for reasons that are preventable" (<http://myparacletos.org/what-we-do/advocate-groups/>). How can we help missionaries stay committed to their field of service?

Sometimes we don't have the opportunity to help in that way because a few missionaries arrive at Siloam to begin their transition back into stateside life, a new direction and career. We, of course, can't decide God's will for their life and we trust that they made their decision under His guidance. In honesty, however, I still wonder if they might have decided differently if they had received more encouragement not to give up the task, if someone had shown them a different perspective, had persuaded them to have more patience to wait on the Lord. If someone had confronted them more directly to remind them of their original commitment and responsibility of obedience, I don't know, but I wonder if they would have continued to "press on."

Pray that we can help those who are not sure about their next step, who may be frustrated, discouraged, who need a listening ear and Biblical advice when appropriate. Even though they are missionaries who have ministered to others, they may need a reminder of God's promise of His care, protection, presence, deliverance, His forgiveness, acceptance, unfailing love and faithfulness. Perhaps they need a friend. Pray that we can fulfill our role of providing missionary pastoral care. We need the Holy Spirit's guidance and strength.

Siloam offers a place that missionaries can call home, where they can stay awhile and ideally, return to their ministry, sent (that's the meaning of "Siloam" in John 9:7), renewed and refreshed to serve with new strength and enthusiasm. Our goal is always for the ideal to be the reality for the missionaries whom we desire to serve in Jesus' name. Thank you for the ways you provide support for us to serve His servants.

— H. Milton Wilder, *Missionary Pastoral Care*

Dear Coffee Club Members,



We have had a lot of fun these past few months. This fall we had a Homeschooler event, where the families got to roast hot dogs and s'mores and carve pumpkins. The missionary children helped build our lasagna garden, and get it ready for spring planting. Wake Chapel Christian Church came and provided a Thanksgiving program for our missionary families, as well as a Thanksgiving box with all of the fixings. Mingo Baptist Church brought a load of clothing for our Treasure Chest.

Rachel has been doing a weekly music class with the missionary kids, as well as teaching piano and guitar. In November, the children put on a recital for us and did a wonderful job! It was such a blessing to watch them perform and show what they had been learning.

One of the highlights this year is that my son-in-law, Mike Rich, was named Senior Vice President of Siloam. He has done an incredible job of managing the daily operations of the ministry. The Board of Directors made this decision at the January board meeting and made a presentation to him during our annual Board of Directors/Missionaries dinner. We are so thankful to the Lord for bringing him into our lives and into ministry with us.

Photos of all of these events are shown inside this newsletter.

We have two new Coffee Club Members to welcome — Paul & Pam Battaglia and David & Anne Coble. We are so grateful to all who have partnered with us to help us provide a place for missionaries to call home.

God bless you!!

Your "Coffeemate," *Joyce George*

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