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## I Sack Lunch 4

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by Larry George,  
President, Co-Founder

**D**id you know the average person could save \$1,000 a year if they would take a sack lunch instead of eating out? Siloam Missionary Homes (myself included) would like to challenge you and your family to join us for the months of March or April to carry a sack lunch instead of going out to eat. All of us have seen the cost of living going up and with such a cold winter, we are all being stretched. To meet our 2014 budget because we were not able

to carry over from last year, we need to raise about \$30,000. We felt it was important for us not raise any of our housing fees or add additional fees for our missionary families.

So, in thinking about what we could do, I was reminded of the little boy who gave his lunch to the disciples. The disciples wanted to send the people away to the neighboring towns, but Jesus had them sit down. He wanted the disciples and the people to see what only God could do. It probably wasn't easy for the child to give up his lunch. I'm sure he was hungry, too. But he did, and GOD blessed it. Jesus took this small lunch and gave it to the multitude. They had more than enough! So I thought, "why not trust the Lord and ask my family to be a part of this blessing?" It all goes to helping missionary families to have a place to call home. This is something I can do and share it with others, too.

Some of you may want to fast and pray – others may sack lunch it. This will also be a way to share your faith and heart for missions. So when I have someone ask me if I could go to lunch, I'm going to tell them I appreciate it, but I'm sack lunching it this month for missions. Want to help? Collect the money and then send it so Siloam. It's going to be exciting to hear what happened to you when God showed up.

Now this is going to be a real stretch for me, too. I am going to journal my experience and would love to read about yours. Joyce and I are going to include Saturdays and Sundays too because we don't eat out as much during the week and it will be something hard for us to give up. I love to eat out on Sundays. Instead we are going to eat at moms. March has 31 days and 5 Sundays. Why, just Sundays alone would allow us to give \$100. Imagine if every family receiving this helped. Get your children and grandchildren involved. Have your school and church do this too.

I am excited to see what God is going to do! Who knows, I may actually lose a few unwanted pounds too. Have fun and pray for us. May He receive the honor and glory.

**"It has been my privilege to be able to live my life to try to fill the task... the best way I could."**



*Dorothy Abbey with granddaughter, Abbey Rich.*

**M**om wasn't your normal missionary. We can only describe her as a true follower of Jesus. Like Jesus who helped so many, she was the lady who spent her time loving and caring for the neighborhood prostitute and was the voice for the down and out. She quit high school to help her mother raise her sisters and brother. She once told us, "I was the kid from the other side of the tracks." She said she was star struck when she saw her future husband and blushed when she said, "I unashamedly chased him until I caught him. He was, after all, my Sunday School teacher."

Together they raised five kids on the mission field. The book, *Commandos for Christ*, tells about one of their jungle adventures. The Abbeys spent 40 years in missions and retired when Wilbur was 80 (Dorothy was 11 years younger than Wilbur). They came out of retirement and co-founded Siloam Missionary Homes with Larry and Joyce. Dorothy spent her last seven years with her daughter, Gloria, in Spring City Tennessee.

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(left) Senior groups love to come to visit our campus for a tour and lunch. Call to find out how your group can come!

(center) Live Nativity during our "Catch the Spirit of Christmas" event.

(right) Nathan Byrd drove the tractor to pull the trolley during our "Catch the Spirit of Christmas" event.

By Mike Rich, Sr. V.P. responsible for daily operations

Wow! I do not have to tell you that it has been quite a winter thus far. From a leaky roof in the barn at Camp Glory Farm, frozen pipes, broken sewer lines, right down to the gravel on the driveway completely going away, making for very unpleasant mud cart paths (when it is not frozen!). I walk and look, and pray and look, and cry and pray and look - at times overwhelming. My grandfather used to say, "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." Well, grandpa would be proud because there is no idle time. I think that the largest burden isn't the amount of things that need attention, but the lack of resources to address the issues at hand. I always worry about how I, or we, can best use the resources that the Lord provides on a daily basis. He does do that! We try to fix, patch, restore, upgrade, whatever we possibly can to save and make things work.

I guess this is the way the Lord keeps us humble. If we had endless financial resources, life may or may not be any easier. I joke with Abbey, my wife, sometimes and tell her that it sure would be nice to find out how it feels to be able to replace a roof if it needs it, or if we have a church group without any money that wants to finish a house to tell them to come and just do it.

Actually, right now that is the case. I have a few church groups that are anxious to work, but have no funding. We have a double wide at Camp Glory that is in serious need of remodeling, and a group of guys who want to re-roof, re-side, and remodel it. But there is no funding to do it. That's just one of the projects like that. The list is long, I believe that the laborers are available, but the finances are not allowing it.

Please do not think that I am not grateful for ALL of the blessings that the Lord continues to pour out. God is good, "Great!" and I am amazed daily. I love to share with folks how great He is! I am encouraged and challenged by Romans 12:11-12, "Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer."

I am humbled when I look around and see all that needs to be done, and heavy-hearted knowing that I have to wait. Please excuse my transparency. I pray that sharing my heart does not insult or offend those of you that are reading this. James 4:13-17, "Go to now, ye that say, today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year and buy and sell and get gain. Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live and do this or that. But now, ye rejoice in your boastings, all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore to him, that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

Time is short - there's a Lot to do!

By Larry George, President

Dear Friends,

I am excited about all the ministry opportunities our staff and board have planned for 2014 and we want so much for you to be a part of the best year yet here at Siloam Missionary Homes.

Last fall I was in Michigan visiting with Les Lancer of WPNW Radio, and on his desk was a very catching poster that said "Live your calling on Fire." I was staring at it when he said, "do you like it?" As I was leaving he gave it to me. "Live your calling on fire," what a statement! Col. 3; 23 says *"and what ever you do, do so heartily as to the Lord and not to men."* **Heartily as in a hearty manner, with all sincerity, with zest or gusto.** Don't you just love those words? I call them wake up words. Live your calling with zest, and with gusto, yet with sincerity. Oh, that my life would reflect the Lord more this year than ever before.

Years ago I was working as an inspector, and everyday I met my boss in the hallway of the office and he said, "Larry how is everything out there in the plant?" Well I thought to my self, it has been quite the day, and he did ask, so I kind of dumped on him. In doing so I watched the expression change on his face, and he would walk away. I soon realized that I was not a bearer of good news, and he wouldn't stop and talk to me about how it was going. Not that he didn't want to know, it was how I responded. Now when I think back to that moment in my life, I realize how maybe I could have put a more positive spin on my work. Jesus did this in many areas of his life. He knew all the things he was going to have to suffer, but went to the suffering to comfort them. Jesus knew his days were numbered, yet he took the time to wash the disciples feet and talked to the woman at the well. God continues to point me in the direction of encouragement to missionaries.

Last week I had a missionary whose transmission went out on his van. He was pretty distraught. To fix the car would cost way more then it was worth. I had to answer a phone call and left him just looking at me. Over the next few hours the Lord said to me, "Larry you are doing what you tell church people not to do. This man has a need, and you need to not only encourage him, but help him." I tried my best to justify my situation by being busy and thought 'someone will help him, don't worry about it.' Then that evening while at prayer meeting, my pastor read in Matt 5: 41-42, "And whoever compels you to go one mile go with him two. Give to him who asks you, and from him that who wants to borrow from you do not turn him away." God clearly spoke to me that night from his word. It shook me to the very core. The Lord said you have to help this man, give him your car. Compared to eternity this car really won't matter, what matters is being willing to do what God requires us to do. Today this missionary family is on the road telling the people about Jesus. Thank you Lord for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful journey of life.

## Mark Your Calendar!!

**"Farm Days" Memorial Weekend May 23-26, 2014.**  
Call for information about music groups, events, food,  
camping. More information to come!

**"Catch the Spirit of Christmas"**  
December 5&6 and 12&13, 2014

## From the Mailbag

✉ "You are such a blessing for us. Thank you so much."  
Tamran and Fara

✉ "When we first came here, I felt God was giving me the verse from II Sam. 22:30, "He brought me out into a spacious place; He rescued me because He delighted in me." Lately, I have been thinking of the term "spacious place" often. Although the term speaks to a variety of levels of application in my life, Siloam has certainly been a big part of how God is fulfilling this verse for me. As I sit here looking out into the beautiful view of the surrounding woods, filled with the life and antics of the birds and squirrels, it brings me rest and peace. And I believe healing is taking place within.

The gift of Siloam's help with food, clothing and the reduced cost of housing allows me/us to truly rest in this spacious place without trying financial burdens that would otherwise weigh upon us. Thank you for your part in making Siloam a place of healing waters. I am ever grateful." - Deb

✉ "Siloam Missionary Homes has been a true God send for our family. You have showered so many special blessings over our family throughout our time here. We could never thank you enough. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for offering us your friendship, prayers and support, and a place to call home when we didn't have one. We will always remember our time there as a special one."  
- Nick, Jenn, Joy, Sol, Avery and Justice

✉ "Thank you so much for being such a blessing for our family. It is so amazing for us to see how God is using you to be a great blessing for us and we would like you to know how much we appreciate you. May God bless you abundantly."  
-Koffi & Elisabeth

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Below is a letter written by my Mom, Dorothy Abbey.

Sept 27 2009 -

I can't sleep so I had better tell you why!  
Today my glasses frame broke - so I went to the  
Eyedoc; Doc Willard - I ended up with a beautiful  
Glasses frame and new lens -  
Since I am 88 (Thank you Lord) I got to thinking about  
my laying in a coffin (sp)? What a shame to see  
that beautiful frame just laying there; not needed -  
why not give the new ones to some one who can't afford  
a pretty frame that sits - So put a one dollar  
frame on my face; and if I take my trip soon  
why not give the new ones to a live person?!  
who can't afford the like -? OK -

So tell them my story - maybe they can tell of Jesus too  
I wanted to serve the Lord from when I was 7 years  
old - the story - a Missionary lady had been to  
India; but became to sick to stay; she told my Sunday  
school class that "now there is no one to tell the  
people about Jesus - I wanted to be that one from  
then on -

It has been my privilege to be able to live my  
life to try to fill that task - the best I could -

Must said for now -

Dorothy Abbey -

excuse the bad writing - No glasses yet - (being made)



Rachel with one of the baby goats.



Preston and Jonah showing off garden last summer.

## CAMP GLORY FARM NEWS

So many exciting things have happened over the past few months. We have had three female, healthy kids born. They are around 2-3 months old. One of the mothers had twins and it is amazing to see the tender care that they take and how well they protect their sweet babies. Right now, I am waiting on our sheep to have their little lambs as well as for Sierra, our alpaca, to have her little one too. It's always exciting to see the new babies born.

Right around the corner we will be preparing and planting our spring garden. We are excited to once again see the produce that the Lord will provide. My 4-H group will be joining together with another group in our area to do this project. We look forward to a day of fun, hard work, and learning.

There are always exciting things to learn and to be a part of at Camp Glory Farm. If you have a group that you would like to bring to learn, get hands on experience, and become a part of this ministry, please be sure to contact our office. We would love to put together an experience here at Camp Glory Farm that you will never forget.

Changed by Him

— Rachel George, Camp Glory Farm Director

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## Mutual Encouragement

When new missionary families move into our little "village" at Siloam Missionary Homes, Betty and I invite them to our home to share a meal with us. Their visit helps us to become better acquainted with them and gives them an opportunity to learn who we are and what we do at Siloam. We want them to feel "at home" while they are living at Siloam and hope to make them feel more comfortable in sharing with us if they have any need with which we might help them. We enjoy the fellowship with them and are always looking for ways to encourage them. Missionaries arriving from various places in the world are often coming from stressful situations; they need some rest and renewal — as well as encouragement — and often, just want a listening ear. Of course, some only need Siloam as a home base from which they can go and come to visit supporters and gain new support of their mission work.

Two nights of the week I'm writing this article, Betty prepared dinner for new missionary arrivals, one couple and another family of five. We enjoyed the time with them and, as is often the case, hearing their stories and understanding more about their commitment to serve the Lord is an encouragement to us. We are encouraged when we see a couple from the hot climate of an African country freezing in our cold weather and now facing the frigid air of New England because they are dedicated to raising funds to build the church back in Africa. It also encourages us to see a couple giving up the comforts of our lifestyle in the United States to face the dangers of civil war in order to take the gospel of Christ to a country in Africa.

We could go on, because the examples are many. In our work of missionary pastoral care, it has been a blessing for the missionaries to remind us so frequently of the mutual nature of encouragement — and to be encouraged!

— *H. Milton Wilder, Missionary Pastoral Care*  
Milton@silohomes.org

## Dear Coffee Club Members,



The past couple of months have been a roller coaster of emotions for me and my family. You may or may not know that on December 23, 2013, my mother went home to be with the Lord. What a blessed privilege it was for me to spend the last week of my mom's life with my three sisters and my brother. As we stood by mom's hospital bed, at first we didn't know that this would be the end of "her journey," as she used to call it. But, as the days went by, we came to realize that yes, this was her time.

Many times over the past two months, as I have stood in church services to worship in song, I have envisioned in my mind what it must have been like for her when she stepped onto the shores of heaven. Did my dad wait for her at the gate? (He has been there for 10 years already.) Did he take her by the hand and lead her to the Throne where God and Jesus sit, and together they kneeled to worship the One who they had spent so many years serving together? I know this may not be reality, but it encourages my heart to know that they are there now, with the Savior that was so faithful to them in the jungles of Brazil, here at Siloam Missionary Homes and in life.

You may not have had the privilege of knowing my mom and dad, but I am so grateful to God for giving me such faithful parents. Someday, I too, will step onto the shores of heaven. Maybe they will be waiting for me at the gate and will take my hand to meet and bow before my Savior...together once again for eternity.

Your "Coffeemate,"

Joyce George, *Office Manager and Co-founder* | joyce@silohomes.org

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## RECIPES BY BETTY WILDER

Here's a recipe for **QUICK CHOCOLATE SHEET CAKE** that I have used many times and you do not even need a mixer to prepare it. I hope you and your family enjoy it. — *Betty Wilder*

### Chocolate Cake:

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| • 1 Stick Butter | • 1/4 cup Cocoa        |
| • 1 cup Water    | • 1/2 cup Buttermilk   |
| • 2 cups Flour   | • 2 cups Sugar         |
| • 1/4 tsp. Salt  | • 2 Eggs (well beaten) |
| • 1 tsp. Vanilla | • 1 tsp. Baking Soda   |

Boil butter, oil, cocoa and water for 2 to 3 minutes. Sift flour, sugar, salt. Add boiling mixture to dry ingredients. Add eggs, then buttermilk with soda. Add vanilla, stir with wooden spoon; do not use mixer. Bake at 350°.

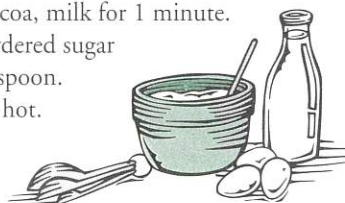
### Chocolate Icing:

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| • 1/2 Stick Butter | • 2 T. Cocoa                |
| • 4 T. Milk        | • 2 cups Sifted Power Sugar |

Boil butter, cocoa, milk for 1 minute.

Pour over powdered sugar and mix with spoon.

Ice cake while hot.



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