

# Merry Christmas!



This is one of the most exciting times of the year here at Siloam Missionary Homes. We decorate the property with lots of Christmas lights and you can watch the excitement grow among the missionary children. We try hard to make Christmas extra special with a party for the children and the adults. I was watching out my window as James, a missionary kid from Guam, was putting lights on his house. His brothers and sisters were all smiles as they plugged in the lights.

We praise the Lord for a wonderful year that has provided a home to many missionary families. Here are a couple of thank you notes from them.

Dear SMH Staff,  
Thank you for providing us with such a blessed home during our transition period these last few months. We are so blessed by your ministry and friendship and continue to marvel at all the ways God has provided for us in His perfect timing.  
Leo & Beth W.

Dear Siloam,  
Thank you so much for allowing us to stay here at this restful place. We really enjoyed - and needed - this retreat.  
May God bless you and your wonderful ministry here!  
Pastor & Mrs. Kent R.

Rachel is doing a wonderful job directing Camp Glory Farm, an arm ministry of Siloam, and is busy putting together next year's projects. Joyce continues to manage the office. Milton and Betty, our Missionary Pastoral Care staff, have done a wonderful job planning missionary family events and daily prayer and encouraging the missionary families. Henry Hagood works hard to keep the homes and campus in great shape.

This year we were able to finish many projects that we carried over from 2014. The major one was finishing the yurts for our volunteers to stay in and the bathhouse, which is 99 % complete. God has been so good and has blessed in so many ways. I am spending a lot of my time mentoring the older MKs. I believe that we can help them learn an American work ethic. (The school of hard knocks.) So Henry, Rachel, Milton and I and are teaching them how to drive, plant a garden, do maintenance, work with livestock - you get the idea. Not only is it teaching them job skills and social interaction, but it also has been a huge help to maintain over 33 acres. They are wonderful and make me proud and also I get a good laugh. It makes life so much simpler and free.



James enclosed the gator, so he could work even in the rain!

This past year has been trying on our budget and we have stretched each dollar. We all know that it is expensive to take care of this campus and Henry and Rachel have tried very hard, too. Right now we have the furnace out in our house. The heat exchanger is cracked and we need to replace the furnace. I keep forgetting the houses age too :) We have not raised the monthly maintenance fee for several years in hopes that the money comes in. We are praying that we can end the year in the black so that we can keep next years' increase to a minimum. Our missionary families are struggling too, and we want to keep their cost down.

Thank you so much for being our friends and partners in ministry. I pray that during this Christmas season that you allow yourself time to thank God for sending His Son to give us a home in Heaven. We love each of you and pray that 2016 will be a great year to reach the world for Jesus. Thank you, too, for giving Joyce and me the wonderful privilege of serving missionary families with housing. God is so good and faithful to all of us.

Merry Christmas and Have a Happy New Year,

Joyce George  
Betty Wilder Milton Wilder Larry  
Henry Hagood

