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Be Patient...Enjoy the Journey

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. — James 1:12

Having the patience of Job. Does that bring a smile to your face? I remember years ago when Joyce and I were first married and we were praying together and I heard her pray, "Lord, give us patience." I immediately interrupted her and said, "Wait!!! Don't pray that, Joyce, because God will hear that and bring trials into our lives. It's like wishing bad luck on someone." Sound familiar?

To endure temptation talks about enduring with patience. When I think about this, I am reminded about the number of things that missionaries staying here at Siloam face — waiting on paperwork to return to the field, making the arrangements to return, the doctor visits, buying materials they need...and the list goes on. A lot of a missionary's time is taken up with waiting. For most of you that know me, to wait is painful. I have to help God, or so I am prone to believe. I worry that in waiting, supporters lose interest and may think I am being slack. After all, there has to be a quicker way, right? Remember the saying, "Hurry up and wait?" :)

I want to thank you for your patience with me. I know at times I get so busy at being busy that I forget to tell you. But Joyce and I love each of you and your part in the ministry of Siloam Missionary Homes.

We are entering our 23rd year. So much has been done in developing this 33-acre campus and God has been so good, but many times God has put us in a waiting pattern so that He can use different people to help accomplish His will. What will that do? It brings the glory back to Him. This is one of the hidden treasures I have come to see in my life. Like a plane that is waiting to land and the air traffic controller puts you in a waiting pattern to land. "Patience please," I hear in my head as I run out the door to the next meeting, slopping my coffee as I run. Slow down, breathe and think, "Ok Lord, this is for you."

Hebrews 6:10 is Siloam's call to action. "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shown toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

God is faithful, but He also wants us not only to endure, but to enjoy the journey.

This year we have many opportunities for you to be part of the work here at Siloam. Every Tuesday and Thursday is for volunteers to come and help us with routine maintenance and projects. This is a huge shot in the arm for our limited staff and it really encourages us, too.

We have several projects in the making and need you. With summer work teams coming, we have much to do.

- › The bathhouse needs to be completed at the farm — electrical, insulation, plumbing and drywall.
- › The yurts need half-baths put in, water lines run, a 1,000-gallon tank installed, two toilets and two sinks put in.
- › We also need to build two 12x12 covered decks and walkways for the yurts.
- › We need to purchase another HV/AC unit for the other yurt.
- › Fence to put up
- › A chicken house to build

Ok...I could go on and on, but I, too, need to be patient. I encourage you to pray and ask God how He can use you to be a part this year. He has promised to help us.

I pray as we work, we can all enjoy the journey along the way. May the Lord bless each of you as we labor together in being that link — providing a wonderful place a missionary can call home.

Hoping to see you soon,

Larry George
President and Co-Founder

"The name of the LORD is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe."

– Proverbs 18:10

*"The LORD is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him."*

– Exodus 15:2

Things have been exciting and busy at our farm. On January 18th, we had a female kid born. She was a **huge** 5.2 pounds. Although this might seem little, for a Nigerian Dwarf Goat, this is a pretty large baby considering the average weight for them is around 2-3 pounds. Both Momma and Baby are doing wonderfully. We decided to call her Gabby because she is quite the talkative little one. We also have 6 little ducklings that are just as noisy and happy as can be. Soon, we will see some little lambs born as well.

Over these past couple of months, I've had the great opportunity to have an intern here to help me out at the farm. Jessica is from Indiana and has a love for missions as well as farming. She has been a great help and is a dependable worker and learner. We have had some great learning experiences together.

Jehovah's protection is amazing. So often, when difficult circumstances come our way, we tend to focus on the negative, the losses. We become so busy in our every day life, that we miss the promises of God. As I



Gabby, our new baby goat, born on January 18th.

was journaling one day, the Lord impressed this on my heart. He said, *"Rachel, often you become so busy that you miss My promises for you in the rainbow of the morning dew."* Have you ever looked at the sunlight as it reflects on the dew first thing in the morning? If you look close enough, you will see a rainbow. How quickly we rush through our day and miss even these small blessings and promises.

His promises to never leave us, never to forsake us (Deut. 31:6). The security in knowing that NOTHING can remove us from His hand (John 10:27-19)... amazing!

I can remember as a child, lying on the grass and looking up into the starry night. I would imagine that the dark sky was a big blanket, and the stars were actually little holes in the blanket that you could see the light of Heaven shining through. It seemed to be comforting to think that God was shining down on me, even in the darkest of nights. How often we miss the innocence of a child because of the storms of life. I praise the Lord, that HE is Master and can calm the storms. That He will be there through it all. Every detail of our lives is recorded and important to Abba, Daddy.

So, tomorrow morning...look for His promises. In the evening, as you look up at the stars, remember that God IS watching over you.

Rachel George,
Director of Camp Glory Farm



Jessica Bellville,
Rachel's winter intern,
has been busy sorting
and organizing the
Treasure Chest.

HIDDEN TREASURES

There are some “hidden treasures” in our little “village” of Siloam Missionary Homes. We encounter the hidden treasures in containers of many sizes, shapes, more than one color and of varied ages from less than a year to early twenties. Of course, we are speaking of the hidden treasures within the children of our missionary family here at Siloam.

Right now, we have 44 MKs (Missionary Kids); probably the largest number here at any time since SMH came into being. Who knows the treasures that may come forth from the lives of those who are “at home” here for a while? Some of the talents, gifts and abilities within their lives are already evident – musically, artistically, socially, academically, physically and otherwise. The personalities and character traits of some give hints of how the Lord may use their lives in the future. Several are already beginning preparations for a lifetime of service. For others, it will be some time before we see a clear direction for their lives.

The hidden treasures reside in these lives, with the potential of being revealed if nurtured, encouraged, trained and allowed to develop through God’s molding and polishing. They need the prayers of the rest of us in the Body of Christ. Their parents need prayer for wisdom, guidance, patience and parental skills, balancing time and effort between family and ministry. MKs have some advantages in being able to “see the world,” learning from cross-cultural experiences. Yet, those same advantages can become liabilities as they try to adjust to living in different cultures, making and leaving friends, communicating in different languages, etc. Pray for the ability to deal effectively with these problems. Growing up as an MK has its own unique set of problems. It’s difficult enough growing up in one society today, much less dealing with the necessary adjustments to living in more than one society. Pray that they will all know and live for Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and treasure.

Remember to pray for the opening of the hidden treasures found in these lives for God’s glory. Also, consider that when you support Siloam Missionary Homes through your prayers, gifts and volunteering your time and efforts, you are helping to create and maintain an environment where for a time, these lives have an opportunity to develop more of their treasures.

– H. Milton Wilder, *Missionary Pastoral Care*



Mingo Baptist Church put up Christmas decorations in the Barber Shop.



Mingo Baptist Church group came and sorted and hung clothing in the Treasure Chest.

From the Mailbag

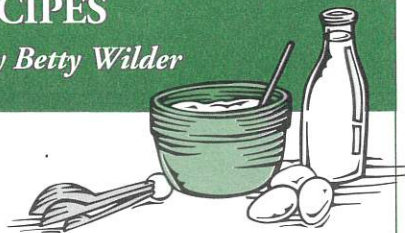


“Thank you so much for all that you have done and do for our family. We are very grateful to all of you. We pray for you and your ministry. May God bless you and keep you in His Care.”

— The Beelers, missionaries in Ecuador

RECIPES

By Betty Wilder



My sister gave me this recipe. I have used it for luncheons here at SMH and someone is always asking for the recipe. I used it at Lunch at Betty's (lunch at my home with the missionary ladies at SMH).

One of the women who is from South Africa wanted me to know how much she liked it and asked what was in the salad. I hope you enjoy it.

FROZEN CRANBERRY SALAD

- 1 can sweetened condensed milk (10 oz.)
- 1 can whole berry cranberry sauce (16 oz.)
- 1 can crushed pineapple, drained (20 oz.)
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 container whipped topping (8 oz.)

In large bowl, combine milk, cranberry sauce, pineapple and nuts. Fold in whipped topping.

Spread in 9 x 13 inch pan or in paper lined cupcake pan. Freeze until firm. Serves 12.

Good any time of the year.

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Dear Coffee Club Members,



This afternoon 9 of the 16 SMH ladies gathered for "Lunch at Betty's." She served a hot Tomato Bisque Soup and crackers, followed by a Sausage & Egg Casserole with warm Cranberry Bread and a fruit cup. Dessert was a slice of Cake and a Frozen Cranberry Dessert (recipe in this newsletter). It was all so delicious (is your mouth watering yet?)!

But, even though the food was so good, the best part of the gathering was the ladies who sat around the table. We had a great time of fellowship, sharing stories from the various mission fields, tips for "home remedies" for colds, and a lot of laughter. The countries represented were Mexico, South Africa, Lithuania, USA, Colombia, and Gambia. The ladies who were not able to join us were either traveling, busy with homeschooling or didn't have anyone to watch their small children.

This is just one of the things that we do here at Siloam to help create community among the families — and the ladies love it!

We have had three new Coffee Club Members join with us — Priscilla Starling, Meg Hicks and Shannon Wendler. We are so grateful to each one who has faithfully supported Siloam Missionary Homes, allowing us to give these families "a place to call home."

Your "Coffeemate,"

Joyce George, *Office Manager and Co-founder*
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