



Siloam Missionary Homes

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

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News From Siloam By Larry George, President and Co-Founder

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It's hard to believe that the first half of 2015 is gone. Thank you so much for your faithful support and for your prayers. God is so good and continues to bless each of us in so many ways. The work teams and volunteers are such a great shot in the arm and encourage all of us. I wanted to give you all an update on what the Lord has done here at Siloam over the past 6 months.

Joyce and I had the wonderful opportunity of traveling to Tennessee, Indiana and Michigan. We reunited with many of you we hadn't seen in years, and met many new friends. We are praying for the chance to go back later this year and visit more churches and friends. We are also making plans to go to Connecticut and Maine in the fall - before the snow, of course.

One of the first things that many of you ask is, "So how is everything at Siloam?" So I will tell you. The campus is busy. We continue to get more and more inquiries about housing from new missionaries that hear or find us on the web. And we are having

to say goodbye to many families heading back to the field who have called this place home for the past year. Two new missionary families moved in this month. One Saturday I was washing the car down at the shop when three of the little missionary kids, 2-7 years old, came to say goodbye. The oldest girl, Hope, said she was happy to be going back to Africa but will miss her friends here at Siloam. Pointing to her home, "Most of all," she said, "I will miss my house. It's the nicest home we have ever had." I told her that it will be waiting for her when she comes back in four years, and realized she will be 12 then! Another blessing has been watching the missionary kids playing in the creek. It has been so hot - today it's supposed to be 97. Of course, it could be cold and snowing.

Over the past several months we have had to repair our commercial dishwasher and replace two in the houses and two sets of washers and dryers. It really stretches our budget, but the Lord continues to meet the needs. The January - June financial statement is enclosed.

Giving Back by Milton Wilder, Missionary Pastoral Care

We are always grateful to God for those who consider Siloam Missionary Homes to be worthy of their prayer and financial support, because we need that to continue our ministry. Recently, however, I realized another aspect of ministry that is a cause for thankfulness: Those who have discovered that not only can they help Siloam, but also that Siloam is a resource to help them in their missions outreach and in other ways.

One church contacted us to provide speakers from among the missionaries living at Siloam to share with the congregation at their first missions conference. Another church requested names of missionaries living here to contact about adding them to their missions family. A church without a pastor contacted us for a missionary to "fill the pulpit" and the church has asked the missionary couple who went to return a second time. We also can introduce to the "world of missions" young people (and adults) from churches who come on work teams to Siloam. We try to help them open their hearts and minds to how God might call them to serve. We then become a "partner" with the church in the spiritual education of their youth, as well as some of their adults. We are also thankful that through our summer programs we have seen people come to know Christ as their Savior and others rededicate their lives to Him.

These are some ways that Siloam Missionary Homes endeavors to give back to those who give to us, to be a blessing to others as God uses others to be a blessing to us.

Read The Directions??? ...Right! By Larry George

The other day I got into my old pick up and noticed the rear view mirror was dangling by the wire. James, one of the missionary boys had gotten in beside me and said, "How did that happen?" as if I could pin the blame on someone. Of course, my "old pink" truck is a 1996, and the adhesive had given out.

I stopped at an auto parts store and asked for a mirror glue kit. As I was paying for it, the clerk said to me, "Make sure you read the directions and it will never fall off." So, I went home and decided to glue on the mirror. I tore open the packet and thought to myself, "How hard can this be?" I got the Windex and a paper towel and sat down in the driver's seat. As I got ready to spray the window, I heard echoing in my mind "Read the directions!" So, I did, and guess what? It worked!

The window had to be cleaned with a special cleaner (included) and most of all the old glue on the mirror had to be taken off. I looked and sure enough, the mirror had a small film of glue on the part you put the new glue on. I took a knife and removed the film, put one drop of glue on the tab and held it onto the clean window. The mirror is on to stay! You see, I learned a great lesson. **Read the directions!**

Yesterday as I was driving down the road, I was thinking about this and how sometimes when I read my Bible I don't always "read the directions." I see something in the Scripture that the Holy Spirit has impressed upon me and claim it, but don't finish reading the rest of the story. So, the next time you open your Bible looking for direction, take it from me and read ALL the directions!



Project Updates

The Gathering Place at Camp Glory Farm

The Gathering Place, once completed, will be used for our Volunteer Mission Service Teams (VMST). This facility includes a bathhouse, learning center, fellowship hall and kitchen area. Plans have room for additional seating and a caretaker's apartment.

This project is being built in memory of Tom Coble and in honor of his wife, Debby. Tom and Debby have been partners with Siloam Missionary Homes since the beginning. He was a former board member and an advisor to the board.

As with all projects, we try to build as God provides the funds. The Gathering Place project has been divided into three (3) phases, and is located on the west side of our campus at Camp Glory. Using a donated manufactured home, the home was redesigned to create 2 large shower rooms, a laundry area and a central multi-use gathering place with a kitchen. The cost of the project to date is \$16,935.00.

The Yurts

The purpose is to provide over-night accommodations as a cultural experience for our volunteers to stay in while helping do projects or having retreats here at Siloam Missionary homes. The "Chatham Friends" yurt and the "Maple Grove - St. Clair" yurt provide sleeping for 20 people.

Prayer Request

Please pray for the funds to complete these two projects. We have stepped out on faith knowing God will provide. May the Lord continue to bless each of you as we partner together in providing a place missionaries call home.



First Baptist Kinston work team hung drywall in the Bathhouse, cleaned the chapel, sorted clothing in the Treasure Chest and various other projects



First Baptist Kinston - one of the team petting Tina, our farm cat



Grace Reformed Baptist Church buried water and sewer lines from the Yurts



Grace Reformed Baptist Church brought food for Dad's Country Store



Maple Grove Church daily morning prayer time in the Burden/Love Chapel



Maple Grove Church group picture



Grace Reformed Baptist Church did brush clean up



Maple Grove Church working on machinery



Maple Grove Church painting primer in the Bathhouse



Maple Grove Church snack time



Maple Grove Church hanging ceiling rough-cut lumber



Maple Grove Church cutting ceiling boards



Maple Grove Church replacing RV shower (Thanks, Tom!)



Maple Grove Church sorting food for the missionary families



Maple Grove Church ballgame fun



Graham Presbyterian Church building a path from Camp Glory Farm to the garden



Graham Presbyterian Church planting Mother's Garden flowers



From the Mailbag

"We wanted to take a moment to express our deep appreciation to you for starting this ministry that cares for us missionaries. It has been amazing to have a home of our own! We have not had this in 3 years and didn't realize the comfort we were missing until you guys spoiled us for a year! These homes situated in North Carolina are breathtaking, refreshing, a joy to behold and enjoy. May our Heavenly Father keep you and bless you mightily. We love you..." - *the Henderson family, missionaries to Haiti*

"Siloam Missionary Homes is a place that more than met our need. It is not just about providing a well-furnished accommodation for missionaries, it is a place to RECOVER - no other place would have been more ideal to recover from hip replacement surgery; it is a place to RELAX - even our children were reluctant to leave because of the child-friendly environment; RE-ENERGIZE - just the serenity and the peace make for ideal spiritual re-energizing; READY - having been blessed, we are now ready to return to Africa fully refreshed." - *the Uguwoke family, missionaries to Gambia*



Glen Hope Baptist Church playing games with MK's



Glen Hope Baptist Church laying mulch in Mother's Garden



Glen Hope Baptist Church sorting clothing in the Treasure Chest



Glen Hope Baptist Church washing windows in the Family Center



Glen Hope Baptist Church hanging drywall in the Bathhouse



Glen Hope Baptist Church planting flowers at SMH entrance



Glen Hope Baptist Church preparing lunch for missionary families and volunteers



MK's Josh and Jordan helping Larry put in septic system for Yurts



Glen Hope Baptist Church pressure washing missionary houses



Volunteer, Jessica, with Rachel and alpaca "Flash"



Yurt Interior - We are ready for work teams and retreat groups!



MKs Josh & Jordan building the bathroom in one of the Yurts



Burlington Christian Academy middle school preparing the "lasagna garden" for planting



Burlington Christian Academy high school cleaning up brush around the campus

Working at Camp Glory Farm

by Cherith Marsh, MK from South Africa



Volunteer, Jessica, and MK, Cherith working on farm animal paperwork

Working at Camp Glory Farm has been a wonderful experience. It has been a hard, yet fun job. I really do enjoy learning from Rachel George and being a helping hand. I have learned

that taking care of animals and their needs is an important job and should be done whole-heartedly. It is a daily reminder for me of what God does for us!

Some of the many experiences at the farm for me have been shearing sheep, putting up fencing, giving the animals medication and making sure everything is OK with them health-wise. I really enjoy the animals and learning about all of them. I am very thankful that Rachel takes the time to teach me things because, being a missionary kid from South Africa, it was all new for me.

A few days ago, I got to see ducklings hatch; they are so cute! It is wonderful to see how God designed animals with a survival nature when they are born and how the mothers teach their own.

The alpacas are some of the most unusual animals I've been around. They are very friendly, and each has its own personality. I had the opportunity to help shear them; it was quite a process!

One of the jobs we do at the farm is leading the sheep into different pastures. Sometimes the sheep flow with no hassle, sometimes a few wander and get confused, but are led with a staff to where they are to go. This is another reminder for me, that God is there guiding and leading us where we are to go, but we still have to listen for His voice.

It is wonderful that Siloam has a farm that missionary kids can help out at and learn! I know it is a fun place for my siblings to come and see. They really enjoy watching over the ducks, feeding them and collecting the eggs. I will always remember this experience here at Siloam and definitely think I will use the many things that I have learned.

Donations made in Honor and Memory of

In memory of *Dorothy Abbey* by *Betty Jo Sickler*

In memory of *Tom DeYoung* by *Mary Lou DeYoung*

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

In memory of *Cynthia Straughn* by *company and employees of Manhattan American Terrazzo Strip Co; Klein and Co; James & Nancy Behuniak; The Platt Brothers & Co.*

In memory of *Gerald Gilbert* by *Lighthouse Baptist Church*

In memory of *Lucille Nash* by *Milton & Betty Wilder*

In memory of *Jack Rogers* by *Tommy & Renee Rogers*

Mark Your Calendar!

Catch the Spirit of Christmas Event at Siloam Missionary Homes
December 4th & 5th, 2015
5:30 - 8 pm

- Special Christmas Choirs
- Food for Purchase
- Christmas Story with Black Light Chalk Drawing
- Live Nativity
- Petting Zoo....and More!



Catch the Spirit of Christmas

RECIPE

Baked Italian Omelet

Serves 6 to 8



- 1-10 oz. package frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- 8 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- ½ cup milk
- ½ teaspoon dried basil, crushed
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon Italian seasoning
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup chopped tomato
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese (4 oz.)
- ½ cup thinly sliced green onion (optional)
- ½ cup diced ham
- ¼ cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Drain thawed spinach well, pressing out excess liquid; set aside. In a large bowl combine eggs and ricotta cheese; beat just until combined. Stir in milk, basil, seasoning, salt and pepper.

Stir in spinach, tomato, mozzarella cheese, onions and ham. Pour mixture into a greased 3-quart baking dish.

Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

I served this at Lunch at Betty's in May. The ladies went back for seconds! It's a great dish for breakfast or lunch; bypass the fussy omelets. This is a fix-and-forget egg dish. I hope you enjoy it.

Betty Wilder, Missionary Pastoral Care

AN ENCOURAGING THOUGHT

(From the book, *Rethink Life*, by Rodney and Michelle Gage)

God sees you as valuable.

'You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men' (I Cor. 7:23).

God sees you as forgivable.

'Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.' (Eph 1:4)

God sees you as capable.

'I can do all things through Christ Jesus, who strengthens me.' (Phil 4:13)

Dear Coffee Club Members,

These past few weeks have been a whirlwind of activity here at Siloam. As you can see by all of the pictures on the inside pages, we have had several groups come and help us with various projects! Praise the Lord for willing hands and hearts to help us improve and maintain this campus.



In the last month, we have had four new missionary families replace those that have returned to the mission field. It has been a joy to meet them and show them into the place they will call home for a few weeks or a few months. The smiles that come across their faces as they see the beautiful facilities that God has so wonderfully provided through His mighty hand and through you, our SMH partners! Thank you! Please pray that God will use us, the staff and volunteers, to be a blessing and encouragement to these "saints" who are reaching the world with God's love and grace.

On the home front, things have taken a new twist, too, as Mike, Abbey and kids have moved to Hampstead, NC for Mike to take a job there in construction. It is about a three-hour drive for us, and just about 20 minutes from the NC beach. We have been there a couple of times already (I have a feeling we will be putting a lot of miles on the car!), and they have settled into a great community and have already found a good church. Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide good friends for them and the kids and that He will continue to guide their every step.

Rachel is doing a great job at Camp Glory Farm. The garden has been producing LOTS of cucumbers, yellow squash, zucchini, some herbs and the tomato plants are full and will soon be giving delicious vine ripe tomatoes. YUMM. She worked hard to lead the work teams during games, competitions and evening devotions, challenging them to renew their love of God. She is a great asset to the ministry.

We thank the Lord for a new Coffee Club member, Pamela Chavez. We thank the Lord for each of you who so faithfully send your gifts to keep this ministry going.

"Your 'Coffeemate,'"

Joyce George, *Office Manager and Co-founder*
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- ☐ Family Center ☐ General Fund ☐ Rachel George
☐ Larry & Joyce George ☐ Milton & Betty Wilder

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