



# Siloam Missionary Homes

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## "Don't Live Wishing – Live Doing"

By Larry George, President

Recently I was reading an article by Kevin Brennfleck stating that most of us spend 60% or more of our lives working. Having the right job can give you opportunities to use your unique gifts and abilities to make a positive difference in the world. Being in the wrong job can be agonizing, affecting every area of your life. If you are a Christian who is seeking to follow Jesus each and every day, you have already found your most important calling. I am so blessed to not only have the right job but also knowing this (Siloam) is my calling. I really don't see anywhere in the Bible that retirement is part of God's plan, especially for me. Even though we all get tired, my calling is my life.

God is so good to me and my family. It has been an exciting time of growing in the Lord and in ministry. I have had many mentors in my life, starting with my father-in-law who at the age of 80 mentored me for 12 years. He came alongside of me and encouraged me. He taught me how to lead and to trust in the Lord, how to seek wisdom from good board members, pastors, missionaries and associates who were able to mentor me in the area of business and ministry.

Siloam Missionary Homes has seen tremendous growth over the years and with 33 acres and lots of homes and missionary families, we are always in need of people coming alongside us to help grow the ministry. With the Board of Director's blessing, we have asked Michael Gay to come alongside us and help us continue to grow Siloam. Many of you have asked what my plans are for the future since I have Parkinson's. *The answer is to keep moving ahead.* I feel great and the Lord continues to keep both Joyce and me strong and healthy. We have no immediate plans to retire and believe that with Michael, Rachel, Milton and Betty, Henry and Bob, we will be able to have more time speaking and traveling on behalf of Siloam. I will also spend time mentoring Michael on the day-to-day directing of Siloam. Michael has been coming one day a week and this will continue until next April. Then, Lord willing, he will be able to be here full time. Michael will need to raise financial support which will take time, too.

The missionary homes are full and we have a waiting list. I am excited about the 25th Anniversary House and the wonderful work that Covenant Builders is doing to keep the cost down and the project moving forward. I am praying that this house will be completed in the fall of this year.

In closing, I want to thank you for the privilege and opportunity to work with such fine people and the honor of being able to give a missionary a place to call home. I pray daily that the Lord will continue to bless my wife, my family and me for many more years to come. Come see us, friends, and see what God is doing here at Siloam Missionary Homes. May He always receive all the honor and glory.

## INTRODUCING THE Michael Gay Family

By Michael Gay



Serving the Lord often requires us to take paths that we never expected and that appear, from a human perspective, to be unmarked trails. But God is faithful and always leads us in the way we should go. Our family is a living testimony to the providence of God. Over twenty years ago my wife and I obeyed the calling of God in our lives and surrendered to go to the mission field of Quebec with the intention of planting churches for the rest of our lives. Nearly ten years and three children later we were poised for our move to Canada, but God had a different plan for us.

Just like we see with the apostle Paul, God's children are not guaranteed life without pain or sorrow. The detour in our lives was the result of my wife contracting Lyme disease a second time. The months that followed were times of uncertainty as we tried to maintain our support while figuring out how to deal with the effects of the disease. Ultimately we took a medical leave of absence and I took a job working in the corporate world. This was challenging on many fronts, including our desire to serve the Lord. We could just sit around bemoaning the fact that we weren't on the mission field or we could get involved in our local church, and by the grace of God, we chose the latter. In the last ten years God has allowed me to minister as an interim pastor, volunteer worship leader and Sunday School teacher. On the business front He has allowed me to serve on two nonprofit boards including a local chamber of commerce. While we were not aware of what God was doing, He was perfectly preparing us for the next step in our lives.

Early last year I had the privilege of joining the board at Siloam Missionary Homes as the vice-chair with the intention of potentially joining the staff at some point in the future. The last year has been such a blessing, getting to know Larry and Joyce and falling in love with the ministry here at Siloam. At the board meeting in January the board voted for me to join the staff early next year as the next director at Siloam and allow Larry and Joyce to transition from the day-to-day operations while remaining active in ministry, just in a different role. I have been spending Mondays in the office for about a month and have to say that it does make the rest of the week seem a little dull. I stand amazed that the great God we serve can take our detour and bring us to the place of His choosing in His time. We as a family cannot wait to call Siloam our home, as so many missionaries have before us, and are grateful for the support of Larry and Joyce and the board in taking this next step in our lives.

## Notes from MK's (missionary kids)

Dear Siloam Staff of Camp Glory Farm,  
Y'all are awesome! Thanks so much  
for everything - from the ducks to  
Shorty (the horse), we've enjoyed all  
and will miss them...Of course, we  
miss you, Rachel, Ross, Mr. & Mrs.  
George and everyone so much!

Gratefully, the McClain kids

P.S. See you some other time! If  
not, we'll see you in heaven!

Dear Miss Rachel,

Thank you so much for letting us join  
in all of the fun of taking care of all  
your wonderful animals! I've enjoyed  
it tremendously. I know I'll miss you  
and all the animals very much. They  
helped me overcome the sorrow of  
the loss of some of my animals and  
missing them. Thank you for making  
our stay here very enjoyable and  
awesome! I now call this place home  
and all of you guys family. I'll be  
praying for y'all.

Love, Kimberly

## Loving the Missionary Kids through Camp Glory Farm

by Rachel George, Camp Glory Farm Director



Camp Glory Farm always brings variety and changes. This year, we had a total of 25 lambs born, and one baby llama. It's always exciting to see all the new babies running around, loving life. We also have gotten our website up and going for the farm. (Check it out! [www.campgloryfarm.org](http://www.campgloryfarm.org)).

One of the reasons for having the farm is as an outreach to our missionary children staying here at Siloam. The Lord always brings the right family at the right time. Just recently, we had to say goodbye to one of our most involved families. As I spent time with the children, the closer it came to their departure date, the more difficult it became for each of them. One shared that the hardest part of being a missionary kid is that you always have to say "goodbye."

Most people will never understand the struggles that missionary kids go through unless they have personally walked in their shoes. So, my prayer is that while these kids are spending some time at Siloam, that they will be able to build relationships, get healing, grow closer as a family, and grow in their walk with God. My greatest joy is whenever I hear one of my kids say, "I'll be back in a couple of years! This place is definitely a place we call home, and the staff is a part of our family now."

Although it is hard to say goodbye, it is awesome to see their growth whenever they do come "home." Missionary kids are definitely a unique group of kids; however, I've known them to have the most giving heart for others, and a true understanding of what's most important in life. Continue to pray for our children here at Siloam and also for us as staff that God will continue to give us the wisdom for each one.

## Save The Date!

Siloam Missionary Homes  
Celebrates 25th Anniversary!

Old Fashioned  
Pig Pic'n & Gospel Sing  
Saturday, September 30, 2017  
4-8 p.m.

FEATURING:  
Squire Parsons,  
The Harvesters,  
Harmony Sound and the  
George/Rich Family

SPECIAL GUEST:  
Cyrus Mad-Bondo



## 25th Anniversary Update

Footers were dug and cement was poured on May 9, 10 & 11! The foundation was completed on May 24th. We are so excited about beginning construction on this new home. Pray with us, that the Lord will continue to provide the funds needed to complete this project.





# For Such A Time As This

by Milton Wilder, Missionary Pastoral Care

About 483 years before Christ, the Jews living in the Persian Empire faced extermination because of a plot by Haman, an official under King Ahasuerus. The account unfolds in the Old Testament book of Esther, an orphaned Jewish woman who, through the sovereignty of God, had become queen of Persia! When Mordecai, who had raised her (his uncle's daughter), learned of the king's edict of genocide, his message to Esther was, "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish [because she was Jewish, unknown at that time to the king]. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14.

From those words comes Siloam's theme for the year: "For Such a Time as This," applied to our own present situation. What a time this is! Listen to and watch the news on TV or online, read the newspaper, etc., 24/7. Good things are taking place, but the headlines are of death and destruction, crime and chaos, immorality and ISIS, wars and rumors of wars. Don't we need more Esthers for such a time as this?

It was evident that God chose Esther for such a time as she faced, a time when her courage to act preserved God's people through whom the Messiah, Jesus would come.

Is it not also evident that part of God's plan for such a time as this is choosing some of His people to send out as missionaries? This is a time when their courage to act brings people to God through proclaiming Jesus, the one and only Messiah who brings forgiveness, hope and eternal life.

Who knows whether the missionaries whom God has sent to the world might present the gospel to someone whom God may use as He used Esther?

For such a time as this, God has equipped us who have become His people through Jesus Christ, with the resources to enable those He has chosen to go as missionaries. He calls us to pray and give, as well as to go to those around us.

But the task is so great, the world is so big, the need so overwhelming that we wonder how we can make a difference. Esther acted. Even if we have little to give, it can make a difference. What difference can we make if we do nothing? We don't have to wait until we can do great things like Esther, before we do something to meet the needs.

Your gifts, large or small, to Siloam Missionary Homes make a difference to the missionaries by helping provide "a place missionaries can call home" while they are here in the States. We want Siloam to be what I call, a "therapeutic environment" from which the missionaries are sent out renewed and refreshed for continued service. We need your help as we serve until Jesus returns!

Hines Chapel spent three days in March tearing apart two old decks to make one new deck for the Yurt that will house our interns. The ladies also worked in the Treasure Chest, sorting clothing, as well as helping Betty in the kitchen.



Two groups from Alamance Christian School, as well as a group from Burlington Christian Academy helped us put mulch around all of the homes and buildings at Siloam. It took several dump truck loads to make our campus look fresh with the new mulch.



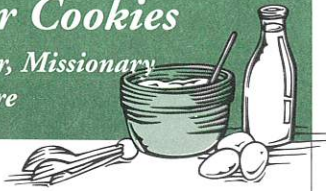
Mars Hill Baptist Church brought a group out to help us trim, pull weeds and freshen up the entrance way.



## RECIPE

### Monster Cookies

Betty Wilder, Missionary  
Pastoral Care



We have used this cookie recipe ever since we started having work teams at Siloam, back in 1993. I believe we got the recipe from Larry's sister, Mary Ann. It is a winner! Every time we share them with friends, they ask for the recipe. Enjoy!

#### Monster Cookies

- 1 c. butter
- 2-1/2 c. brown sugar
- 2 c. white sugar
- 6 eggs
- 1-1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1-1/2 lbs. peanut butter
- 1-1/2 tsp. karo syrup

*Cream together & add:*

- 4 tsp. baking soda
- 9 cups oatmeal (instant)
- 1 pound chocolate chips
- 1 pound M&M's

Drop by rounded spoon full onto cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 - 10 minutes. Do not over bake.

#### Donations made in Honor and Memory of

Given in memory of mother,  
*Elise Davis by Harold Davis*

Given in honor of *Ray Soyars*  
by *Allen & Jan Myers, Eileen Rice,*  
*Bob & Carol Bennette*

Given in memory of *Grady Workman*  
by *Gene & Elizabeth Fonville,*  
*Apple, Bell & Johnson & Co.,*  
*Gail & Kenny Workman,*  
*Sean & Sharon Debnam,*  
*Graham Animal Hospital,*  
*Judith Pfahler*

Given in memory of *Sandy Hopkins*  
by *Cross Roads Baptist Church*

Given in memory of *Doyle Davis*  
by *Harold Davis for Father's Day*

### Dear Coffee Club Members,



One of the things that I love about being part of Siloam Missionary Homes is when families that have stayed with us in the past are able to come back and stay or at least stop in for a visit.

Yesterday, Larry and I had the wonderful privilege of spending a few hours with one couple, Mike and Eve Brooks. As we walked with them around Siloam's campus, we reminisced about their time here at Siloam and rejoiced in all that God has done over the years since their first stay with us in 2000! Back then, 17 years ago, they still had all five of their beautiful children living with them and they all got to enjoy the playgrounds together with other MK's staying on campus. Precious memories! Now, as we all shared updates on our children, we were also talking about our grandchildren! How time has flown. God has brought so many wonderful people into our lives as a result of working here at Siloam. We have so much to thank Him for!

Providing fully furnished homes for 13 families and keeping the grounds maintained is expensive and takes many hands. We are so grateful for you who have so faithfully supported Siloam for many years. And, we have a few new Coffee Club Members who have joined us – Tom and Brenda Ellington, Audrey Savary and Rachel George. Your monthly support and your prayers are a great encouragement to us. May God richly bless each of you!

"Your "Coffeemate,"

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

MY LOVE GIFT: I would like to join the Coffee Club with a monthly pledge of

☐ \$15 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ Other \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Please send my Coffee Club cup.)

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Please designate my one time gift for:

DONATION FOR (check appropriate box):

☐ Family Center ☐ General Fund

☐ Rachel George

☐ Larry & Joyce George

☐ Milton & Betty Wilder

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