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“How do you eat an Elephant? One bite at a time.”

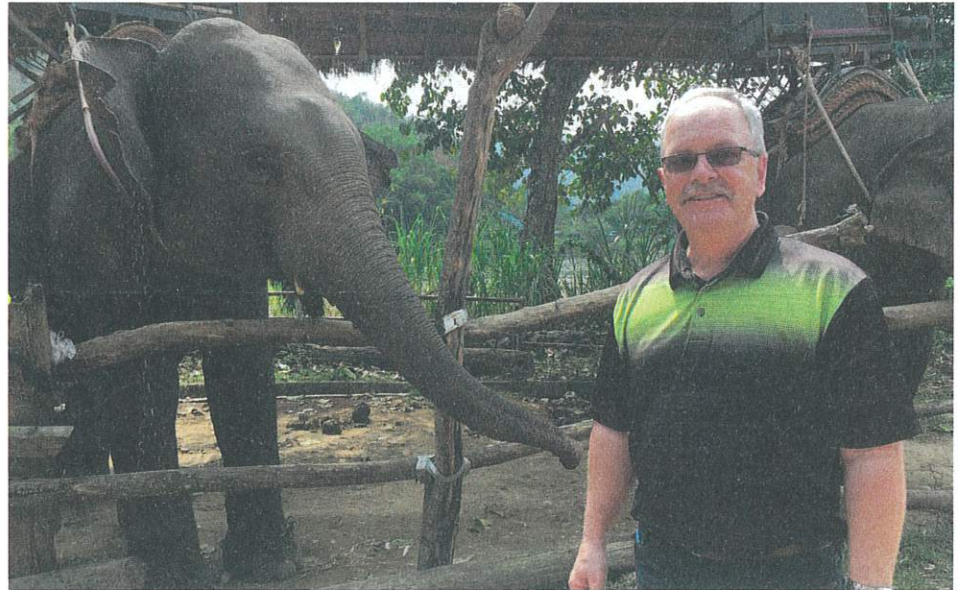
by Larry George, President

“For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which you have shown toward HIS name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.”

~ Hebrews 6:10

Dear Friends,

I praise the Lord for His faithfulness and for His protection over the property from Hurricane Florence. Joyce is in school learning to become an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher to help our missionaries. The other day she told me she was writing about “idioms,” a phrase we use that means something, but when taken literally, it makes no sense. So, I was thinking about this as I became overwhelmed about all the work we have to do here. Do you remember this one, “when it rains it pours”? Monday we took a tour of the campus to check for damage left by the storm. As we walked into the singlewide mobile home next to our house, we saw that all of the floors and the back exterior walls are buckled and warped, due to the rain. We do not feel that this house is safe any longer. This home has been used for numerous missionary families, but its days of use are over. We knew the day would come for its replacement and look to the Lord to



Larry just before riding an elephant during his mission trip to Thailand in February.

provide a new modular in the future. Until then, it keeps us from housing another missionary family. I tried to see if there was anyway to fix it, but we can't.

We continue to work on the 25th Anniversary House. It is going slower than anticipated, but God has been so good to supply the funds as we need them. The interior drywall is finished and needs to be primed and painted. We need painters!!! David Bortz will be out soon to look at starting the kitchen cabinets. We are working on the exterior now with hopes of using volunteers to help us with siding and fascia. We need siding people too! Can you come help us, please? Once we finish the house, this will free up another home for a missionary family. We hate to turn families away. I realize this is all in God's timing. But it will be wonderful to see this completed.

Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support for our family and for the ministry of Siloam Missionary Homes.

“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

~ James 5:16b

One bite at a time ☺



The inside of the Anniversary House – ready for paint and cabinets!

LOVE OVERFLOWING

by Michael Gay, Director of Operations



"But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more."

~ I Thessalonians 4:9-10

In this passage Paul is writing to the Thessalonians and he commends them for their love for fellow believers, as that is the phrase he specifically uses. He then commends them for their walk with the Lord and their spiritual growth, even saying that their growth has been without his intervention. High praise from Paul! The same could be said about you, our faithful supporters and prayer warriors. You believe the truth of God and live out His love to those around you, including your support of Siloam Missionary Homes.

So, it is interesting that Paul then follows up these statements of praise with an exhortation to "overflow." The King James translates this phrase as "increase more and more." What he is saying is this - you are doing a great job serving the Lord, so do more. Keep loving the brethren to the point that you overflow in your love.

So, how does this tie in with Siloam? You have all seen the commercials on TV asking for support for various humanitarian needs and those commercials are always filled with pictures

portraying the people helped by the organization making the plea. Why do they do this? Because we are more likely to lend our support to something with which we feel a direct connection.

This summer we have had several short-term stays in our houses and the recurring statement we have heard from these families is this - "We are so thankful for a place to call our own, even if for a short time." They have commented that while they love staying with family and friends they really needed to have a "normal" family life before heading back to the field.

We realize it is not always easy to understand the connection between your giving and the impact on the families that stay at Siloam, but please understand that the overflow of your love for these faithful brethren has a tremendous impact on their lives and their ministries. They are more effective servants for the Lord because of your support for this ministry. For that we say a hearty thank you and beseech you to continue in love for the brethren.



Rachel with the interns and some of the missionary kids having a time of devotions.

HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF

*In memory of Ted Ball
by Lois Hanmer, David & Amy
Snook; Jim & Nancy Gay; First
Baptist Church, Parsons, WV;
Charles Summer; John & Janice
Johnson; Shields Memorial
Chapel; Terry & Laura Myers;
Bethel Baptist Church*

*In memory of Wade Kimball, Jr.
by Wade and Kay Kimball*

*In memory of Lester Stanley by
Bob & Carol Bennette*

*In honor of Mark & Stephanie by
Bob Stephenson*



Maple Grove Church and Eden Worship Center came 4th of July week and installed insulation and drywall on the Anniversary House



Rachel and Kendric cleaning the hide of two of our male lambs in order to have them made into sheep throws.

GIVING THANKS AND THANKS GIVING – TWO FACETS OF THANKFUL LIVING

by H. Milton Wilder, Missionary Pastoral Care



Siloam Missionary Homes is a testimony to God's faithfulness and provision for which we are truly thankful. Thinking about thanking brings to mind two main facets of living as thankful people and both apply to the mission of Siloam.

GIVING THANKS

In 1 Corinthians 4:7, the apostle Paul asks, "What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?" Someone before us was involved in making possible everything we have. Ultimately, God was responsible in His way and time. James 1:17 reminds us, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."

We owe everything to God. He owes us nothing, yet He gives us what we need and blesses us *"far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think"* (Ephesians 3:20). We should live giving Him thanks, acknowledging that our life and life eternal come from God the Creator and Christ Jesus, who as our substitute, paid the price of death for our sins. Complaining about what we have or don't have, is being unthankful. Giving thanks means living with an attitude of gratitude to our Heavenly Father.



Osceola Baptist Church helped hang drywall in the Anniversary House garage ceiling.

To stand on the hill at Siloam, look around at the homes and realize how God has used this place to touch so many missionary lives and others through the years is surely cause for giving thanks.

THANKS GIVING

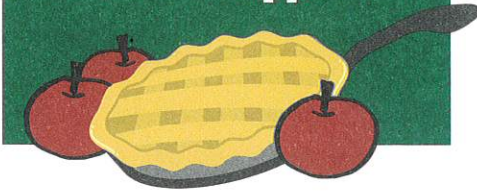
Being thankful, living with an attitude of gratitude to God, for what we have received is more than words, more than a special day set aside (when in reality we spend little time that day giving thanks). Being truly thankful is to demonstrate our thanks by giving – giving our self – our time, our effort, our counsel, our service, giving our finances, giving out of the variety and abun-

dance of the gifts with which God has blessed us. People with thankful hearts are those whom God has used since 1992 to build Siloam, people who demonstrate their thanks by voluntarily giving of themselves and sharing His blessings.

It is noteworthy that Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day are only a month apart. What we celebrate at Christmas is God giving His Ultimate Gift to us. Our response is Thanks Giving! Let us remember that our giving to others is meant to symbolize God's gift to us of His "only begotten Son." May our life reflect the exclamation of Paul: *"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"* (2 Corinthians 9:15).

RECIPE

Iron Skillet Apple Pie



by Betty Wilder

At this time of year, you think of harvesting apples. Here at Siloam, we have a favorite Apple Pie that we all enjoy in the fall (or anytime!).

Iron Skillet Apple Pie

- 4 pounds of Apples (Granny Smith, Gala or your favorite; it is better to mix Granny Smith with another apple)
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup granulated sugar
- 1 stick of butter
- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 (14.1 oz) pkg. refrigerated pie crusts

Peel apples and cut into wedges. Toss apples with cinnamon and granulated sugar. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Melt butter in a 10-inch cast iron skillet over medium heat; add brown sugar and cook, stirring constantly, 1 to 2 minutes or until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat and place 1 pie crust in skillet over brown sugar mixture. Spoon apple mixture over pie crust and top with remaining pie crust. Cut 4 or 5 slits in top for steam to escape. Bake for 1 hour or until golden brown and bubbly. Serve with ice cream or whip cream.

Dear Coffee Club Members,



Ps. 50:14a "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving..."

Ps. 50:23a "The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me..."

These were verses that really spoke to my heart this morning during my time with the Lord. Sometimes it does seem like a sacrifice to be thankful, but in reality, we do have so much to be thankful for!

- God's protection of Siloam Missionary Homes and all of the missionary families during the recent hurricane threat
- God's protection of our kids' (Mike & Abbey) home, which is close to Wilmington, NC
- God's provision of a house here at Siloam for a family scheduled to arrive - even though it didn't seem there was a possibility of one being available
- God's provision each day as we trust Him for the funds to keep the ministry going
- God's provision of funds and people to help us work on the Anniversary House - We are still trusting Him to be able to complete this project soon!

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support that allow us to continue ministering to these families. So far in 2018, we have had the privilege of providing a home for 27 families, with two more yet to come!

God bless you!

Your "Coffee mate,"

Joyce George, Office Manager and Co-founder

Siloam "Wish List"

In support of the ongoing maintenance at Siloam the following items are currently needed:

- Dewalt 12" Miter Saw - \$500
- Dewalt 20V Compact Batteries - 2 for \$99
- OR Drill/Driver Combo w/2 Batteries - \$159
- Gator TX Roof, Front Window, and Frame Kit - \$800 (additional \$300 for vinyl doors)
- Grizzly Cabinet Saw - \$1,800

If you would like to designate funds for one of these items please make a note on the donation form.

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.) One Time Gift \$_____

Please designate my one time gift for:

DONATION FOR (check appropriate box):

☐ Michael and Valerie Gay ☐ General Fund ☐ Rachel George ☐ Larry & Joyce George ☐ Milton & Betty Wilder

Please make checks payable to **Siloam Missionary Homes**

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All gifts are tax deductible and receipts will be mailed monthly and at year's end.

Siloam Missionary Homes is now able to receive your donation through an "Electronic Funds Transfer." This makes your monthly giving easier. Ask us how!