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Lord, Expand My Borders...Is that your prayer?

by Larry George, President

And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested. – 1 Chronicles 4:10

On May 29, 2012 I was greatly challenged by the prayer of Jabez and I wrote in my journal,

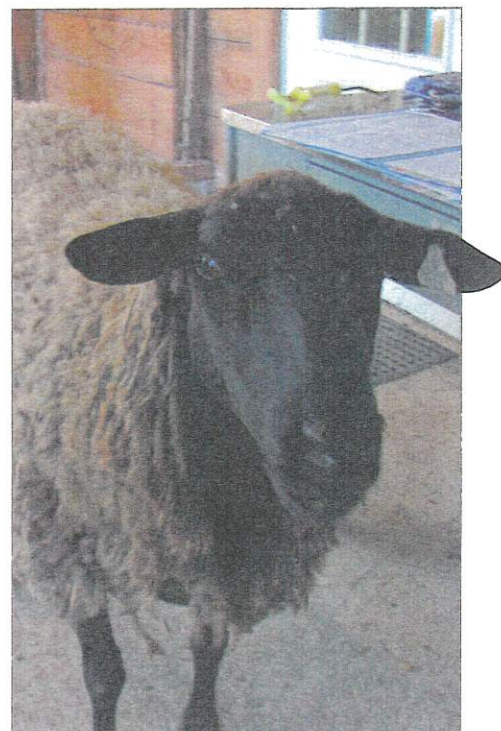
"Lord, expand my borders. God, I feel that you want me to do more, but what is that?"

Now fast forward to May 29, 2018. I have literally traveled thousands of miles around the world and back. Recently, I went to Thailand and China to visit suffering Christians in detention centers and house churches. I spent time with missionaries who are having a hard time letting their graduating teens come back to America because of how we are changing as a nation. Joyce and I just returned from Indiana and Michigan where we visited with many supporting churches and shared Siloam Missionary Homes with them. What a busy five months it has been! But God has expanded my boundaries. I have come to realize as I travel that one thing stands out, and that is our love for missionaries and their families. No matter where I travel, I look for a missionary family. Our responsibilities change as we age. We must disciple the next generation, but our work is never done until we are at the feet of Jesus.



HEALTH UPDATE

Many people have asked us how I am feeling since I was diagnosed with Parkinson's back in 2015. I have my days when I am extremely tired. But most of the time I'm excited about the future. My neurologist is pleased and feels I am doing well. Michael Gay is doing a wonderful job learning and directing the day-to-day operations at Siloam. His outlook and new ideas are refreshing and his zeal to serve is amazing.



Our Board is very supportive and is involved. No, I'm not ready to quit — I have too many people to see, too many missionaries to visit and encourage, and a future generation to pour my life into.

We will continue to travel and share the ministry of Siloam Missionary Homes. I love yard work and helping Rachel at Camp Glory Farm. My father-in-law, Wilbur Abbey, took me under his wing for 13 years before his home going, like the Apostle Paul did Timothy. Dad was 80 when he began discipling me, and now it's my turn to disciple others.

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HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

GIVEN IN HONOR OF

Kevin Greene
by Bennett and Aileen Strickland

Ray Soyars
by Allen and Jan Myers

Ray Soyars
by Eileen Rice

Ray Soyars
by Glenn and Julia Stanley

Milton Wilder
by Riverside Baptist Church

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF

Grady Workman
by Kenneth and Gail Workman

Elise Davis
by Harold Davis

Doyle Davis
by Harold Davis

Mrs. Jo Edwards
by Bill and Monty Briley

Mrs. Linda Redmon
by Bill and Monty Briley

James L. Stanley
by Glenn and Julia Stanley

From the Mailbag

"We have had a wonderfully refreshing year here at SMH. We simply can't express how grateful we are to you and to the Lord for making this possible! Thank you ever so much for your efforts, prayers, planning and all the many other hundreds of things that you do for all of us missionaries. You make a tremendous impact for the Kingdom and we will remember your sacrificial service as we return to the mission field. We will try to serve others more as we follow your example."

Ben and Catherine,
missionaries in Asia

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NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Joyce is going back to school in August to get her ESL Certification to work with the huge increase of Brazilian missionaries that are coming here to learn conversational English. This is one of her loves because of being born and raised in Brazil. MORE USA, a Brazilian based ministry, is partnering with us and renting back our yurts in the winter for their ESL students. I am also serving on several mission boards and helping to develop "Mission at Work" a side ministry of Siloam Missionary Homes that is helping with missionary humanitarian projects around the world. The future is bright and exciting.

ANNIVERSARY HOUSE UPDATE

I am praying that we can get the new missionary house done by the end of August so we can move in for Joyce's birthday. Then Michael and Valerie can move into the Director's Home. Please help us pray for funds and volunteers to finish the house. I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. We need about \$30,000. If you have extra time and can help us, please call me and I'll come get you. Lol.

As you read this update today, can I encourage you in the Lord to expand your borders in your service to Him? May God bless you today as we serve side by side to provide "a place missionaries call home."



For her 11th birthday party, Cassidy Lloyd asked her friends to give her a very unusual birthday present...she asked for food for the missionary kids staying at Siloam Missionary Homes! What a generous and unselfish thing to do! We are so grateful to you, Cassidy, and so proud of your kindness to the children who call Siloam "Home."





Jim, Terry, Pastor Costello, and David drove to Siloam from Faith Fellowship Church in Irons Michigan to pull electrical wire in the Anniversary House. Thank you, men, for your sacrifice of time and funds to come and do this for us! We enjoyed getting to know you. You were truly a blessing to us.

Staying True to the Calling

H. Milton Wilder Missionary Pastoral Care

Many programs and projects begin well, with enthusiasm, dreams, visions and even dependence on divine direction. Many people begin their walk with Christ with passion, commitment, courage and a close walk with Jesus. But beginnings are just that — beginnings. The test involves perseverance, stick-to-itiveness, faithfulness to the dream, the vision, the commitment.

Even Paul the Apostle, chosen to preach the gospel through a spectacular encounter with the risen Christ, was concerned about persevering in his spiritual journey. Discussing his own pilgrimage and comparing the Christian life to competing for a prize, he wrote to the Corinthian church, *"But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified"* (1 Corinthians 9:27, NKJV).

Whether as an individual Christian or as a Christian organization, we must "keep on keeping on," making the sacrifices necessary to bring glory and honor to God by being true to the calling and mission He has given to us. It's not about us — it's about Him.

There may be changes and improvements along the way, but our desire as the staff at SMH, is to persevere, to keep the original vision and dream alive, to keep on keeping "the main thing the main thing." As in Siloam's 1992 beginning, we work to provide "a place for missionaries to call home," and minister to their needs, so that when they journey from Siloam we will have fulfilled our goal of seeing them "Sent, Refreshed, Renewed." Thank you for helping the missionaries and us get out the gospel message through giving your gifts, your time and efforts, and by remembering us in your prayers.

Walking in Faith

by Michael Gay, Director of Operations

As a teenager I had the opportunity to play the role of George Mueller in a musical based on his life. I have never forgotten the example of living faith that was evident in every aspect of his life. At times I know that I take for granted the circumstances of life and do not truly walk in faith as I should. But as April of this year rapidly approached, God asked my family to do just that — walk in faith. I joined the staff knowing that we would need to raise support in order for my position to be fully funded and that it would take some time to schedule meetings and raise that support. I know some questioned the wisdom of making the transition at this time — but I can say without any doubt that God set the timing in place.

We are now preparing to move onsite in early June which will be yet another transition for the entire family, but once again, God is in control. And for that I am thankful. The closer we get to our moving date the more Satan seems to be battling us on many different fronts but we know that God is with us and as such there is no power that can stand against Him and what He has ordained to happen. We rest in His promises during this time of transition and take joy in the task He has given us to walk in faith.

In the coming months, we will continue to settle in to the ministry work and get to know all of our new neighbors at Siloam. We will also be scheduling meetings and traveling to raise additional support. We would love to come and share what God is doing, not only in our lives, but here at Siloam and we look forward to seeing where He leads our steps over the coming years.

RECIPE

Carrot-Pineapple Cake

by Betty Wilder



At our last Bible Study before summer break started, I had the group at Siloam for lunch. Several of the ladies asked me to put the recipe for the cake I served in the next newsletter. It is a moist cake that is a little different from regular carrot cake. Hope you enjoy!

Carrot-Pineapple Cake

- 3 c All-Purpose flour
- 2 c Sugar
- 2 tsp. Baking powder
- 2 tsp. Ground Cinnamon
- 1 tsp. Baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. Salt
- 1 (15 oz.) can Crushed Pineapple
- 2 c Carrots, finely shredded
- 1 c Vegetable oil
- 4 Eggs
- 2 tsp. Vanilla

Grease and flour 9 x 13 pan or three 8-inch cake pans. In a large mixing bowl stir together all the dry ingredients, add undrained pineapple, carrots, oil, eggs and vanilla. Mix with large spoon or mix on low speed with hand mixer. Do not over mix. Bake at 350 degrees about 35 minutes or until done. Cool and then frost with Cream Cheese Frosting.

Dear Coffee Club Members,

In the past 26 years, God has sent over 300 missionary families to us from 97 different countries around the world. Some have spent just a few days with us and we didn't really get a chance to know them. Some have spent a year or more with us and we have had a chance to sit down with them and hear their story — about how God called them into the ministry and about their passion and love for the people they work with.



So far in 2018, we have had 17 families stay here at Siloam Missionary Homes. Some have already left to return to the field. Some are still here with us. Let me tell you about some of them.

Gene and Gina came to us at the beginning of the school year. They are from South Korea and are serving in the Philippines. They have been here in the US to rest and spend time reporting to churches. While they were here, they discovered that their oldest son was dealing with childhood diabetes. Although the doctor wanted to put him on insulin, the family prayerfully decided to control it with prayer, diet and exercise. Today, his blood levels are normal and they are headed back to the mission field — rested and healthy.

James and Deanna have served in China and Tanzania. Although they still have a desire to do mission work, they feel that the Lord is leading them to stay here in the US for this season of their lives to help their adult children settle in. They plan to make short term trips to continue to stay connected with their mission work.

James and Andrea arrived in the US with a very limited understanding of the English language. They are from Brazil, serving as missionaries in Thailand. After two years on the mission field, because the Thai language is very difficult to learn if you don't know English, it was decided that they should come and spend some time in the US to learn English. They have been attending classes at Alamance Community College as well as spending time with Larry and me just speaking conversational English. It has been a very rewarding experience helping them learn "what is the difference between 'bear' and 'bare'?" and other words that sound the same but have different meanings... We never realized how many words in our language are like that!!

Santiago and Jackie serve with Pathway College Ministries locally, where they go onto college campuses and try to reach out to the students. They probably will not be here at Siloam for very long as they plan to settle in the area permanently.

Jason and Anita are in airplane mechanic and flight training at a local mission agency. They are working toward going to Central America as missionaries, once their training is complete.

Keith and Jennifer are also with the aviation ministry, here to complete their training.

Mario and Giovana, founders of MORE International and MORE USA, have just recently moved onto our campus and will be continuing to raise funds for and operate their ministry to the suffering church around the world.

Ben and Catherine were with us for almost a year, and have recently left to go and help with her aging parents. Their desire is to return to the mission field, but because of her parents' health, they are going to take a sabbatical to help them and help with decisions that need to be made regarding their care.

Several other families have spent time here at Siloam this year, and we have more who will be coming. As you can see just from these few, ministry is taking place all over the world and in all different ways. Thank you for your prayers for us as we try to make a difference in each family's life. Thank you for your financial support that helps make it possible to minister to them. We welcome our newest Coffee Club members, John and Molly Breedlove.

May God richly bless you.

"Your 'Coffee mate,'"

Joyce George, Office Manager and Co-founder

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