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10 REASONS WHY

Missionaries Need Siloam Missionary Homes

by Larry George, President

Have you ever wondered where a missionary lives while raising support, going to or returning from the field, needing a place to rest, a place to grieve, a place to put the family back together again, transitioning off the field or into retirement? Why does a missionary need Siloam Missionary Homes?

- 1. IT'S ECONOMICAL.** The average cost of a 2-3 bedroom house in our area is \$900-\$1200 a month; Siloam is \$400-\$450.
- 2. IT'S FELLOWSHIP.** We encourage fellowship by monthly family style dinners, going to a ballgame, Lunch at Betty's and other events.
- 3. IT'S PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER.** Every weekday morning at 8:00, we gather together and pray for the needs of our missionaries, families and friends around the world.
- 4. IT'S FOOD.** Our food pantry, "Dad's Country Store" provides approximately \$55,000 of food each year to our missionary families. This food is given by our friends like you.
- 5. IT'S CLOTHING.** The Treasure Chest, a 1200 sq. building, provides gently used clothing for our missionary families. Each year thousands of dollars worth of new and used clothing are given to Siloam Missionary Homes.
- 6. IT'S SECURITY.** We are a gated community, looking out for our missionary kids and their families.
- 7. IT'S ENCOURAGEMENT.** No one understands the life of a missionary more than another missionary family. We have found this to be a bond that encourages them to keep going.

8. IT'S KID FRIENDLY. We have 3 playgrounds, a game room and 33½ acres for the kids to play.

9. IT'S HEALTHY. We have hiking trails, a full exercise room, and bikes for everyone to use while living here.

10. IT'S BIBLICAL. The Bible tells us to take care of our brother and sisters. 3 John 6-8 Helping to meet the needs of the saints Romans 12:13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality Hebrews 6:10 God blesses those who give.

IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU

The evangelist D. L. Moody once said, "*The world has yet to see what God can accomplish through someone who is totally dedicated to serving him.*" That statement is still true today.

One large mission organization has calculated that it takes the average missionary couple 26 months, 40,000 miles and \$30,000 to get to the field first time (Remember, this was written in 1982!).

Ralph V. Harvey – Gospel Message Nr.3/1982

Single women have an especially difficult time. They must travel alone and few pastors want them to speak in the pulpit. A missionary nurse wrote to 50 churches. Three replied, and all just wanted her to give a testimony either on Wednesday night or in Sunday School. It is not unusual for a missionary to have from 50 to 70 supporters, some of whom only contribute \$10 or \$20 month.

Ralph V. Harvey – Gospel Message Nr.3/1982



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by Clay Cox*

Fearless in Service

by Michael Gay, Director of Operations

We just completed a year of celebration for twenty-five years at Siloam Missionary Homes. And this New Year brings new challenges and new opportunities for everyone – we could even say new transitions. And while the thought of transition always seems to bring about feelings of fear and uncertainty, we can always look to Scripture to find examples of similar circumstances that can help lead us through uncertain times.

In 2 Timothy 1:6 Paul instructs Timothy to remember to stir up the gift of God. He knows that Timothy has real faith, but apparently feels that his fire needs to be rekindled. He wants there to be even more action behind his faith than what he currently sees in Timothy. He even tells him the mind-set he needs to have to accomplish this – he needs to be fearless. Why? Because God has given him a spirit of power, love, and a sound mind. The spirit of power is the working of the Holy Spirit within our lives to break away from the bondage of our fears and cast those

fears away from us. Then love provides us with a noble motivation for carrying out the commands of Christ, for He set the greatest example of love that could possibly exist, He gave His very life for us. And finally we are to have a sound mind, or be sober-minded. How is this accomplished? By trusting in His Word and the guiding of the Holy Spirit when every fiber of our being is in conflict and the wisdom of man is in direct contradiction with the wisdom of God.

So what does this mean for you as supporters of Siloam? As you pray and give you enable us to focus on the ministry at hand. We are then able to bring encouragement to those around us by being ministering servants of God. We must not let our fear of the future impact the ministry of today. God can and will use each of us – supporters, staff, and volunteers – in this ministry each and every day if we will just put aside our fear and allow God free-reign to do His work through us. Let us all be fearless in our service for the Savior.

From the Mailbag

"I'm also glad you are furnishing a nice place for "homeless missionaries" to use. The WMU group I have belonged to for nearly countless years often heard that the missionaries we befriended were unable to find a suitable home to live in when they were on furlough. That should never happen. I rejoice with you as you tell about the homes you are establishing including suitable activities for the children. I pray that God will continue to enable you in all the wonderful work going on by all of you."

Letter sent to Siloam by Ruth A.



Children of missionaries enjoying hot chocolate after a long day of playing in the snow.

What is Your Prayer?

by Rachel George, Camp Glory Farm Director

In this day of struggle, so often we strive to find something that will bring instant relief. Pain is something we tend to move away from. The thought of losing a loved one or even our own life is often swept under the rug by the busyness of life in order to ignore the truth that one day, pain is going to come and we and our loved ones will pass on.

How often have we ignored the truth? We often go through our daily routines never thinking of the vapor of life that we live. James 4:14, *"Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away."* (NASB) If we could just take a moment and recognize how a vapor is so quickly gone, then perhaps we would see the importance of using every moment we live to its fullest.

I recently saw a war movie, based on a true story, and the main character had such focus on what he was called to do. In the movie, Desmond Doss was going to be sent to prison for refusing to handle a gun in war. Regardless of what everyone around him said, he held fast to his faith and promises he had made to God. He stated, *"I don't know how I am going to live with myself if I don't stay true to what I believe."* His passion to be obedient to God regardless of the cost was overwhelming to me.

How often, in my own life, do I tend to try and remove myself from a painful situation by giving excuses or running away? Do I avoid sticking to my commitments to God in the chance of being ridiculed by others? Towards the end of the movie, one more phrase stands out that really says it all. In the very midst of the battle, knowing that his job as unarmed medic could cost him his life at any moment, he prays, "Please Lord, help me get one more, help me get one more." Do we live our lives with that prayer? Are we willing to go into the battlefield of life and risk our own for reaching just one more for Christ? I John 3:16, *"We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."* (NASB) Not only did Doss save American lives, he also helped save several of the enemy's lives as well. He wasn't trapped by any form of prejudice, only in the truth that every life was worth saving.

Total surrender to serve God requires complete obedience to His leading, regardless of location, color, gender, or differences. It is seeing others through the eyes of Christ and having a broken heart for the lost. May our prayer be, *"Please Lord, help me get one more, help me get one more."*

Burden/Love Chapel covered in snow!



Volunteers Needed!

What are you doing in your spare time? Most people probably would answer, *"I don't have any spare time!"* What if the question is instead, *"Do you make time for what you really want to do?"* Most people, to be honest, probably would answer *"Yes."*

What is my ulterior motive for asking? We need volunteers to help at Siloam Missionary Homes! Could volunteering at Siloam Missionary Homes become something that you really want to do, something that you could make time to do? During the 25-year history of SMH, God has used volunteers to do the majority of the work of building and maintaining *"a place for missionaries to call home"* when they return to the states or are preparing to go to their mission field. What a blessing it is when people give of themselves, their time, their energy, their prayers, to invest in a ministry that is a needed part of getting the gospel to the world. We need your monetary gifts of course, but we need your hands-on gifts as well.

How thankful we are for the hundreds who have volunteered over the years, many who keep on coming back because they know they are involved in work for the Lord, and because there is always more to do! There is something for the skilled and the unskilled to do. Your ability may begin with your availability. Give volunteering at Siloam your prayerful consideration.

If you are physically unable to volunteer, will you please pray for Siloam's ministry – and for God to send volunteers? The rest of us can help answer your prayers!

By H. Milton Wilder,
Missionary Pastoral Care



RECIPE

Marinated Vegetable Salad



by Betty Wilder

This is a great recipe to carry to a covered dish meal or just have on hand for a side dish. Hope you enjoy!

Marinated Vegetable Salad

- ¾ Cup Vinegar
- ½ Cup Vegetable Oil
- 1 cup Sugar
- 1 tsp. Salt
- 1 T. Water
- 1 (16 oz.) can English Peas
- 1 (14 oz.) can Shoe Peg Corn
- 1 (2 oz.) can Chopped Pimiento
- 1 cup Chopped Celery
- 1 Green Pepper, finely chopped
- 1 Onion, Chopped
- 1 (16 oz.) can French-Style Green Beans
- 1 (16 oz.) can Kidney Beans or Pinto Beans

Combine first 6 ingredients in a saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve sugar. COOL. Drain vegetables.

Combine vegetables and stir in vinegar mixture. Cover and place in refrigerator for at least 12 hours, stirring occasionally.

Will keep for days in the refrigerator!



Dear Coffee Club Members,



I recently received a newsletter from a couple that we knew from New Tribes Bible Institute in Michigan. They have been with NTM ever since (now Ethnos 360). I wanted to share an excerpt from their letter, which to me, says so much about how important missions is and re-ignites my passion to help these faithful servants any way I can...I know it will bless you.

How many times have you heard the story of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection? For the Nahuatl, tomorrow (Tuesday) they will hear of Christ's death for the first time. Then, after a day or so (allowing time for them to think about it) and talk about it, they will hear of Christ's resurrection. Have you thought about what that story would be without the resurrection? Just a story, right?! The resurrection changed everything. Prophecy was fulfilled. Christ overpowered sin and death...for us! Will you pray for our friends who have labored for years to come to this point? Pray for those who are hearing, too. The enemy of this world is at work. In the past few months, he has brought all sorts of distractions including a false religion came in and started doing things to draw the people to them. But God!!!! So, thank you for joining in on the battleground with prayers that hearts and eyes would see truth.

Queen has been helping with the translation and so has been hearing God's story as she helped with that. She mentioned that she is worried for those who aren't listening to the teaching (even some of her family). Queen commented, *"Surely, some here are rejecting the light. But I am understanding that all those who don't believe will be punished. Why aren't they believing?"* She asked again in frustration. *"We don't know how long we will last here, and once we die we can't change our minds. Now is the chance for believing."* I don't know about you, but Queen's understanding is *"right on the money, right?"* God has been using that same thought to prod me to remain vigilant in sharing the gospel with those he puts in my path right here in Missouri.

Thank you to each of you who so faithfully support Siloam each month. God bless you!

"Your "Coffee mate,"

Joyce George, Office Manager and Co-founder

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