

Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them. Luke 2:20

December 2019

Dear Friends of Siloam,

Merry Christmas! "Come share the joy!" A number of years ago we had a missionary family from Brazil living in one of our houses. Where they served, it is always hot and tropical. As their home assignment approached Christmas, the weather here turned cold and it began to snow. Their six-year-old was so excited that he called and said, "Uncle Larry, it's snowing! Come to our house and let's share the joy!" I laugh every time it snows because it reminds me of that little boy, Daniel, wanting to share with me the joy of snow. I believe the shepherds had the same joy when they witnessed the birth of Jesus. The Bible says *they returned, glorifying and praising God*. Luke 2:20

I would like to share with you **some of our joy** – some of the things that have been a real blessing to us as we provided homes for 21 families from 14 countries in 2019.

- **We have joy** because on November 14<sup>th</sup>, Wake Chapel came to Siloam and provided a program and encouraged each family by providing them all of the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal. Thanksgiving is traditionally a US Holiday and I was surprised that we had 3 missionary families that have never had a Thanksgiving meal. This was an added blessing to have them participate in one of our oldest traditions.
- **We have joy** because we were able to pay off the mortgage on Camp Glory Farm.
- **We have joy** because we were able to complete the Grady Workman 25th Anniversary House.
- **We have joy** because we were given a 10-acre farm by the Byrd family to expand Camp Glory Farm. We named it "Watson's Place" in honor for their father, the late Watson Byrd.
- **We have joy** because many churches and work teams have helped us this year building and maintaining the campus. **We couldn't do this without you.**

*Each year we pick a few special Christmas projects. This year's wish list includes:*

- Heating and air system for the upstairs of the house at Watson's Place. Currently we have installed a mini split on the first level. The upstairs with three bedrooms currently has no HVAC – cost is \$ 5,800.
- Farm Fence for Watson Place: 4 rolls - 330' woven wire @ \$189.00 each (\$756.00)
- 50 - 3x3x6' treated fence post @ 7.08 (\$354.00)
- 50 - 6' steel T post @ 3.69 (\$184.50)

On behalf of the board of directors, staff and missionaries, I would like to thank you for all you do to make Siloam Missionary Homes a *place to call home*. As we rejoice over 2019 and all the Lord has done, we look forward to 2020 as being even better as we continue to be that link to share the love of Christ with the world.

*Larry George*  
President