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## “Love is not just a feeling in your heart, it’s work gloves on your hands”



by Larry George, President

*As each one has received a gift, ministering it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ~ 1 Peter 4:10*

The longer I live, the more that I stand in awe at how God uses each of us and our special gifts to bring the body of Christ together to accomplish His will.

Since our last newsletter it has been totally amazing to see all the things that have been done here at Siloam Missionary Homes. Everywhere I look I can see this.

- *The 25th Anniversary House was completed in February. It’s hard to believe that Joyce and I have been living in it for 4 months already!*
- *Phase 1 of Watson’s Place is completed and Rachel has moved in.*
- *The roof on Units A and B has been re-shingled.*
- *The 40x40 pole barn has the roof on.*
- *Michael and Valerie have moved into the recently remodeled director’s home.*

Those are just a few of the things that have been done, but it has taken the

special gifts and talents of God’s people to make this a reality. I could never thank you all enough for making this happen.

We are now refocusing our efforts on the grounds. The weather here has been extremely hot this summer. I don’t know if this is unusual or the fact I love to be in air conditioning? In saying this, I have been so impressed with all the work teams, especially the young people. They have worked hard, speaking words of encouragement and so willing to do whatever needs to be done without complaining. To all of you that participated, I say “thank you!” You are living out your God-given talents and I pray the Lord will use this to not only bless you, but also the missionary families that live here at Siloam Missionary Homes. I am reminded of a slogan we used several years ago. “Love is not just a feeling in your heart – it’s work gloves on your hands.”

### HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

#### GIVEN IN MEMORY OF

*In memory of  
Doyle & Elise Davis  
by Harold Davis*

*In memory of Barbara Smith  
by Jerry & Laura Smith*

*In memory of Jeremy Batson  
by Scott & Lori Batson*

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

*In memory of Mary Cox  
by Clay Cox*

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

*In memory of Ted Ball  
by Charles Summers,  
Jim & Nancy Gay, Lois Hanmer,  
David & Amy Snook, 1st Baptist  
Church in Parson’s WV,  
Charles Summer,  
John & Janice Johnson,  
Shields Memorial Chapel,  
Terry & Laura Myers,  
Bethel Baptist Church*

*In memory of  
Gerald and Ruth Stanton  
by Orlynn & Bethel Halladay*

*In honor of Ray Soyars  
by Glenn & Julia Stanley*

*In honor of Milton Wider  
by Riverside Baptist Church*

*In honor of Marshall Twiddy  
by Dallas & Gwen Davis*

### CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 9, 2019 • 9 a.m. until ?

Help us decorate our campus to give the missionary families a beautiful place to call home during the Christmas season. Call or e-mail us for more information and to let us know you, your family, your SS class, or friends can come!





A collage of 20 photographs documenting the construction of a new building. The images show various stages of the project: laying the foundation, erecting the wooden frame, installing the roof, and interior finishing. A large group photo of the construction crew and volunteers is featured in the center. Other photos show people working on landscaping, painting, and the final interior setup, including a man in a red shirt standing in the finished room.



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# TRANSITION

by H. Milton Wilder, Missionary Pastoral Care

**Tran • si • tion:** “a process or period in which something undergoes a change and passes from one state, stage, form, or activity to another.”

This is a definition of what missionaries often face as they move from one country to another or change locations within a country. Try to imagine what “culture shock” is like; learning to communicate in another language, adjusting to different customs, meeting people, some with hostility toward “foreigners.” The list goes on when transitioning to another country to follow God’s calling.

At Siloam, we are on “the other end” of transition (with a few exceptions), when missionaries return after having been away for maybe several years and must readjust to life back “home.” Try to imagine what “reverse culture shock” is like. The changes in our

country are much more evident to those returning who have not experienced the changes gradually as we have.

Being able to plan for a life transition is most helpful, but sometimes circumstances develop that force missionaries into an unexpected return to the States. Changing cultures with preparation is difficult enough, but suddenly, they must struggle to adjust without the opportunity for planning their transition.

For example, in recent months armed conflict in the street where they lived forced one missionary family to evacuate their home and country and find a place at Siloam.

At present, a couple is staying at Siloam who, learning of imminent danger, within 24 hours packed what they could and returned to the States in order to avoid arrest by the government. Issues with family back home as well as events on the field, often create the need for a quick return. Sometimes these unanticipated situations require missionaries to change ministries, thus creating another necessary transition.

There is much more to the subject of missionary transition. Perhaps this is enough for you to see why we ask you to make it a focus of your prayers as we care for the missionaries at Siloam.

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# NEW BEGINNINGS

by Michael Gay, Director



We have the privilege of meeting and ministering to many missionaries at different stages of their journey in service for the Lord. As I consider the missionaries I have been honored to interact with here at Siloam, I am reminded of the Lord’s calling to His disciples. In the book “The Training of the Twelve” by A. B. Bruce he says this about the first disciples and their faith, “...its value lay not in maturity, or accuracy, but in this, that however imperfect, it brought them into contact and close fellowship with Him, in whose company they were to see greater things than when they first believed...”

A couple of missionary stories come to mind, both with new beginnings but very different circumstances.

One young couple moved to Siloam at the beginning of their time in ministry. Not only were they beginning the deputation process, but they also were expecting a new child. Two new beginnings! They placed their trust in God and did not let their growing family become a hindrance to the new ministry God had placed on their heart. Their faith was tested as their beautiful newborn came into this world with a physical issue, but God in His providence placed them here where they could receive excellent care from the top-notch doctors available in this area.

Another family was faithfully serving the Lord in full-time ministry when that door was

suddenly closed to them, and they found themselves asking God where do we go and what do we do? This family did not have the benefit of planning for this change in ministry, but once again, God showed them greater things. They were able to find a home here at Siloam and have been working with a group to be a part of a new ministry that God has uniquely prepared for them.

These stories illustrate the hand of God in using this ministry, the ministry you so faithfully pray for and support, to help two different families find new beginnings in a way that increases faith and glorifies God.



## BETTY'S RECIPE Cinnamon Cheesecake



I hope everyone has had a great summer and tried some new recipes. Here at Siloam we had several work groups over the summer. This dessert is always a favorite with the groups. I shared it several years ago but had a request that I share it again. It is super easy and always a hit.

### Cinnamon Cheesecake

- 2 pkgs. Refrigerated crescent rolls
- 2 (8 oz.) pkgs. cream cheese
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Spread 1 pkg. of crescent rolls in bottom of 13 x 9 pan. Mix together cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Spread over rolls. Spread second pkg of crescent rolls over cream cheese mixture.

### Topping

- 1 stick butter, melted
- ½ cup sugar
- 3 tsp. cinnamon

Mix the three ingredients together and pour over the cream cheese and rolls. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

## FROM THE MAILBAG

*"Now that we are settled in the West Coast, we find ourselves missing Snow Camp. We were skeptical at first, living so far from friends and supporters in Greensboro, but over the months we grew to love coming "home" to Siloam. The kids keep talking about how great it was to just be able to walk outside and play in nature. It was a safe place for each of them. We loved having a place of our own, not intruding on another family's existing space. It was a real blessing for us to be there and have time to grow as a family."*

— Gratefully, Dave & Rachel

## Dear Coffee Club Members,



This morning I had the amazing opportunity to welcome a new family to our Siloam Missionary Homes' campus. This is a young Brazilian couple with two children (8 and 3 year old sons) who have been serving as church planting missionaries in their own country. It was wonderful to practice a little of my Portuguese, because they have a limited vocabulary in English. Part of the reason they are here is to improve their English. They shared with me that they have had a difficult time during the past year in ministry and just need a place to rest and regroup as a family. Mary Ellen (yes...she said if she had been a boy, they would have named her "John Boy!") said that as soon as they arrived in the house here, they gathered in the living room and prayed, giving thanks to God for this place. Hearing that, and knowing how much they need this place, was a true reminder to me of "why we need Siloam Missionary Homes."

Over the next few days, we will help them find and purchase a vehicle, get their children enrolled in the local elementary school, find a church to attend, explore the opportunities for English classes and just get to know the area. I am really excited about having them here and pray that our staff and the other missionary families living on campus can be a blessing to them.

I would like to welcome our newest "Coffee Club" member, Judy Ricks. Thank you to everyone who so faithfully support us and Siloam through your gifts and your prayers. Each gift we receive helps us keep providing this much needed haven for families who sometimes just need a place to rest and regroup. Some are making major life decisions that affect their families and their ministries. Some are helping college age children find their way in the US – though home to us, it is 'foreign' to them. Our desire is to come along side them in support and encouragement to help them through what can be a difficult time.

God bless you!

Your "Coffee mate,"

Joyce George, Office Manager and Co-founder

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