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Moving Forward – Looking to the Future

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His Purpose.”

—Romans 8:28

“Elderly are the greatest missionary force that we will have in the coming decades.”

—*Evangelical Focus Europe* written by Jonathan Soriano

God has promised that all things work together for good to those that love Him. The Apostle Paul gave several illustrations about taking care of the housing needs of missionaries. I have been receiving emails and calls from our friends about the future for many missionaries that have nowhere to go upon retirement. This also includes pastors and other lay people who have made missions a big part of their lives. One part of our mission statement is that we provide housing *for a lifetime*.

In my research, I have come to realize a few things that I would like to share with you:

1. The World and missions is ever changing.
2. The baby boomers are the healthiest, wealthiest, longest living generation that has ever lived, and “retirement” is not in their vocabulary.
3. Nowhere in scripture does it say we are to retire or quit. The Bible tells us to train, to teach, to do and to go until He comes.

According to the OECD, The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the median age of the population will increase from 40 years today to 45 years in 2050. “Given the growth in the number of older people, it is necessary to create new spaces, such as leisure centers with cultural offering, and retirement homes where they can go when they need it, keeping their quality of life.”

If work is an act of worship and cooperation for God’s purposes, the end of working life in a company is only a change of destiny, but it is not the end of anything.

If you are an employee of God’s mission, it only means that you will exercise it elsewhere.

We are exploring options for what we might call “The Village at Siloam,” a campus close to Siloam Missionary Homes to provide long term housing for:

1. Missionaries, Pastors and lay people that want to continue to be involved in missions into their retirement years.
2. Missionary families who will have a home base here and travel overseas.

This village, which would be an extension of Siloam Missionary Homes, would provide multiple ways to be involved in Camp Glory Farm, Mission at work Thailand, and other mission outreaches.

Possible amenities may include: Conference Center, woodworking shop, dining center, gardens, shopping center, medical center, a warehouse to store and ship mission projects.

If you are interested in something like this would you pray about how God can use you? Send us an email, I would love to hear what you think.

Moving Forward, Larry George, *President*

Open House
& DEDICATION

CAMP GLORY FARM
@WATSON'S PLACE

OCTOBER 17 | 1:00 TO 3:30PM
7913 SYLVAN RD
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1:00 TO 3:00 PM

- HOUSE TOURS AVAILABLE
- PETTING ZOO
- GAMES & REFRESHMENTS

3:00 TO 3:30 PM

- VISION FOR WATSON'S PLACE
- CONTRIBUTOR RECOGNITION
- DEDICATION CEREMONY

Summer Work Team Update

This year was very different from the past years for our summer work teams.

In the past we have had groups come and stay for a week. Their week would include doing a work project, eating amazing home cooked food, participating in team competitions and Bible memorization, morning devotions, lunch talk and sharing time with missionaries, and evening Bible study along with praise and worship. The time spent together is definitely a group bonding time because of staying overnight as a team. With the virus, this year's plans had to be modified and although it wasn't the "camp" experience, we were able to continue having day trips from a couple of church groups and one "camp" week with our Indiana team, Maple Grove. So much was accomplished during this time. The Lord continued to provide volunteers to come alongside these groups in order to get projects completed and it was a blessing to see Him provide in the midst of such uncertain times.

The pole barn on the Siloam campus was completed by Wake Chapel's crew. We were so encouraged to see our Daniel's home church get behind their own home missionary. Mebane Presbyterian came and brought a couple of their youth and showed their love and support for their interim youth pastor and our intern, Noah Tyre. It was a day that the students were able to learn and do tasks that many may never have experienced such as using power tools, putting up fencing, and other tasks. Their group completed the second phase fencing at Watson's Place.

Maple Grove sent a small adult group all the way from Indiana, led by Mrs. Tracie Duff. This team of four was able to get phase I of Watson's Place fencing completed, clean fence lines and buildings, and help in the restoration process of the upstairs of the Director's home. Although only four adults from



Maple Grove Church, Topeka, Indiana, came and helped with clearing fields, putting up farm fence, hanging drywall and insulation at Camp Glory Farm at Watson's.

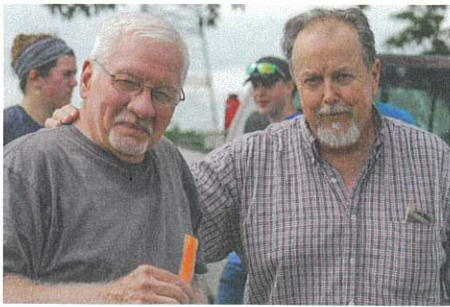
Indiana were able to come, God provided an amazing group of local youth and single adult volunteers. Our team of 4 was multiplied many times like the loaves and fishes in great times of need.

Kendric, our Farm Manager was busy connecting with interns and students while also helping lead in various projects. Sarah Richardson, a former intern, led the praise and worship time. She worked hard coordinating music and practices



Wake Chapel hung all of the metal siding and soffits on our new Maintenance pole barn and helped move stuff from the Work Shop into the new pole barn.

and brought two gals from her church. These three, alongside the two summer interns, came together to lead a true time of worship as well as help with projects and in the kitchen with Ms. Betty. Other local students, Charli Lunden and Dixie Parrish, also came to help and join in with the team on this project. One looking from the outside would've thought this group all came together from the same location; however, it was so neat to



Mebane Presbyterian Church helped put up farm fence at Camp Glory Farm at Watson's.

see God bring people together from a variety of locations to unite as one team.

Although times have changed, one thing remains constant...Our God, Jehovah! Praise Him for the things He has done and will continue to do for us.

Rachel George,
Camp Glory Farm Director

The Next Door That God Opens

Recently, a missionary with a smiling face told me he now had raised one hundred percent of his monthly financial support!

God opened the door to a great blessing, especially in the face of the current pandemic restrictions, which for most of this year have prevented missionaries from physically presenting their ministry to potential supporters. We are thankful that we have been able to provide a place of safety for those who need it, especially in a critical time such as we are experiencing. Regrettably, we have had to turn away some families because all our homes are occupied.

We hope that soon we can replace the mobile home that reached the end of its usefulness, with a suitable house. Also, please pray with us that we might have a clear direction from the Lord about the future expansion of Siloam. We see the need to provide additional temporary homes for missionaries, plus we have had requests for homes for those retiring from their present jobs who want to continue to serve the Lord from the "base" of a Christian community.

This is a crucial time for missions outreach. It is not necessary to reiterate the effect of the virus worldwide, since we are all too familiar with the disruption and heartache arising from it. The world's need for missionaries to proclaim the gospel of Christ is always a reality, but especially now. Could the present conditions eventually create greater opportunities for the gospel rather than hindrances, as people in their crisis find Christ? Paul told the Colossians, "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak" (Colossians 4:2-4). Pray also that Siloam may faithfully continue to provide a place for missionaries to call home while they are waiting and preparing to go through the next door that God opens for His word.

H. Milton Wilder,
Missionary Pastoral Care

Finding Joy in Your Work

Sometimes we all need to be reminded to find joy in even the most basic functions of life. Even in full-time ministry we lose sight of God's plan and need a little jolt to bring us back to reality.

In the book of Ecclesiastes we are presented with an important question, "What do we gain by our earthly labors?" In plain English we might say, "What's the point?"

Thankfully we are not left wondering for very long because we find the answer later in the book of Ecclesiastes. In verses 18-19 we find that we are to "find enjoyment in all the toil" and that we are to "rejoice in your toil - this is the gift of God."

What I find most interesting about this passage is that our toil, our labor, is a direct result of sin entering

into the world. But in contrast to the sinful origins of our earthly toil we are told to find joy, a gift from God that is given to us despite our sinful condition. Isn't God amazing! He uses the results of our sinful condition to teach us joy.

Let this be an encouragement to you. Whether you are in full-time Christian ministry or some other so-called secular vocation, God's intention for you is to find joy in your work.

Michael Gay,
Director of Daily Operations

BETTY'S RECIPE Apple Butter



It's that time of year when the apples are falling from the trees. One of Milton's favorite ways to use apples is to make Apple Butter. I found a recipe this year that is not only very good, but also easy to prepare.

Apple Butter

- 5 lbs. apples, peeled and cored
- 3 cups granulated sugar, divided
- 1 ½ tsp. ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp. ground nutmeg
- ½ tsp. ground cloves

Cut apples into 1-inch cubes. Place apple cubes and 1 ½ cups of the sugar in a 6 quart slow cooker. Cover and cook on High 6 hours. Stir in cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and remaining 1 ½ cups sugar. Cover and cook on LOW until apples are very soft, about 4 hours. If you would like to have the apples smoother, you can place half of apple mixture in a blender. After securing lid on blender, remove center piece to allow steam to escape. Place a clean towel over opening. Pulse until smooth or to desired texture. You can place in jars and process in Hot Water bath or store in airtight container in the refrigerator. Will keep in refrigerator up to 1 month. My apples cooked smooth enough that I did not process in blender. Milton said it was some of the best apple butter he had ever eaten! Makes about 6 half pints.

HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

In honor of Ray Soyars
by Bob & Carol Bennette,
William & Joann Newell, Joe King,
Glenn & Julia Stanley, W. Kelley & Eileen Rice,
Claude & Janice Myers III

In honor of Milton & Betty Wilder
by Virginia Vick

In honor of Milton Wilder by the Riverside
Baptist Church

In memory of Doyle Davis by Harold Davis

In memory of Pauline Harton
by Imogene Spears, Thomas & Lynne Lynch,
Joseph & Mary Jon Schmitz, Turner's Chapel
Mission Day Circle, David & Denise Jones,
Rachel Mason, Gary & Janice Carter,
Phyllis McKoy Adderton, Margie Woolard,
Helen McDuffie, Harold & Patsy McBane,
Zane & Donna Miller, Lillie Mae Rosser,
Jerry & Laura Smith, Margaret Hill,
Selma Ramey

In memory of Lester Stanley
by Glenn & Julia Stanley

In memory of Margaret Rheingrover
by June Dye

Dear Coffee Club Members,



I have just entered the "golden years," having received in the mail that mysterious Medicare Card! It's something you always know is coming, but when you finally get there you wonder, "What?!! My parents were old enough to be on Medicare....when did this happen?" LOL But my dad always used to say, "It's better than the alternative."

Larry and I have started walking every morning at 6:30, a habit we started about 5 years ago but had to quit for a time when he was having trouble with a torn meniscus. With that healed from surgery, we now have the opportunity again to just walk and talk about what is going on in our lives and in the ministry. It is always interesting to see our neighbors (neighbors outside of Siloam campus) pulling out of their driveways as they begin their day, too, and to see some smiling and waving and some obviously not looking forward to their day.

Our three grandchildren are growing up way too fast. Macie is now a senior in high school, Preston is a sophomore and David is in the 8th grade. Mike is self-employed remodeling homes and Abbey is a cosmetologist, which gives me a real good excuse every 5-6 weeks to go see them (to get my hair cut). Although they live about a 3 hour drive from us, we try to go and spend time with them as often as we can, and enjoy it when we get to do that.

Rachel continues to grow and expand her ministry here at Siloam through Camp Glory Farm by TCK Care (Third Culture Kid), being in charge of the interns, Biblical counseling, working with the farm animals and providing educational field trip opportunities. We are so thankful to have her working alongside us.

Thank you for your faithful donations which enable us to continue the ministry here. Without each one of you praying and giving, we could not continue.

Your "Coffee mate,"

Joyce George, Office Manager and Co-founder

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