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## “Come...and Rest”



Last fall, Joyce and I had the wonderful opportunity to visit James and Andrea Neves and their two boys in Thailand. They are one of our missionary families that stayed here a couple of years ago. After spending a month visiting and helping them in their ministry, we realized how hard life can be for a missionary – just to live life. There is the language barrier, the different culture, a shortage of staff, the demands of ministry, and just buying groceries, while at the same time raising a family. The Neves minister to children at a school, which is about 15 minutes from their house. The children that they minister to range from the age of 5 to 17 and many of the kids live there with nowhere to go, even when school is out. James and Andrea are responsible for them year round.

One evening, James got a call from the school and needed to go, so I rode along. It had been a hot, busy day and I was really tired and I knew he was, too. After we got to the school and he spent time with the dorm boys, it was late as we traveled the 15 miles home. I looked at James and said, “Doesn’t this get old? How do you keep going?” He replied, “We know this is where God wants us. We love these children. If we can focus on the ministry here and people continue to pray and support us, we are able to keep going.”

Recently in my devotions, I was reading in Matthew 11:28 where Jesus says,

*“Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”* The Lord understood the need to get away and rest and ready

himself for ministry. When Joyce and I got back to the States after being in Thailand a month, we had jet lag – bad! Life was confusing and we had lots to do because we had been gone. But, now we understood just a little more the life of a missionary coming home. This gave us a renewed desire to do all we can to send a missionary back, rested and ready.

Sometimes you may think, “Is providing a home for missionaries really needed?” The answer is a loud “yes!” Our houses are filled and we desperately need to replace the trailer that was destroyed by a hurricane a couple of years ago. We want to replace this with a modular home so we can help another missionary family. We have not raised the maintenance fee for a couple of years because of the Lord’s faithfulness and your generosity to give. Please pray and get involved. We need you – the time is drawing near and there is so much to do. Help us send these families back rested, refreshed and ready to serve again. It’s because of you that missionaries have a place to call home.

If you would like for us to come visit you, please give us a call or email us. We would love to update and challenge your friends, families and churches to get involved in Siloam Missionary Homes. We praise the Lord as we move into our 28th year of providing over 300 missionary families from over 98 different countries a home.

In His Service,  
Larry George, President



## Meet Our Staff



Left to right: Valerie Gay (Accounts Receivable), Michael Gay (Director of Daily Operations), Betty Wilder (Accounts Payable), Milton Wilder (Missionary Pastoral Care), Kendric Peoples (Farm Manager), Rachel George (Camp Glory Farm Director), Larry George (Founder & President), Joyce George (Co-Founder & Office Manager), Daniel Sieg (Maintenance Director), Henry Hagood – not pictured (Part Time Maintenance)

## Camp Glory Farm Update

These past few months we have been preparing for our upcoming lambing season.

It is hard to believe that “baby time” is already approaching. This is, of course, our favorite time of the year here on the farm, but it also has its own set of demands. I’m so thankful that we have officially hired Kendric Peoples as our Farm Manager. She has been an intern with us for 2½ years and has proven her loyalty and desire to see Camp Glory Farm succeed. Her support has been a major help and I really do not know what I would have done without her willingness to serve.

Another exciting development is the opportunity to reach our community through the development of Camp Glory Farm at Watson’s Place. The motto, “Serve local, reach global,” is finally becoming a reality. Our first steps will include fencing the pastures and repairing existing barns. This off-site location will allow for teaching, training, and serving within the local community and even overseas. Through the financial support of individuals and groups as well as hands-on involvement, we hope to have it ready to begin outreach this coming fall of 2020.

We will continue to have Camp Glory Farm at Siloam, but will use it for the families living at Siloam to have privacy and a place to heal and grow without the pressure of performance. It is our desire that our missionaries are able to have a place to get rest and healing while away from the mission field. Missionaries will have the option to get teaching, training as well as involved at Watson’s Place if they desire.

As we begin this new and amazing year, would you prayerfully consider becoming a part in helping us? It is through your involvement that we are able to accomplish these things. Join us in making this the best year ever for Camp Glory Farm!

Because of Jesus, Rachel George, *Director of Camp Glory Farm*



### FROM THE MAILBAG

*“My wife and I stayed in one of your homes for some months some eight or so years ago during one of our furloughs. We greatly appreciated our time with you for a number of reasons. One was simply the layout of the house itself. We think the skylights were a great idea also!” – Russ & Barbara S.*



# Sent by the One Who was Sent

Siloam's theme for 2020 is "Sent" and is at the heart of our reason for being.

Our ministry at Siloam Missionary Homes involves receiving the missionaries whom God sends us for a while, caring for their needs the best we can, with the goal of "sending" them back to their field of service refreshed and renewed.

It surprises me that so few people – especially Christians, I might add – know the origin of the name, Siloam Missionary Homes. Some think the ministry's name is Shalom Missionary Homes, the Jewish word most people have heard. "Siloam" is a three-syllable word (ssih-LOH'-

uhm) derived from the Hebrew, meaning "Sent." Where do we find the word "Siloam?" Three times in the New Testament: Jesus mentions the tower of Siloam in Luke 13:4, but the main reference is to the Pool of Siloam in Jerusalem in John 9, verses 7 and 11. There Jesus, "the Light of the world," anointed the eyes of a blind man with clay and sent him to wash in the Pool of Siloam and "he came back seeing." As the *Holman Bible Dictionary* points out, the One whom God sent, in turn sent the blind man to the

Pool of Siloam ("Sent") and obeying Jesus, he gained his sight.

I encourage you to meditate on this theme, remembering also that after His resurrection, Jesus spoke to His disciples (then and now), "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you" (John 20:21). As the Father sent the Son into the world, Jesus Christ has sent us – across the street, around the world – to proclaim His name.

H. Milton Wilder  
*Missionary Pastoral Care*

## Being Sent – An Act of Obedience

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When you hear the term "sent" in the context of Christian service, what is the first thing that comes to your mind? Most of us probably associate it with being called to missions and going to a foreign country to serve. But is that really what the Scriptures mean when God calls us to serve Him?

One of the first examples from Scripture is Abraham, and his calling most certainly included the explicit command to go somewhere else. We can also think of Philip being obedient to God's call and being whisked away to meet with the Ethiopian. Or even the calling of Paul and his subsequent travels all over the Middle East. But while many of the leading characters in Scripture have similar stories the majority of people recorded in Scripture served the Lord without leaving their homes or going to a foreign land.

Consider the widow that ministered to Elijah in her own home. She was used by God to minister to one of His servants and her work was important in God's eyes. What about Ananias who ministered to Paul after his conversion? Or Mary and Martha who ministered to the Lord and His disciples throughout the Gospels?

What do these biblical characters have in common? The act or attitude of obedience. When God burdened their hearts to serve Him, they didn't ponder where, what, why, or how. They just said, "yes." They were readily obedient to His leading because they trusted God to provide wisdom, direction, and strength.

As believers today we find security in our jobs, homes, and our circumstances that the word "sent" can bring a chill to our

hearts because it may mean giving up everything that makes us feel comfortable. But God doesn't call us to be comfortable, He calls us to be obedient – wherever that may ultimately take us. We cannot allow the fear of the unknown to stop us from being obedient to His call. As believers we are all to be "sent" because it is not based on geography but is based on obedience.

Michael Gay  
*Director of Operations*



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is available to order at  
[siloamhomes.org/store](https://siloamhomes.org/store)



## BETTY'S RECIPE Frozen Cranberry Salad



My sister gave me this recipe. I put it in the newsletter several years ago and I have used it many times for luncheons here at Siloam. This Christmas I had so many asking for the recipe, we're publishing it again. It is one of the Staff's favorite things to have at our luncheons and it is easy to prepare.

### Frozen Cranberry Salad

- 1 can sweetened condensed milk (10 oz.)
- 1 can whole berry cranberry sauce (16 oz.)
- 1 can crushed pineapple, drained (20 oz.)
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 container whipped topping (8 oz.)

In large bowl, combine milk, cranberry sauce, pineapple and nuts. Fold in whipped topping. Spread in 9 x 13 inch pan or in paper-lined cupcake pan. Freeze until firm. Serves 12. Good any time of the year.

## HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

*In memory of Rodney Wilson  
by TEMoldshop Employees,  
Bill & Monty Briley, Senior Adult  
SS Class of Central Baptist Church,  
Randolph & Elaine Scott,  
Larry & Helen Fogleman,  
Milton & Betty Wilder,  
Dallas & Gwen Davis*

*In memory of Mary Cox  
by Clay Cox*

*In memory of James Hamby  
by Milton & Betty Wilder*

*In memory of Janice Kennedy  
(my precious wife of 55 years)  
by Al Kennedy*

*In memory of Thomas Hill, Sr.  
by Delano and Eva Hill*

*In honor of Milton Wilder  
by Riverside Baptist Church*

*In honor of Ray Soyars  
by Joann Newell*

*In honor of Darrell Massey  
by Margaret Hooper*

## Dear Coffee Club Members,



2019 was a busy year for us here at Siloam Missionary Homes, with over 20 families from about 12 different countries, and who stayed anywhere from a few days to a year. We had a new baby arrive for one couple, another couple who are seeking the Lord's leading as they "retire" off the mission field after 30+ years of service, and families who are in transition of ministry. Many times we have heard, "Thank you for our home."



As a couple, Larry and I have also had a lot of interesting experiences. Early last year, we had the wonderful opportunity to travel to Brazil (my home country) to encourage a missionary family. In late summer, we were blessed to accompany our church work team to go to Thailand to help a missionary with their boarding school. Larry had surgery on

his knee in December to repair a torn meniscus and he is recovering very well. In between all of these, we were able to get to know new missionary families and see God do miraculous things in their lives and in ours, as well.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of us and the ministry. We are looking forward to another year and already have a pretty full reservation calendar for the homes, with just a few short openings.

**Come see us!!!** Remember, we offer opportunities for your group to come for "lunch and a tour" of our campus so we can show you all that God has done. Give us a call and get your date on our calendar.

God bless each of you!

Your "Coffee mate,"

Joyce George, Office Manager and Co-founder

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