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## God Is In Control

Several days ago, I woke to the alarm on my cellphone saying we were under a tornado warning, heavy winds and flooding.

**N**ot knowing what to do, I got up, walked around and looked outside. I decided the best place to be was the dining room. (We don't have a basement.) With the lights flickering, I lit our reliable old oil lamp and sat it on the table. Opening my Bible, I prayed, "Lord give me peace, keep us safe." I began to read Philippians 1:6 "Being confident (I am sure) of this very thing, that He (Jesus) who has begun a good work in you will complete it (bring to completion) until the day of Jesus Christ."

As I meditated on this passage, the Holy Spirit gave me peace and drowned out the sounds of the storm. When I shared this with a fellow missionary, he reminded me that many times we rebuke the disciples about their reaction to the storm on the Sea of Galilee. This has taught me a great lesson. God is in control of all things. I waste so much time worrying about situations, when Jesus reminds us He is always here, and He will complete the task at hand.

We have been so blessed with the food and donations for our food store and for the money given to help some of our families that are struggling financially. A local farmer gave us two cows that we butchered and shared the meat with everyone here. God is so good to give us rain and sunshine in the midst of the storms.

We are so thankful for God's protection during the tornado. Even though it missed us, it touched down about 3 miles from here and hit Chris and Wanda Braxton's lumber company. Some of our staff and missionaries went over to help them with cleanup. We continue to pray for them as they lost their lumber business.

I can't help but praise the Lord for your prayers, and faithful financial support during this troubling time which we are all living in. The world currency has been turned upside down for many of our missionaries. For instance, the Brazilian Real is worth 15 cents to the USA greenback. Some of our families are working part time jobs and trying to figure out what to do next.

Please continue to pray for us. We had a new family move in recently and a waiting list of missionaries needing housing that we have had to turn away.

We live in exciting times, really, as we watch Bible prophecy being fulfilled quickly. We all have a job to do for Jesus and He has promised to fulfill it. Jesus is coming ... pass it on!

In His Service, Larry George, *President*

## Make It Better



Our new maintenance director, Daniel Sieg (pronounced "Zeek"), has been on the job for four months and we'd like for you to get to know him a little better. Our first impression of Daniel was during the visit for his interview - we were moving a wood stove into one of

the houses and he took charge and made sure it got in smoothly and with minimal effort. Since joining the staff he has had to deal with appliance repairs, equipment

repairs, even a fire that damaged the outside end of one of the houses. Through it all he has maintained that same take-charge nature but with a good balance of humility and hard work.

Daniel's favorite verse is Proverbs 22:29, "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings." In the short time he has been here, he has exemplified this verse. He recently repaired a borrowed

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## Missions Trips and COVID-19

If your church has canceled your missions trip for this year due to the COVID-19 outbreak, would you consider investing that time and those funds into a work team trip to North Carolina? We are still moving forward with our plans for summer and fall work teams and have projects of many sizes and skill levels available. We will be replacing our front fence, siding a pole barn, prepping our farm for school children to visit in the fall, and many other projects as well. Our work teams function on a camp-style schedule with work during the day and worship and activities in the evening. Project packets are available by request, so please contact us for more information and possible dates. We would love to see you here!

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## Unique Needs of Missionaries

It's probably been a while since you have been to your church for a "normal" worship service because of the COVID-19 restrictions.

Many churches and pastors have been creative in providing opportunities for meeting "together" while being apart, such as utilizing Facebook and YouTube or drive-in gatherings in the parking lot, etc.

All of us are feeling the effects of the restrictions and regulations, but one main focus in our prayers here has been on how missionaries are affected. Travel bans prevent many from returning to the States and others from going to their field of service. All of Siloam's

homes are occupied at present; we cannot fill all the requests for housing. Because of the restrictions on people meeting together, it is difficult for missionaries to present their ministry to churches and individuals to raise prayer and financial support. Some missionaries have experienced a reduction of monthly support. (Two spiritual problems: Some church folks do not give generously or cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:6-15). Some churches cut mission support when finances are low.)

Please think about the unique situation and special needs of missionaries at Siloam and all missionaries serving across the globe and pray for their endurance and encouragement as they seek to fulfill their ministries. Thanks to all who have joined with us to help minister to those under our care at Siloam.

H. Milton Wilder  
*Missionary Pastoral Care*

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## Make It Better *(continued)*

3-point hay spear for use on the farm and didn't just stop at making the repairs, he also treated and painted the implement, making it look brand new. It wasn't our equipment, though we were using it, and he wanted to "make it better."

Three years ago Daniel was part of a missions team through his church and felt the Lord burden him for ministry – specifically using his work skills. This past fall, one of our board members approached him and asked what it would take

for him to leave his current job. His answer – full-time ministry allowing him to use his skills for God's service. The board member shared with him the opportunity to do just that here at Siloam and so, even though he had a good job with opportunities for advancement and was not really considering a change, he obeyed the call of the Lord and joined us on staff.

We can honestly say we are thankful every day for his work ethic, enthusiasm to learn, willingness

to jump into any project – and we mean **any** project. He has even helped us butcher two cows, milked sheep, bottle-fed lambs, and extracted skunk smell from the crawl space of a house. He has been a man diligent about his business and we hope that as you pray for Siloam you would remember him as well, as he serves the Lord using all of the tools and talents God has given him.

Michael Gay, *Director of Daily Operations*



Even amidst the pandemic, our staff and the missionary families have been busy. Here are some pictures of some of the activities going on the past few weeks.



Larry is proud of how well his blueberries are doing ... now if he can just keep the birds, the rooster and the guineas away...



Kendric loves to play with the lambs and baby goats



Daniel and volunteer, Art, working on a leak in the Barber Shop while Michael looks on



Daniel put up a tire swing in Rachel's front yard for some fun



Rachel, Michael, Kendric and volunteers helped shear alpacas



Two cows donated to Siloam were cut up and packaged for the missionary families to enjoy



Siloam staff and some of the missionaries helped with cleanup after the tornado touched down at Braxton's Lumber Mill



Gathering to pray for staff and missionaries after delivering food for Dad's Store



Valerie Gay working on office paperwork



Rachel, Kendric and volunteer Sarah, giving shots & shearing



Churches have been generous to bring food to stock up Dad's Country Store



## BETTY'S RECIPE

### Pulled Pork



In the summer, work teams come to help us with projects at Siloam. This recipe is one that we sometimes use during this time. Enjoy!

#### Pulled Pork

- 1 (6 pound) Pork Butt
- Salt and Pepper
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 (5 oz) bottle liquid smoke, mesquite or hickory
- BBQ Sauce

Sprinkle salt and pepper liberally on all sides of pork. Place in a large Ziploc bag and refrigerate overnight. Scatter onion over bottom of slow cooker and place pork on top. Add water, vinegar and liquid smoke. Cover and cook on low until very tender, about 8 hours. Remove meat and let cool. When cool enough to handle, pull meat into thin shreds, removing all fat, gristle and bone. Skim excess fat from liquid in slow cooker. Save the liquid. Return pulled pork to slow cooker and stir in favorite BBQ sauce and some of the liquid. Cook for an additional hour on low.

## HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

*In memory of  
Bobby Covert  
by Faye Covert*

*In memory of  
Grover Davis  
by Homer & Kathy Pike,  
Vivian Umberger*

*In memory of  
Thomas Jaremkko  
by Tom and Diane Jaremkko*

## Dear Coffee Club Members,



It is amazing to me that even after being part of Siloam as a faith-based ministry for over 27 years, I am still in awe of how God watches over us and provides for us! I guess it's good for me to never get over how faithful He is. This season we find ourselves in right now has been a good reminder to me of how much God cares for us and for the missionary families who are here.

I was talking to one of our missionaries this morning about their plans for the future. The family had intended to go overseas early this summer, but right now their only answer to that question is, "I have no idea! We will have to wait and see what happens!" Waiting is so hard, especially when your heart is telling you to get on with your ministry.

We have had several of our families who have had to extend their stay because they cannot travel to their ministry. We have also been contacted by several families who need a place to stay, almost on an emergency basis, because they have had to leave their ministry and return to the US. Unfortunately, we have had to turn several away because we just don't have any homes available.

I am grateful that we can stand firm in our faith, believing that God definitely has a plan, even in all of this! And, I think the "sound of the trumpet" is getting closer by the day - I'm ready! I hope you are.

God bless each of you!

Your "Coffee mate,"  
Joyce George, *Office Manager and Co-founder*

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