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Searching for Answers in Uncertain Times

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” - Romans 15:13

I know this may surprise some of you, but **missionaries are human.** They are not even superhuman. They are just normal people, surrendered to God, willing to do whatever He asks. Sometimes that gets messy and frustrating. And that's OK. As humans we like to have details. As life changes and major events come along in our lives we want to know the specifics.

Let's use a wedding as an illustration. When a couple decides to marry they have to come up with answers to a pretty standard set of questions. When? Where? What time? Who will we invite? Bridesmaids? Groomsmen? And on and on the list of details goes. But what if they didn't have control over that? What if they just had to be ready for the when, where, and what time to be provided to them by someone else?

We currently have missionary families and staff members facing life-altering decisions that don't seem to have clear-cut answers, at least from a human perspective. One family has several different options available to them, but up to this point have not received strong human guidance to help in their decision-making process. Another family is working through their visa process to try to return to their country of service, but is very dependent on the government in that country to see the process through. One of our staff members is facing a time of life where constant obstacles to serving God and finding peace keep popping up, while another staff member is facing physical issues that challenge their daily service for

Him. Even personally I am facing a medical issue with a close family member that makes concentrating on ministry difficult.

So what are we supposed to do? Where are we supposed to turn when we feel like all we see is an unfocused picture laid out before us? We turn to the One who knows all things, who controls all things, and who offers us joy and peace. We continue to believe and trust in the Creator who not only spoke us into existence, but also provided a way for us to fellowship with Him forever. We continue to have hope, because the world in which we live is just a temporary home and what we have in our future is far better than what we have now.

Paul did not write this passage to gloss over the difficult times but to encourage us to understand that everything requires a little perspective. As long as we continue to trust in the almighty God of eternity we will have hope, and the Holy Spirit will work within our spirit to confirm that hope every day. There is no politician, leader, athlete, or famous person that can do what God has promised to do, which is bring us hope. Not just in a small measure, but abundantly.

As you support the ministry here at Siloam Missionary Homes please understand that your investment in God's work brings hope, not only to His faithful servants that call this place home, but to all those that they in turn minister to around the world.

— Michael Gay, *Director*

CONSIDER MAKING
AN END OF YEAR
**QUALIFIED
CHARITABLE
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WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A QCD



The QCD must come from a Traditional or inherited IRA.



Beneficiary must be at least 70 1/2.



The distribution must go directly to a qualified charity.



You must receive a confirmation letter from the charity that states no goods or services were received in exchange for the contribution.

Please consult with your tax professional to learn more.

30th Anniversary Home Update

Like many plans and projects around our country, we have been impacted by COVID. The initial site work has been completed, but the manufacturer of our modular home has been pushing the date back due to staffing and supply issues. We have received approval from the county to expand our existing septic for that location, so we should be able to complete that work in the next few weeks. Once the septic work is completed, we will be able to apply for the building permit and begin work on the foundation. Regardless of how quickly that moves forward, we plan to have the house delivered as soon as construction is complete to avoid paying extra fees and surcharges. We will then store the two halves on campus until the septic and foundation are complete and ready for installation.

Please pray that these steps would come together with no snags or issues. If you would like to assist as a volunteer or to make a contribution towards the furnishings, please contact us at the office for further information.

Refuge, Strength and Help

On a shelf above my desk a card displays Psalm 46:1, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." All of us have trouble, adversity, times that cause us to draw closer to God, the source of our refuge, strength and help. It is essential that we hold on to Him to enable us to "keep on keeping on" regardless of our circumstances.

So many missionary families come to Siloam whose lives and words testify to their dependence on the refuge, strength and very present help of our heavenly Father. One family has been on my mind recently, a couple with two children (under 3 yrs.), who leave this October for a ministry overseas. Imagine moving to a country of almost 12 million people, 99.4% Muslim, 0.2% Christian (0% evangelical), in order to minister in the name of Jesus. Who knows what they will experience? The book, *Trauma & Resilience*, (Frauke & Charles Schaefer, eds.) reports how likely it is that overseas missionaries will encounter trauma (a threat of physical harm or loss of life personally or witnessed). For example, 71% of missionary men, 64% of missionary women in W. Africa reported experiencing

three and more traumas in life, compared to 10% of men, 5% of women in the U.S. general population.

Missionaries are not superhuman. Learning of their life circumstances should make us realize how crucial is our support of them, in prayer as well as financially. It also reinforces why we need a place like Siloam where missionaries can find rest and renewal and a time to reflect, in thankfulness to God who is our refuge, strength and help. As they live among us for a while, we the SMH Staff, find that the missionaries minister to us who are here to minister to them. But that's one way Christ works to bring spiritual growth to His body. It's good to keep on learning how to rely on God's refuge, strength and help wherever He takes us.

On a personal note, please pray that Betty and I, as I undergo cancer treatments, will continue to rely on Psalm 46:1 and find strength and comfort in all of God's Word, which demonstrates in so many ways how He applies the truth of Romans 8:28 (where "all" means "all")!

H. Milton Wilder
Missionary Pastoral Care

Camp Glory Farm Update

As fall begins and winter approaches, we have been getting things prepared for our lambing and kidding season that will begin in February. There are many things that take place and in order to be best prepared, we felt it was necessary to begin the process of preparation ahead of time.

Many of you know that we use the main campus at Siloam for lambing season. Over these past 8 years, there have been many things accomplished to better prepare the barn; however, there are still several things that need to happen in order to help Kendric and me better function (especially when it's super cold). We could use your help in this. How? I'm so glad that you asked.

Things that we need done to the barn:

1. Wifi put in so we can have access to animal files as well as surveillance during lambing.

2. The Feed Room:

- new door installed - large enough to carry feed barrels in with the tractor
- insulation in ceiling and walls
- ceiling put in and walls completed
- sink hooked up
- shelving added

3. Viewing/operations room:

- Insulation added
- Better Lighting
- Blower added to wood stove and stovepipe extended to get better heat

4. Animal Area:

- Better lighting
- Cleaning supplies
- 2 Fine Tine Manure pitchforks like these found on Amazon: LITTLE GIANT DuraFork Pitch Fork (Black) Durable Polycarbonate Stable Fork with Angled Tines
- Heavy Duty Snow Shovel

Thank you so much for all of your support of Camp Glory Farm.

Rachel George, *CGF Director*

Maple Grove Church, Topeka, Indiana and Wake Chapel Church, Fuquay-Varina, NC teams worked hard to remodel, fix a leak and re-shingle the Treasure Chest, as well as finish up the remodel of the Wreck Center. Thank you, everyone, for giving your time, your finances and being so willing to give so much to help.



Once a year we have a yard sale where we sell items that have been generously donated but not used in the homes. Recently the yard sale brought in over \$1,200, which was put back into the ministry. What a blessing! Here are Daniel, Michael and Larry taking a well-deserved break from the back-breaking work of unloading furniture.



NOTE FROM A MISSIONARY

One of the missionary families who recently stayed at Siloam had this to say: "The home had more than we needed and was economical. The interaction with the animals at Camp Glory Farm was helpful to our family and the environment provided a safe and restful place to call home. And *'just this morning, our family was saying how much they missed staying at Siloam. We thank God for this ministry and we hope to stay there again in the future if our Lord wills.'*"

BETTY'S RECIPE



It's the time of year that we are looking for quick dessert recipes for the holidays.

Pumpkin Crisp is a great recipe to use for Fall, Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Pumpkin Crisp

- 1 (15 oz.) can pumpkin
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 (18.25 oz.) yellow cake mix
- 1 cup butter, melted
- 1 cup chopped pecans (optional)
- Whipped cream (optional)

Stir together first 5 ingredients. Pour into a lightly greased 13 x 9 inch baking dish. Sprinkle cake mix evenly over pumpkin mixture, sprinkle evenly with pecans. Drizzle butter evenly over cake mix. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until golden brown. Remove from oven and let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serve warm with whipped cream.

HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

In Memory of...

Rev. Tommy and Selma Love
by Elaine Welch

Carl Baker by Len & Elizabeth Farias,
Marlene Bunker & Ray Martin

Lee & Hazel Gilbert by Elaine Welch

Bobby Covert by Faye Covert

Rev. Lester Stanley
by Larry & Nettie Apple

Pauline Harton
by Annette Rains

In Honor of...

Ray Soyars
by Joann Newell and Joe King

Pastor Bob Stephenson
by Bill & Brenda Aydt

Pastor Mark Stephenson
by Bill & Brenda Aydt

Dear Coffee Club Members,



One of the things that is a continual blessing to us here at Siloam is all of the volunteers who give of their time to come and help us make this campus a place that can be an encouragement to the missionary families. Over the past 29 years of ministry, we have had hundreds of wonderful friends who have come and helped build and maintain what God has entrusted to us. Without volunteers, our staff would never have the time or energy to do what needs to be done regularly to keep up.

We have cooks who bless us with delicious meals, and friends who come and ride a lawn mower or help with weedeating. Our food pantry, Dad's Country Store, is cared for by a sweet lady who comes and makes sure the shelves are neat and clean and the food is nicely displayed. The chapel needs a cleaning from time to time, and a wonderful friend comes to sweep, dust and make sure it is ready whenever a missionary wants to go in for a quiet time. The Treasure Chest, our clothing store, is a big job and takes a lot of dedication and a lot of people to make that a pleasant place for the families to go and get the clothing they need. Then, there are those who come and help weed, rake, and other yard maintenance...and the list goes on and on....painting, construction, equipment repair...

Would you ask the Lord if volunteering one day a week, or one day a month is something He would have you do? There are always opportunities to be a blessing and we'd love to fit you in somewhere. If you are unable to help us by volunteering, could you partner with your financial gifts? As so many missionaries have said, Siloam is a place they call home. With your help, we can continue to be a blessing by giving them a well taken care of "place to call home."

God bless you!

Your "Coffeemate," Joyce George

MY LOVE GIFT: I would like to join the Coffee Club with a monthly pledge of

☐ \$15 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ Other \$_____ (Please send my Coffee Club cup.)

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☐ Larry & Joyce George

☐ Milton & Betty Wilder

☐ Daniel Sieg

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