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They Understand Us

God says in His Word that He knows the thoughts and intents of the heart. He sees us when we get up and He sees us when we sleep. He knows the very depths of our soul. Those truths bring us comfort through many different circumstances in life. Sometimes we assume that we know how everyone around us is feeling and understand what they are going through, but in reality we often do not really know or understand.

Even as we trust God for all things, as human beings we crave earthly interaction with people who understand our fears and struggles. I recently spent some time with two of the missionary families staying on site and they highlighted for me the value of Siloam Missionary Homes to their families. I wanted to share a few takeaways from our conversations so you can understand the importance of this place to the families that stay here.

Both families came from the same region of the world and both left their homes overseas thinking they would be returning in a relatively short period of time. This means they did not pack up their belongings nor did they bring a lot of the possessions their kids considered special. In both cases God had different plans. Both families bounced around to various places here in the United States, with one family primarily living in just a few rooms in their parents' house.

Upon arrival here at Siloam, one family had a reservation for a little over a month but were able to extend their stay

by moving into a different home partway through, a home that was actually smaller, and they were thrilled by the opportunity to stay here longer than planned. Their kids loved the open spaces, the animals at Camp Glory Farm, and the opportunity to run around and just be kids.

The other family arrived and their kids immediately bonded with the first family. The reason the kids gave for their bond? *"They understand us and what we're going through. When we talk about toys with children at churches and say, 'We have that, but it's still at our home overseas,' most other kids don't understand."* But the kids here at Siloam had to do the same thing - leave behind personal possessions that they will never get back. As their kids interacted, these two families developed a friendship and a bond, that they otherwise wouldn't have had - except they were at Siloam at the same time and had shared experiences that brought them together. Their friendship helped both families reconcile their losses overseas and adapt to their changing plans for future ministry. Both families have since departed from Siloam, but they have created lifelong friendships that will impact their families and their ministries for years to come.

Why do I share this with you? Because that is just one aspect of the ministry here at Siloam Missionary Homes that is extremely important to our families - community. Not that people in general don't want to understand what they have gone through, but until you've been on the field you will not fully comprehend their experiences. Your support of this ministry provides these families a place to heal, to provide some sanity, in a world that makes finding peace difficult. For that we say, thank you.

Anniversary Home Update



We are excited to share that we have a ship date for the modular we ordered as the Anniversary Home. The house should roll off the assembly floor at the end of September, so we are targeting installation in early October. We have a crew of volunteers scheduled to assist with the foundation and then later with the joining together and finishing of the two sections after installation. For that we are extremely grateful. We have also started collecting some of the furnishings needed for the new house but still have need of a full living room set, preferably in new or like new condition, as well as dressers and nightstands for the bedrooms. 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.

Come Aside and Rest a While

Sometimes, people have wondered why there is a need for a place like Siloam Missionary Homes. Most likely, it would be helpful to those people to explain in some detail who missionaries are and what they do, but that's another story. I will mention just one reason why missionaries need a place like Siloam and it relates to a need Jesus Himself had during His public ministry.

The Gospels mention several times when Jesus tried to, as we say, "take a break" from the crowds. One such example is recounted in Mark 6:31, when Jesus said to His disciples,

"Come aside by yourselves to a deserted (or secluded) place and rest a while.' For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat." The Scripture goes on to report that the people saw Jesus and His disciples depart, ran ahead of them and "a great multitude" was waiting there for Jesus when He arrived! Of course, Jesus in His compassion would not turn them away and ministered to their needs.

Often, that's what it's like for missionaries. They need a place to "come aside" from the day-to-day activities and difficulties of ministry and "rest a while." Although Jesus

was not able to rest very often, He showed this to be a definite need for those who minister for Him; and Siloam exists to fill that need. We realize that many missionary families during their stay with us are still busy with travels and ministry communications, but Siloam is here for them when they can grasp that opportunity to stop and "rest a while," in "a place missionaries call home."

Thank you for your partnership with us in this mission.

H. Milton Wilder
Missionary Pastoral Care

Camp Glory Farm – A Rewarding Place

It has been rewarding to see how the Lord is using Camp Glory Farm to help our families here at Siloam these past few months. A couple of the families shared with us that having the farm was such a critical part in their own childrens' transition to being in the United States. When leaving their home in the country that they are from, the children leave friends, pets, family, and even toys to come to a place of complete unfamiliarity and instability. Camp Glory Farm has helped fill the gap of loss of pets for so many. Families can enjoy the animals together and even learn from them.

When I first started at Camp Glory Farm 8 years ago, Dad began to help and teach me how to run a farm from the experience he had learned years ago working on a dairy farm. Dad then contacted Paul Walker, someone we knew from our church growing up, who was over the agriculture department at the time and had a lot of experience and knowledge with sheep. With patience, Paul began to teach me

things, from giving shots to caring and watching over these new animals. His wife, Ruth, has also been a part in helping us establish some landscaping at Watson's Place. Their's is a friendship that continues even today.

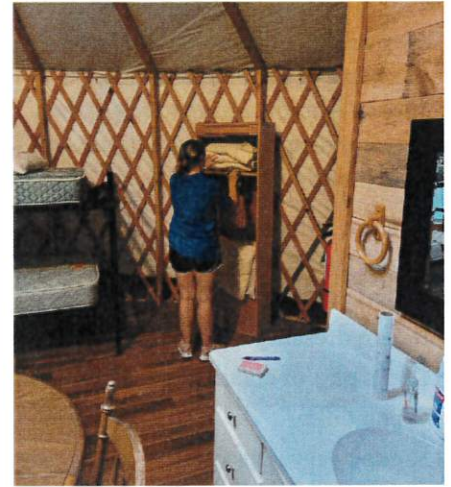
As I began to learn and grow in this new adventure, the choice was made to add alpacas for protection. I tried to learn what I could, but it seemed that no one I knew had any experience working with them. I began searching for someone who knew how to shear alpacas. As I searched, the Lord brought another amazing couple into my life, Charlie and Marion Snider, owners of CharMar Alpaca Farm. In the process of shearing alpacas, a friendship was born. I asked questions, watched and learned from them. Together, Charlie and Marion helped me learn and grow in my understanding of alpacas. However, their generosity did not end there. Not only did they help me learn through their examples, but they became some of my greatest cheerleaders. Year after

year we have joined together with them to shear alpacas and have been amazed at their hospitality. Charlie and Marion have given so much to Camp Glory Farm through their knowledge, hospitality, financial gifts, physical donations, and more than anything – their friendship. I am so thankful for them, and we are so blessed to have them as supporters of Camp Glory Farm.

Others continue to play an important part in Camp Glory Farm, whether it is through your knowledge, financial gifts, donations or time. Please know that I am so thankful for your support and love for this ministry. It is through your help that we can provide just a little bit of comfort and stability for these missionary families. Thank you for your part in helping our children here at Siloam Missionary Homes.

Rachel George
Director, Camp Glory Farm @SMH

Several groups have come to help with projects this year already. We are so grateful for each one who has helped us make our campus better for the missionary families.



Mt. Pisgah UMC came in March to fix the foundation and replace the flooring in one of the homes that had been damaged by moisture under the house. They did an amazing job and we are so grateful for their contribution to making this home safe for the family who arrived in May.



The Gathering youth came and spent a day removing the old fence that has lined the front of the campus for many years. We are hoping to replace the fence as work teams can provide the funds and work needed.



Mebane Presbyterian Church teens came for a Saturday in June to begin remodeling the Wreck Center, the game room. Large sliding doors were replaced with more efficient windows and doors.

Graham Presbyterian Church volunteered for a day. Their project was supposed to be spreading mulch in flower beds around the campus. Because it rained that day, they were able to help get the yurts and the farmhouse cleaned and ready for an upcoming work team. They also spent some time working in the Wreck Center, as well.

Mid-Year Financial Update to Supporters

Our expenses are tracking at the same pace as last year even with an unexpected air conditioning unit replacement expense. However, our general income is down \$20,000 over the same period last year. *Please help us pray that God will provide for the needs.*

	As of June 30, 2021	As of June 30, 2020
General Income	\$155,853.15	\$175,192.01
Expenses	\$180,979.14	\$178,059.36

BETTY'S RECIPE



Every summer when we have work teams, one of their requests is for Chicken Alfredo. I have to adapt the following recipe for a large group, but this will serve 4 to 6 people.

Chicken Alfredo

- 4 boneless chicken breasts, cut into strips
- Italian dressing
- 1 8 oz. pkg. of cream cheese
- ½ cup butter
- ½ cup heavy cream
- ¾ to 1 cup parmesan cheese
- 1 16 oz. pkg. of cooked pasta (your choice)

Marinate the chicken in the Italian dressing for several hours or overnight. Cook chicken in the oven at 350 degrees. In a heavy saucepan, begin to heat heavy cream and cream cheese slowly, stir until all clumps are out, add cheese, and continue to stir until creamy. Add cooked chicken and cooked pasta.

HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

In Honor of
Siloam Maintenance Staff
by Milton & Betty Wilder

In Honor of Ray Soyars by
Bob & Carol Bennette and
Glenn & Julia Stanley

In Memory of Doyle and
Elise Davis by Harold Davis

In Memory of John Emmert
by Maxine Emmert

In Memory of
Rev. Lester Stanley by
Glenn & Julia Stanley

In Memory of Gale Nagy
by Maurice & Martha Weaver

In Memory of Tom DeYoung
by Mary Lou DeYoung

Dear Coffee Club Members,



One of the things that we have learned over the past 29 years of providing homes for missionaries is that you never know what is going to happen next with regards to the reservations! Just this past week, two confirmed reservations were cancelled just days before the date the family was scheduled to arrive, due to circumstances that changed in their own needs. That can be somewhat frustrating because of the time we put into getting the house ready for the arriving guests.

But....God! We have learned that there is someone who desperately needs a place on very short notice...and that also happened just this week with two families, as well. So, as we trust Him for the details of our lives, we have to turn our hearts toward Him and say, "It's OK, because You have a plan and I can trust You with it!"

So, the two families that needed a place will have a place to call home because two families cancelled. Isn't God amazing? I should never be surprised with how He works out every detail.



Thank you for your faithful support! It makes a difference in so many lives.

God bless you!

Your "Coffeemate,"
Joyce George

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