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Foundation for Life

“According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.” – I Corinthians 3:10

As many of you know, we have been preparing for the installation of our 30th Anniversary House here at Siloam Missionary Homes. In the last few weeks we have poured the footer and built the foundation for the house. That whole process really made me think more about our ministry purpose here at Siloam.

Sometimes I think that as church members and missionary supporters we have an unrealistic expectation and understanding of what missionaries actually go through. We sometimes forget that they are real people and that life gets messy and difficult. The events of the last few years have really brought into focus the fact that our foundation as believers is being hit with a full-on frontal assault. And this assault is even more pronounced for Christ's servants who are on the front lines of spiritual battle.

Our ability to stand strong in the midst of spiritual struggle is only as good as our spiritual foundation. The missionaries that live at Siloam have seen their foundation pounded by the evil one who is looking for a chink or weakness to exploit. Over time, that constant assault takes a toll.

When missionaries stay at Siloam, they are able to set aside some of the basic daily struggles and just focus on their spiritual foundation, as individuals and as families. When they are bombarded for a long period of time, they need to be able to evaluate, and sometimes even repair, their walk with God. This is not because they have fallen into sin, but because they have been so focused on ministry and life that they were often putting out spiritual fires rather than seeking to prevent them.

As we completed the foundation for the new house, I realized that a firm foundation is a necessity for a strong spiritual life. But even foundations must be maintained, both in the physical world and the spiritual. Siloam Missionary Homes exists to allow the missionary families time to do some maintenance on their spiritual foundations. As one missionary put it, “they can find some spiritual sanity.”

We truly thank you for your prayers and support in providing a place for these missionaries to recharge and prepare to continue their service for the Lord.

— Michael Gay, *President*

Knowing God is Working

Recently, we were talking about the eighth chapter of Romans being such an outstanding passage of Scripture, packed full of spiritual principles, promises and precepts. Of course, verse 28 has always been special to us and to most Christians: “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” Within the context of Romans 8, it is especially meaningful and continues to be the verse we hold onto, as we did during the past year through Betty's extensive sinus surgery and Milton's intestinal surgery for cancer. We trust the promise of God's word, whether or not He reveals to us how He is fulfilling that promise. However, we praise Him for the good we know He has already worked in both our lives and through the opportunities we have had to witness for Him, even in the difficult physical issues.

We also thought of Romans 8:28 in relation to the 30th Anniversary of Siloam Missionary Homes. Larry and Joyce George could recount hundreds of incidents that show how God has worked things together for good since they founded this place missionaries can call home (like the time in the early days when 10 truckloads of gravel unexpectedly showed up, sent by an anonymous donor). From the “miraculous” purchase of land that they began to open up with their chainsaws, to the resources the Lord has continued to send to provide additional homes, down to the latest house recently set on its foundation, God has caused “all things to work together for good.” Even before the building of the first house, God was working His Romans 8:28 plan for ministry to the missionaries. Maybe there will be a book about how God did it! It's been

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“Your Workmanship Is Marvelous”



Roann George came from Michigan to help Kendric and Rachel during this lambing season. You can see that she loves what she is doing!

It has been a busy season for us at Camp Glory Farm. Over the course of the past month we have had 18 lambs born, with more to come. We are also waiting on our goats to have their little ones, too. Watching these little lambs explore and play is always one of the highlights of the year. Even after all these years it never gets old. One of the neatest things to observe is how the lambs communicate with one another as well as with their mom. With all these animals running around, a lamb can cry out and the mother will call back to them. Sometimes the mother even makes a specific call and her lambs come running to her. Although they are just sheep, the love between the ewe (female sheep) and her lamb is so obvious. I've watched as the lambs cuddle with their mom at night. I've seen how they will explore a little and then come running back to their mom, as if to tell her of the great adventure they just had. Each lamb has

a different personality, yet all seem to be loved so much by their mother. I find it interesting that sometimes it is as if the mother is smiling as she walks around with her little ones tagging behind her.

As the month of May draws near, we know that it is a special time in which we celebrate Mother's Day. I know that I am blessed to have a mom who has continued to seek the Lord in both the good and the bad times. I can say that this is true of my mom: *“Her children rise up and call her blessed,”* Proverbs 31:28a. I also have seen the amazing love that mom has shown to her family. *“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”* (1 Cor. 13:4-7) Having a Mom who loves the Lord is a precious gift that I still can't wrap my mind around completely. But I thank the Lord for giving her to me.

I understand that not everyone is blessed to have a mother like this; however, I know that God can also bring other ladies into our lives to show us love. Maybe there is someone in your church or community that has shown you love and kindness that perhaps you never

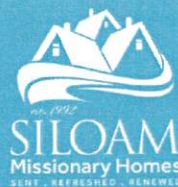
received from your own mother. Take the time to thank those in your life who have stood by you and helped you grow into who you have become. Even the difficult moments help to define who we are today.

I am so thankful for a Heavenly Father who knows each detail of my life. One of my favorite chapters in the Bible is Psalm 139, but verses 13-18 stand out today: *“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit them together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it. You were there while I was being formed in utter seclusion! You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your book! How precious it is, Lord, to realize that you are thinking about me constantly! I can't even count how many times a day your thoughts turn toward me. And when I waken in the morning, you are still thinking of me!”*

As I look at plans for the farm in the coming year, I am encouraged. We have already scheduled several work teams and hope for more to come. We would love to have you come and volunteer to use the gifts God has given you to serve at Siloam. See our ad for Farm Day and make plans to come on April 30.

Trained To Serve,
Rachel George, V.P.

FARM DAY



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SEE OUR NEW BABY SHEEP & BABY GOATS. THERE WILL BE:

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- PETTING ZOO
- FOOD
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- CAMPUS-WIDE OPEN HOUSE



SATURDAY, APRIL 30 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Knowing God is Working

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a blessing for us to be involved in the ministry of SMH for 14 years, seeing God work.

By the time you read this, Betty will have had additional sinus surgery and Milton will continue recovering from surgery. We appreciate your prayers as "God causes all things to work together for good," and as we grow to love Him more and serve the purpose for which He has called us.

Milton & Betty Wilder
Missionary Pastoral Care

HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

In Memory of...

Larry Fogleman by Texie Wilson,
Roger and Donree Howerton,
Susan Creed and Shelby Taylor,
John and Carolyn Lewis, Jimmy and
Susan Bailey, Bill and Monty Briley,
Bob and Carolyn Woneel, Donnie and
Brenda Payne, Raymond and Alice
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Randall and Patricia Minix, David and
Tammy Bowman, Marie Bennett

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by Gerard and Terry Martinez

John and Kristi Gibson
by Elaine Welch

Marvin and Ruth Cole
by Elaine Welch

Our children and grandchildren
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by Elaine Welch

Pete and Gale McCall
by Elaine Welch

30th Anniversary Home Update



Since our last newsletter, we have seen a lot of progress on the new house. In fact, we are excited and thankful to include pictures, not only of the section of the house and site preparation, but also of the 30th Anniversary house setting on its foundation, ready for the finishing work!

We took delivery of the two house sections in November and parked them on the property across the road from their final destination. We updated the septic system to handle a three-bedroom, two-bath house. We poured the footer and completed laying the foundation with split-faced blocks. Many thanks to Jerry Smith of Hines Chapel for his help laying the blocks. We also did the prep work for the conditioned crawl space and completed the grading around the house. Because of a weather delay, we had to plan a new installation date for March 14, when we were glad to see the crane and crews arrive to do the work. The set crew finished their job on March 15, with the house ready for final inspection.

We are grateful to several churches from Mt. Zion Baptist Association and the Mt. Zion Women's Missionary Union who are raising funds to furnish the new house. We hope to complete the interior and furnish the house by mid-April and are still raising financial donations to assist with this endeavor. If you would like to contribute, please contact the office. Any funds not needed for the furnishing of the house will be used to update the furnishings in one of our other homes we are currently updating and remodeling.

BETTY'S RECIPE



Betty is actually out because of her surgery, so she has asked me to provide a recipe. Larry and I enjoy this twist on Salmon Patties, and hope you will enjoy it, too.

Salmon Patties

- 1 pound canned salmon
- ¼ c. diced onion
- ¼ c. diced red bell pepper
- 3 c. panko bread crumbs, divided
- ½ c. mayonnaise
- 2 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 T. Dijon-style mustard
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- ½ tsp. dried tarragon
- 1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2 T. vegetable oil

In a bowl, combine salmon, onions, bell peppers and ½ c. panko bread crumbs. In another bowl, beat together mayonnaise, cream cheese, mustard, egg, tarragon, cayenne and salt. Fold mayonnaise mixture into salmon mixture. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes. (Mixture should be moist and loose; if it is not, add more mayonnaise.)

Place remaining bread crumbs in a shallow bowl. Using a soup spoon, drop spoonfuls of mixture onto crumbs and form patties, coating each side with crumbs.

Heat oil in skillet. Carefully add crab cakes and cook until golden brown, turning once.

Lemon-Herb Mayonnaise for Salmon Patties

- ¾ c. mayonnaise
- 1 T. lemon juice
- 1 T. horseradish
- 1 tsp. thyme
- salt & pepper to taste

Combine and use as a garnish for salmon patties. Enjoy!

Dear Coffee Club Members,



Thirty years ago, February 1992, God planted into our hearts the burden to provide a place for missionaries to call home. As we began the amazing journey that has brought us to where we are today, there were so many questions, so many doubts, so many uncertainties. "Are there really that many missionary families who need a home?" "Will anyone come along side us to help us with this task that we cannot do on our own?" "Are we doing the right thing to completely turn our own lives upside down in order to follow God's plan for us?"

To those of you who have followed us for many years, and even to those who have just recently come alongside us, we can answer from the bottom of our hearts that God has been with us every step of the way. So many miracles, so many times when we have had to fall on our faces before our Faithful God and ask Him to provide for the needs. And, He NEVER failed us! Even today, as we look at what lies in front of us, we know that this ministry is HIS and that He will continue to work it for HIS glory and for the good of the missionary families who come to find rest and encouragement.

Larry is responding well to the Parkinson's medication trial that he is part of. Most people who see him would never even suspect that he has the disease. We are so thankful for that. He is staying busy in his retirement and has begun to do woodworking, making some rocking chairs from cedar cut off of Siloam's property. He is also working alongside a pastor in a "Celebrate Recovery" group and enjoying the interaction and helping with discipleship in that program.

I am still working three days a week in the office here, keeping up with missionary applications and other office duties that need to be done to keep the ministry going. Sometimes I get to go outside and weed some flower beds (spring will be here soon! ☺) and sometimes I climb a ladder with a paint brush in my hand to help get the houses ready for the new families coming in. There is never a dull moment.

Thank you for your faithful support. May God richly bless each of you.

Your "Coffeemate," Joyce George

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