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Where Is Your Mission Field?

We have the privilege of meeting missionaries from all over the world who are doing all different types of ministries for the Lord.

But we are seeing a shift in missions work in a couple of different ways. Several missionaries have transitioned to basing their ministry here in the United States and using the Internet and short-term trips to continue their ministries abroad. We also have had a couple of different groups in the last several years approach us about bringing groups to the United States to teach them missions in a practical way as they minister to unreached people groups locally.

But what about those of us who do not live in a different country or even serve in a full-time ministry? I truly believe, more than ever, that missions is not about where you are at, it is about being available to be used as a vessel for His service. If someone is within an arm's length of you

or within the range of your voice, then that is your mission field. Our mission field is the very next person God puts in our path. Sometimes answering His call will result in a joyful celebration that we have found a fellow believer. At other times it will result in an opportunity to share the Gospel with someone who is open to hearing it. And yes, it may also result in a flat-out rejection. But we are not promised to reap the results of our ministry in the here and now, we are just commanded to obey and let God bring the results.

Let us all be willing to minister in our mission field every single day and share in the ministry calling that we all have as followers of Christ.

— Michael Gay, *President*

From the Joy Jar



I am thankful for Michael, Joyce, Milton, Valerie, Betty, and all of the other staff for all they do to help take care of all the missionaries that stay here, help the ministry run smoothly and truly pour their hearts into serving God through this amazing place. May God bless each one of you.

— Kathleen D.

I am thankful that I have been able to help Daniel and learn a ton of skills!

— Ben

For many, 2022 was a tough year. For us, 2021 was one of two excruciatingly painful years and the reason we moved stateside. 2022 is full of answers from God to the needs of our family that 2021 opened up. As always, where to live and what to drive were foundational questions. We cannot express our thanks to God and Siloam for the privilege of living here, a place made for the restoration of our souls and our family. That has happened this year; we will leave in a couple of months with the purpose accomplished! Thank you all!

— David & Susan S.

This summer we have had some great involvement with a couple of work teams as well as new individuals and churches that have become involved in Siloam. One of our projects, the herb and flower garden at the family center, was taken on by the women's ministry at The Gathering, a Christian Community, a church in NC. With their donations we were able to purchase most of the materials for this project. This allowed for an addition of 8 raised garden beds with a nice gravel walkway. Kendric, our Farm Manager and Grounds Manager, has been working hard to develop this new space. Over time, we hope that it will really grow into a beautiful garden escape for our families to enjoy.

Maple Grove, from Indiana, was able to come and complete several projects this summer. Their help allowed us to fix the hill and build a nice retaining wall near the family center. Not only did they help us build this wall, but they helped in a couple of other projects such as putting in shelving in one of our storage buildings and helping to move items into that unit. The back part of the family center also received a much-needed change and upgrade. The old flagstones were removed, and the area was cleaned up. This allowed us to put down a 40 year fabric and cover the area in pea-gravel just as we did around the new flower and herb garden. It's amazing what small changes with extra hands can accomplish. This church never ceases to amaze us with their servant's heart and hard work.

We also had another church team, Graham Presbyterian, come and help to put in a lot of the perimeter poles that are needed over at Watson's Place farm. They worked so hard even with all this humid,

NC heat. It was great to see both students and adults working as a unit to get a lot accomplished.

As a member of the staff here at Siloam, I want to personally say thank you to all those who have come to help us out with all types of projects. It has been amazing to see your involvement and

support for this ministry as well as being a great encouragement. We look forward to more groups this coming fall and would love for you to get involved as well! Please give us a call and see how you can get involved!

— Rachel George, V.P.



Before and after photos of the patio area behind the family center, which will help keep the weeds down and make a nice sitting area for the missionary families.



Mike White and his sons, Andrew and Aaron, came and helped put up a wall to divide one of the larger bedrooms into two, making the house more accommodating for larger families.



Digging the foundation for the new wall in front of the family center, which is also part of the garden area Kendric is creating for flowers and herbs. The wall is finished.

Update on Parking Lot Hole

It has been a long wait for us to get the hole in the parking lot fixed. Not because of lack of funds – praise the LORD! It has been on hold because the contractors that we have used for most of the years we've been developing Siloam's campus have been "backed up" with another large job. But, we have been told that the work is supposed to begin next week... and it will most likely be finished before you even get this newsletter. 😊 And, to be honest, the work that these contractors (who have become great friends) do is well worth the wait!

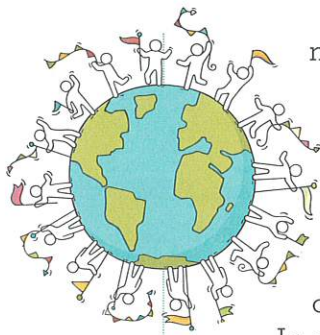
We would like to praise the Lord and thank each person who gave so generously and in such a short time to see that this need was met. The new pipes that will be put in place have been completely paid for and the funds for paying the contractors has been put aside so that when the work is done, we can pay them in full. God is so faithful!



Friends Around the World

This month is sort of a Ministry Anniversary for Betty and me. Recently, it dawned on me that the Georges founded Siloam in 1992 and as of this August 2023, Betty and I have been a part of Siloam for almost half of the ministry's 31 years (we came in 2008). Serving at Siloam these 15 years is a blessing that has made it possible for us to have friends all over the world because of the many missionary families we have met here. We have seen how God has supplied the prayer and financial support for missionaries in so many different fields and places of service, using a great variety of ministry skills, talents and gifts – but the same Holy Spirit equipping them.

At the same time, we have seen God supply the prayer and financial support for Siloam in



many ways, using people with a variety of skills, talents and gifts, but the same Holy Spirit bringing about the continuing work of providing for the needs of missionary families.

In addition, serving at Siloam has made it possible for us to have friends we have met because of their relationship with and love for Siloam and support of the work. Then, right here at Siloam we have had the privilege of serving alongside our very special friends in the past and those now who make up the Staff of Siloam Missionary Homes.

God has truly blessed us with lasting friendships while being a part of His missionary outreach, serving along with them.

Milton Wilder,
Missionary Pastoral Care

FROM THE MAILBAG

Thanks for a wonderful stay here! We loved the peace and quiet. I had so much fun in your free thrift store shopping for myself, my pregnant daughter and grandkids. It is so well organized and filled with high quality and stylish items. We will enjoy wearing the clothes for a long time. God bless you and your life-giving ministry! We hope to be back...

— Barbara W.



BETTY'S RECIPE



This is a quick dessert to make and great to serve in the spring and summer. Enjoy!

— Betty H. Wilder,
Missionary Pastoral Care

Easy Banana Pudding

- 2 small boxes Instant Banana Cream Pudding
- 1 small box Instant Vanilla Pudding
- 5 cups Milk
- 1 (8 oz.) carton of Sour Cream
- 1 Large carton Cool Whip
- Vanilla Wafers
- 8 Bananas, sliced

Mix together puddings, milk and sour cream using electric mixer. In 9 x 12-inch dish, layer wafers, sliced bananas and pudding mixture. Repeat. Top with Cool Whip and Refrigerate. Serve chilled.

HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

In Memory of...

Doyle and Elise Davis
by Harold Davis

Rev. Lester Stanley
by Glenn & Julia Stanley

In Honor of...

Pastor Bob Stephenson and
Pastor Mark Stephenson
by Bill & Brenda Aydt

Alan White, Teresa Smith,
Estelle Harrelson, Archie Barrow
and Garland Walker
by Elaine Welch

Ray Soyars
by Joann Newell and
by Glenn & Julia Stanley

Betty Wilder
by Hines Chapel Circle #2

Pat Jordan
by Joyce Clayton

Dear Coffee Club Members,



It seems like this year has been a revolving door here at Siloam. We have had 24 families living here this year with still two more families to come. Whew! Some of them have stayed for just a few days and some are here for a longer period of time, which gives us a chance to get to know them a little. It is always a blessing to hear about their ministries and see what God is doing around the world.

In June, Larry was able to have DBS surgery (deep brain stimulation) to help him with his Parkinson's symptoms. Although it won't take care of everything, it goes a long way to helping him and has reduced the amount of medication he has to take daily by more than half. You can google DBS on the computer and see the amazing effect it can have on people and how much it helps. Overall, he is doing very well...most people don't even know he has the disease unless they are told. God has been so good to us!

We are so thankful for each one who has given so that this ministry can continue to bless missionaries from all over the world. If you are one of our financial partners, thank you! Or, maybe God would impress on your heart to join in partnership with us. Most of all, please pray for us – that God will give us wisdom in the daily operations and as we talk with the families who come to stay here. In all these things, we want to be a blessing and to make a difference. With your help, we can continue to do that. Thank you and God bless you!

Your "Coffeemate," Joyce George

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

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