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Make Every Moment Count

Sometimes we need a clear challenge from Scripture to help keep us focused on what matters. In Colossians 4:2-6 we find Paul encouraging believers to pray with several things in mind. Pray with thanksgiving. Pray for opportunity. Pray for wisdom. And pray for the right message. While that may sound like a lot to keep in mind, it is a good summary of how we should think every day. We should make every moment count!

I wanted to share a little with you of what that looks like here at Siloam since our mission and goal is to minister to the resident missionaries. As you know, our plans are not God's plans and sometimes the daily events don't go the way we think they should. When this happens, we can give thanks to God for His promises and what He has done even if we don't understand the current circumstances. We can also get way too busy in the details of the day, like getting a newsletter article written or fixing a broken appliance. But we should keep our eyes open for

opportunities to minister every day and not miss an opportunity because we are fixated on something that is spiritually trivial. Being in ministry does not mean we always have the answers! When we are presented with questions or situations that are outside our knowledge or experience, we can rely on God to guide our thoughts and actions. Many of these missionaries go through things that our staff can only imagine, but we are not limited in our ministry to them because we can go to God who has all the answers. He will even direct us in the way we answer and provide counsel. Helping us to minister to needs at the right time and in the right way.

We are constantly reminded here at Siloam that our primary ministry is to His servants and while we have specific roles on the property, we cannot forget to take time to fulfill our calling to the missionaries He chooses to send our way.

— Michael Gay, *President*

The Blessings of Ministry Updates

One of the blessings of serving at Siloam Missionary Homes is getting to know missionaries who come from ministering in many places in the world. Added to that blessing is being on their mailing list and hearing about their ministry after they return to the field. We pray for many different missions, but learning about how God is working through fellow believers whom you know personally is special. Email makes it possible to receive ministry updates from missionaries all over the world. I consider it part of my ministry to missionaries to keep in touch with as many as I can. Not a week goes by without several reports arriving on my computer and occasionally by postal mail, some from missionaries who have been corresponding for years. It's an encouragement for a missionary just to know someone reads their updates

and is praying for the needs of their ministry. Have you reached out to a missionary lately — by email, letter, phone, in person?

The last two months of 2023 in particular were physically challenging for Betty and me. In November, I had a leg vein ablation and Betty had a third sinus surgery. In December, the next day after a surgical follow-up doctor's visit, Betty had profuse sinus bleeding that led to an emergency 10-day hospitalization for her over Christmastime. The stress on her heart from the blood loss has caused heart problems that will take months to heal. Thanks to the Lord, we are doing reasonably well at this point. We ask for your prayers.

Milton Wilder,
Missionary Pastoral Care

Camp Glory Farm Update

The farm is growing in more ways than one this Spring! So far we have had a healthy lamb and kid crop with multiple sets of twins and triplets. We even had our first set of quadruplets ever born on the farm. For goats, there is a 2% chance of them having quadruplets, equaling 1 in every 50. This year, Penelope was blessed enough to be one of those.

As development at Watson's Place slowly continues, more of the ten acres becomes usable. Getting the perimeter fence completed is still number one priority. In the meantime, temporary electric fence was purchased last year. Along with the three permanently fenced acres in the front, the temporary fence allows the back acres behind the barn to be utilized.

Along with the increasing animal population, the garden side of the farm is growing as well. The fence around the garden is going to be replaced later this Spring with taller fencing, something the deer cannot jump. There is

nothing more frustrating than having 14 tomato plants and only harvesting one tomato the entire year. The rest went to feed the deer. There is also a greenhouse being installed! This not only will protect against wildlife, but it will extend our growing season here. This means more food and year-round fresh herbs! All of the produce grown here on the farm goes to the missionary and staff families here at Siloam, free of charge. With rising food costs, this is very important, and there is nothing better than having access to free, fresh produce. Several of the missionary families end up involved with the work of the garden as well, allowing them to connect with each other and with our staff.

We will have several lambs and goats available for sale later in the spring and summer. Please contact the office if you are interested in learning more or making a deposit to reserve your choice.

Kendric Tyre,
Farm Manager



FARM DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT
FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES.
EAT SOME FOOD, PLAY
SOME GAMES, AND SEE
OUR NEW BABY SHEEP
AND BABY GOATS.

- ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
- PETTING ZOO
- FOOD
- CRAFT & PLANT VENDORS
- HAY RIDES
- SILENT AUCTION



VOLUNTEERS ARE
STILL NEEDED.
CONTACT THE OFFICE
TO LEARN MORE.

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Reflections on My First Year

My family and I are honored to be part of the Siloam family, and we are also very humbled to be part of the work the Lord is doing at Siloam. We just passed the one-year mark and it will never get old seeing God's love for this ministry.

Before the door opened for us at Siloam, I would (and still do) pray that God would use me to serve Him on a daily basis. Now at Siloam, I am able to serve His children that He has called to missions. Every morning we gather as a group and pray for Siloam and the missionaries that are currently here. Every building on this property is the Lord's first. Therefore, I again feel honored that I have been

blessed to not only keep giving the families a safe place to rest, but also keep them comfortable for years to come.

We have a big scope of work on the construction side of things this year and I cannot wait to see the Lord, yet again, reveal His love for this place that is "home" to so many people. I ask for your continued prayers and support as I try daily to delete myself and execute my duties here as the year passes. Again, God has blessed Siloam with some beautiful homes and I will do my best to keep them that way.

By John Williams

2024 Projects

- Repair/Update Deck and Basement Porch (Unit F/FB) – April Work Team
- Replace Shingles/Siding (Unit E)*
- Update Interior Paint and Fixtures (Unit E)* – July Work Team
- Replace Shingles/Siding and Possible Addition (Unit I)*
- Finish Sidewalks at Family Center and Christmas Shed*

*Indicates projects that are not yet fully funded. Please consider assisting with these projects either financially or as a volunteer. The shingle and siding projects are a necessity and must be completed this calendar year.



FROM THE MAILBAG

Siloam Staff, You guys are awesome! This place has been such a blessing to our family. From the first moment our kids walked through with giddiness at having their own rooms that were so inviting, to our last moments of intentionally thought-out departure. What you guys do is truly a ministry and your love and care for Kingdom workers is such a unique gift. Be encouraged! He sees your service.

Thank you – the N. family

What a blessing it has been these past two weeks! Thank you for inviting us here to rest and retreat while we seek the Father. Siloam will always feel like home for our family. We are praying for you all as you begin a new year of ministering to so many as they pass through the front gates.

Blessings – the J. family

I'm only 12 years old and yet even I know that being here is a gift from God. He has put us through a good amount of trials, but I thank Him for a place to live. Also, I want to thank everyone who has donated to bring this stuff. So,

Thank you – author unknown

BETTY'S RECIPE



We are looking forward to spring and seeing God's creation spring forward. My recipe this time is one you can make and give as a gift or just enjoy yourself.

CROCK POT CANDY

(16 oz.) Package dry roasted salted peanuts

(16 oz.) Package unsalted dry roasted peanuts

(12 oz.) Package semi-sweet chocolate pieces

(4 oz.) German Chocolate bars

(32 oz.) White almond chocolate bark

1. Put peanuts in bottom of crock pot; add other ingredients.
2. Cook on low setting for 1 ½ to 2 hours. Stirring once or twice during cooking.
3. Place rounded spoonfuls onto wax paper and allow to cool. Enjoy!

HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

In Memory of...

Jeremy Batson

by Scott & Lori Batson

Gerald Stanton

by Orlynn & Bethel Halladay

Jonathan Braydon Cotton

by Brenda Cotton

Lester Stanley

by Cliff & Donna Oakley

Gale Nagy

by Mike Nagy & Brittany Dietz

John Melvin

by Elaine Welch

In Honor of...

Rev. & Mrs. Wendell Calder

by Elaine Welch

Albert & Angelia Payne

by Elaine Welch

Cameron Moffit

by Elaine Welch

Mike & Tammy Dennis

by Elaine Welch

Dear Coffee Club Members,



This month marks 32 years since God laid the burden of providing homes for missionaries on our hearts.

What a journey this has been.... from it being just an idea, a dream. Then there were the months of looking for whatever property the Lord would have for us. The work of clearing enough trees to put in the road that extended just as far as the first duplex. There were so many miracles involved in just getting those things done.

The first duplex was completed in late spring 1994, and we housed our first missionary. But, the calls just kept coming in, "Do you have a place for us?" And, miracle after miracle has become the missionary village that God planted. Who would have ever thought that a tiny unknown town in the middle of nowhere would have such a wide reach into the far corners of the world?

God used so many people to get things started and continues to do so as we maintain the amazing campus God has given us to take care of. We serve an amazing God who has been so faithful, so generous, so loving. What a blessed opportunity it is to serve Him by serving missionaries. To God be the glory!

I would like to remind you that the "coffee club" was the way that we initially got people involved in supporting the ministry.... the cost of a cup of coffee a day could provide a home for missionaries. Would you pray about partnering with us?

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.)

One Time Gift \$_____

Please designate my one time gift for:

DONATION FOR (check appropriate box):

☐ General Fund

☐ Michael and Valerie Gay

☐ John Williams

☐ Joyce George

☐ Milton & Betty Wilder

☐ Daniel Sieg

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