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## A Good Work

One of the challenges we face in ministering here at Siloam is that we don't only focus on the lives of the missionaries that live on the property, but on their houses as well. As a result, it is often difficult to think of building or repairing a structure as ministry that is worthy of our labor and support.



But in Nehemiah 2:18 we find these words, *"And I told them of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good, and also of the words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for the good work."* Such an interesting

perspective - that building what needs to be built is a *good work*.

We are so blessed at Siloam to have fifteen homes and several supporting buildings and we carry no debt on them. However, several of those homes are hitting the twenty to twenty-five year mark and are beginning to need more extensive updates, including siding, shingles, flooring, and in some cases updating lighting and bathroom fixtures. The majority of the work is being done out of necessity to preserve the buildings that God has provided. To wait until these needs worsen would make the cost to repair grow even more.

This will be an ongoing process for the next several years that will likely require us to spend the equivalent of another house. As always, we are actively pursuing sources for donations for some of the materials to help minimize the cost, but much of the material will have to be purchased. These renovations are in addition to our annual maintenance



budget, so we are asking you to prayerfully consider making a special gift, over and above your regular support, to help meet this need. We are so grateful for all you have done and will do to help us minister to the families that call this place "home."

— Michael Gay, President



*A team of 8 from Calvert Grace Community Church spent a week replacing floor decking and railing on one of our homes as well as painting the ceiling of two other porches and installing a screened in porch area.*



# Why Volunteer to Serve at SMH?

**M**ission work, reaching the world for Jesus Christ, is a multi-faceted ministry. Why are Missionaries involved in such a variety of things? Why don't they just stick to preaching and teaching like Jesus did? Well, we don't know all that Jesus did, but we do know that He did more than preaching and teaching. Matthew described the ministry of Jesus by saying, "Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness" (Matthew 9:35).

Peter summarized the ministry of Jesus in Acts 10:38: "You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." We don't know all the ways Jesus "went about doing good," but at least we know His ministry involved healing, casting out demons, one-on-one personal

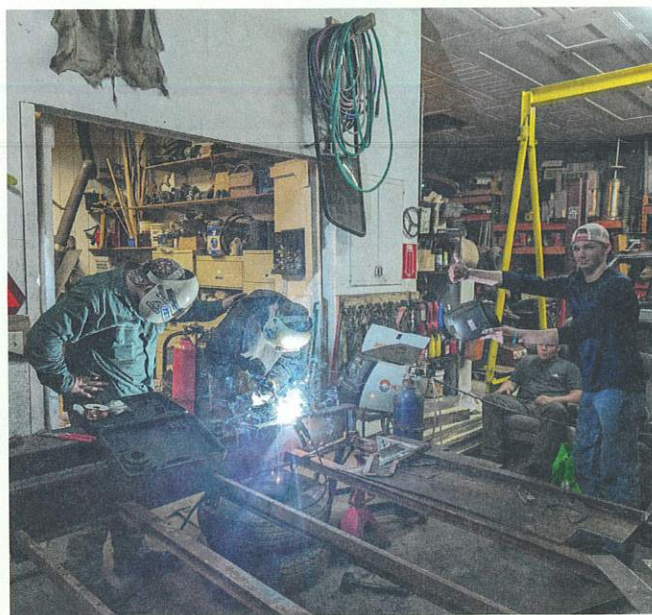
witnessing (e.g. John 4) and feeding the hungry. When Jesus sent out His disciples, He "gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.... 'And as you go, preach.... Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give'" (Matthew 10:1, 7-8).

Jesus may not send out missionaries with exactly the same directive as He gave His disciples in the 1st century, but the point is that He used other methods besides teaching and preaching. Missionaries may need occupations other than teaching and preaching in order to enter "closed" countries. Some missionaries are involved in other jobs to make it possible for their fellow workers to tell people about Jesus. A few categories of missions work are Medical, Agricultural and Community Development, Bible Translation and Christian Literature, Engineering/Mechanical/Aviation, Education, Evangelism, Discipleship and Church Planting. It is important

and necessary to meet people's physical needs while telling them about God's love in Jesus Christ. We must demonstrate His love.

We can see that God uses many ways to get His message of salvation to the world. Thus, we come to the title question, "Why Volunteer to Serve at SMH?" Volunteers with various talents, abilities and gifts are part of God's ministry at Siloam. When you serve at Siloam you minister to the needs of missionaries, help provide an environment, resources and a place they call home for a time, which better equips them for their next ministry assignment in making Christ known. You are also a big encouragement and help to the SMH Staff as we serve the missionaries. Even those limited physically can volunteer for prayer support! Give some thought and prayer about volunteering to serve at Siloam.

— Milton Wilder,  
Missionary Pastoral Care



*A group of talented, hardworking young men (Evan, Nathan, Michael, David & Matthew) from Wake Chapel Christian Church came to Siloam for three days, volunteering to help rebuild a utility trailer and disassembling a walk-in cooler/freezer.*



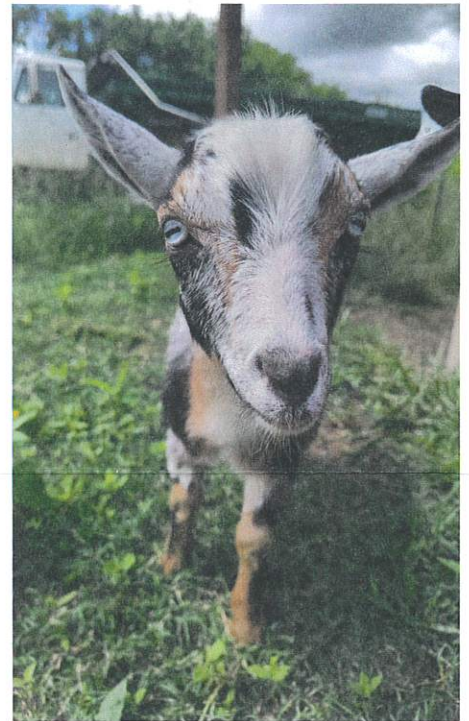
# Life on the Farm

**T**he business of the farm has not seemed to slow down yet this year. The lambs and kids are now three months old, though it seems like just last week they were born. They are now being weaned from their mothers and some have already been sold to their new homes. Selling the lambs and kids every year is the farm's largest income. These sales allow us to cover the necessary costs to run the farm, which includes buying animal feed, medications, vet bills, etc. The farm is not designed to turn a profit, but the smiles brought to the missionaries, and the healing they find, is well worth it. We currently have dorper ewe lambs for sale as well as Pygmy/Nigerian dwarf goats. They make great lawn mowers!

The rest of the animals on the farm are doing well. The chickens are still laying plenty of eggs, and farm fresh eggs are a favorite for the missionaries and staff. All of our alpacas are fifteen years old or older now. This is about the equivalent of a person turning 60. The lifespan of an alpaca is 15-20 years. Alpacas are a necessity on the farm because we use them as guardian animals. In the next couple of months to a year, we are going to have to look

at getting some younger alpacas and the thought of bringing new animals on the farm is always exciting!

We took some extra steps this year and the garden has been deer proofed and there has been no evidence of them in the garden! Getting the garden to this point took a lot longer than expected and because of this, the garden has gotten a slow start. We are just now starting to see flower buds and tomatoes forming on the vines. At first glance, this can be very discouraging as we would love for the garden to be green and thriving, not just starting to bloom. I have to remind myself that the rest of the summer is still ahead and I also have next year to look forward to. Hopefully, next year I will be able to dive right into the garden full force, with no major road bumps to pass before even getting started.



Did you know the farm is on Facebook and Instagram? Search for @CampGloryFarm and Like or Follow if you would like to see more updates about the farm, or see all of our cute animals on a daily basis! The small act of following on social media, liking and sharing posts, has a large impact on our exposure as a ministry.

— Kendric Tyre,  
*Farm Manager*

“ For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord ”

— JER.29:11

**I**t has been a beautiful start to a beautiful year here at Siloam! As you may know we were recently visited by one of our work teams a few weeks ago. During their visit we were able to address several different projects, one of them being a newly resurfaced deck on one of our duplex-style homes. After 20 years, the weather had finally gotten to the existing deck boards and because we have a huge standard for safety and comfort here at Siloam, we completely resurfaced the deck. We also added a screened in enclosure on the unit below. It was awesome getting to work beside the volunteers.

We still have many projects on the calendar for the remainder of the year, so please check out info on bringing your church group out to Siloam. Please pray for me and all of Siloam staff as we try to maintain these beautiful properties the Lord has blessed us with.

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord”  
Jer.29:11

— John Williams,  
*Buildings Maintenance*



## BETTY'S RECIPE



Summer time is a great time to have salads. This salad keeps for days and is great with a meal or sandwiches.

### MARINATED VEGETABLE SALAD

- ¾ cup Vinegar
- ½ cup Vegetable Oil
- 1 cup Sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 T. Water
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 1 (16 oz.) can French-Style Green Beans
- 1 (16 oz.) can Kidney beans or Pinto Beans
- 1 (14 oz.) can Shoepeg Corn
- 1 (2 oz.) can chopped pimiento
- 1 cup chopped celery (*optional*)
- 1 green pepper, finely chopped (*optional*)

Combine first 6 ingredients in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve sugar. Cool. Drain canned vegetables. Combine vegetables and stir in vinegar mixture. Cover and place in refrigerator for 12 hours, stirring occasionally. Will keep for days. You can substitute the vegetables you use. I sometimes use Small English Peas instead of other beans.

## HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

### *In Memory of...*

#### Mary Ruth Souther

by Phil & Vicki McCluskey, Scott & Melanie Helms, Perry & Jan Mathis, Barbara Cummings, Steve & Sherry Souther, Glenwood Friends Church, Laura Lewis, WL & Lorene Jackson

#### Elise Davis & Doyle Davis by Harold Davis

#### Lee & Hazel Gilbert by Elaine Welch

#### Rev. Lester Stanley by Glenn & Julia Stanley

### *In Honor of...*

#### Ray Soyars by Glenn & Julia Stanley

#### Eric & Melissa Harrelson and Mike & Myra Melvin by Elaine Welch

## Dear Coffee Club Members,



One of the things that I enjoy is when we host groups here at Siloam for a tour of our campus and lunch. During the tours, we always give an overview of how the ministry started and tell them about the many miracles that God has provided over the past 32 years to make this campus what it is today....I love sharing the stories.

There is the story about the file cabinet that miraculously showed up on our back deck - only God knew we were praying for one. The miracle of a group of young people from Tennessee who dug footers with shovels and a roto-tiller and then used their "vacation" money to pay for the concrete. The miracle of God working in a businessman's heart to provide bulldozing equipment when we were trying to clear the land for a home. The miracle of hundreds, (could it be thousands?), of people who have helped paint, build, mow, pull weeds....

And then there are the stories that we hear about the families that God brings to us. Stories of how God is using missionaries, people just like you and me, to tell the world that God loves them and sent His Son to save them! What a privilege it is to be part of helping them go.

Did I mention that the tour also includes lunch? After a tour of the campus, we serve a delicious homemade meal and offer a time of fellowship where those attending can talk to our staff, and we can get to know each other better.

We would like to invite you to invite a few people to come to Siloam for lunch and a tour. Give us a call and we will set up a time for you to come and hear what God is doing. 336-376-8200 We look forward to hearing from you!

Your "Coffeemate," Joyce George

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