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Moving from Words to Action

In our recent Christmas letter we shared our desire to dig deep in ministering to the missionary families. We desire to go far beyond housing and really invest in their spiritual and physical well-being to see them strengthened for His service. Studies show that nearly 40% of missionaries suffer from some form of depression. And another study shows that of the missionaries that choose to leave the field and not return, nearly 70% of those decisions were made for preventable reasons. Our goal is to provide that stop gap, that oasis, allowing these families to avoid ministry fatigue and burnout.

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share. (1 Timothy 6:18)

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:18)

These two verses highlight two aspects of this challenge for us as a staff. One, those that are blessed with God's riches should seek to pass those riches on with a generous spirit. Now as a ministry we may not be blessed with

overflowing financial resources, though God certainly meets our needs every day. But we have a staff with a strong spiritual background willing to take our knowledge and experience and pour that out into the families. We will have to make an intentional effort to listen to the Spirit's leading and look for opportunities to act. As the other verse states, we can't just talk about doing something, we need to act as well. As a staff, we are focused on abundantly blessing the families that call this place home. We want Siloam Missionary Homes to be a place that is known not just for the houses, but for the spirit of generosity pouring out of our staff on everyone who comes through the gates.

Please pray that we can live up to this challenge and that we can be a small part of keeping the Gospel going out all around the world. If you do not currently support our ministry financially, consider joining with us and coming alongside as we show God's love to His servants.

— Michael Gay, *President*



Coming Alongside – Encouraging and Uplifting

We serve an all-knowing God who loves and cares for His children and provides for our needs at the time of His choosing. Many times we don't even know we have a need, or how great our need is, until He providentially meets that need. We have experienced this wonderful provision of God through one of our missionary families, John and Anna Millstead, who came to Siloam not expecting to become part of the daily ministry. They are with Paraclete Mission Group whose stated purpose is to "come alongside Christian leaders around the world." The name of the organization comes from the Greek word "paráklētos," meaning one who consoles or comforts, one who encourages or uplifts; hence refreshes, and/or one who intercedes on our behalf as an advocate.

John and Anna have jumped in feet first and done just that – providing skills, knowledge, and encouragement to help guide us through a transition period centered around strengthening our organization. They have helped with systems, policies, software changes, and many other things

over the last several months that will allow Siloam to be better prepared for the future. We are grateful to them for being willing to help and obedience to God's call to come alongside Siloam.



John & Anna Millstead

The Main Thing!

First-time visitors to Siloam Missionary Homes are often surprised at what they see. One person's response I heard was, "Oh my, I thought it was a trailer park," not expecting to see a village with beautiful houses, a Family Life Center, a Chapel, a "Wreck" Center, Exercise Room, and Playgrounds (see our website www.siloamhomes.org). In addition, there's a Food Pantry and a Clothing Store, to which people can donate items made available free to the missionary families to help supplement their needs.

However, even these benefits do not tell all the story of Siloam Missionary

Homes. Betty and I came on staff to provide "Missionary Pastoral Care," which has many facets, but all the Staff at Siloam in their service to the Lord are involved in making the needs of the missionary families a top priority. Each Staff member greatly needs your prayers for wisdom, guidance, energy and stick-to-itiveness as we not only provide housing and amenities for the missionaries, but also interact with them in friendship and fellowship. How can we help, how can we work together as a Team in our different positions to come alongside the "variety" of families

whom God places in our care at a particular time in their ministries? We ask your prayers for the missionary families, for the Siloam Staff, the Board of Directors, the volunteer workers, the donors, for all the tangible and intangible "ingredients" that enable Siloam Missionary Homes to fulfill God's plan for creating and sustaining His ministry. Pray that we will always keep "the main thing the main thing!"

H. Milton Wilder
Missionary Pastoral Care



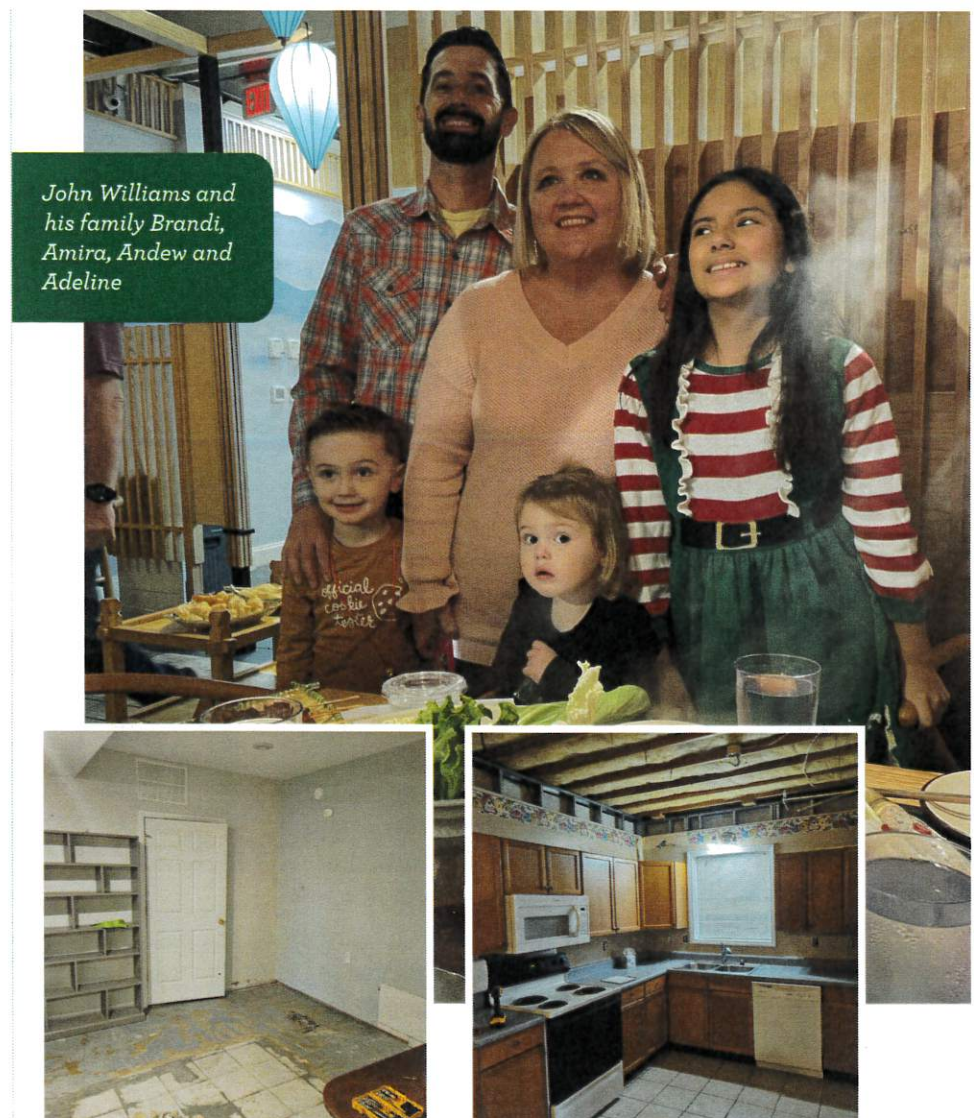
Giving a House a New Look!

Greetings, Siloam Family. We are super excited about this new year here at Siloam. We are wasting no time as we have already started on our first renovation of the year. The basement unit (GB) will be getting a whole new look! Once complete, the new space will have a full master suite complete with a new (and larger) handicap accessible bathroom. We will also create an enlarged dining space to encourage families to spend more quality time together while at Siloam.

There will be several steps to this renovation and during this project all prayers are welcome. We also invite you to come out for a workday (or two or three) or help on this project with any other resources you may have to offer. We will have several ways for people to support this project. One way is to follow Siloam's Facebook page where updates are provided, and a wish list is available.

Thank you for allowing me and my family to be a part of this ministry. We realize how blessed we are each and every day!

by John Williams,
Housing Maintenance Director



THANKSGIVING DINNER with Wake Chapel Christian Church



One of the events that Milton & Betty plan every fall is the Thanksgiving Dinner that we celebrate with a group from one of our supporting churches, Wake Chapel. The evening is packed with amazing food and fellowship with the missionaries, Wake Chapel church members and Siloam's staff. Wake Chapel provides a program, which includes singing and an encouraging message. What a blessing it is to listen as the group, usually about 65 of us, lift our voices in song. It's just a glimpse of what praise will sound like once we are all gathered around God's throne in worship.

Another thing that Wake Chapel does is to provide a Thanksgiving Dinner for each family living at Siloam - turkey and a gift card to let each family purchase their own menu. God has blessed all of us who are recipients of these gifts!



BETTY'S RECIPE



BROCCOLI CORNBREAD

This is a good cornbread to have with your cooked greens or with chili or any soup.

Ingredients:

- 1 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen chopped broccoli, thawed
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. corn bread mix (like Jiffy)
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 med. onion, chopped
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder (opt.)
- 1/4 tsp. ground red pepper (opt.)

Directions:

Press broccoli between paper towels to remove excess moisture. Combine the remainder of ingredients and stir well. Stir in broccoli (batter will be thick). Pour mixture into greased 8-inch square pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 25 to 35 minutes.

HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS

In Memory of...

Ray & Elsie Hutchens by Elaine Welch

Larry Fogleman
by Judy and Charles Mills

Rev. James Rosser
by Jewelle Rosser & Family

Lee & Hazel Gilbert
and Hilary Hutchens, Jr.
by Elaine Welch

Jeremy Batson by Scott & Lori Batson

Baby John Stephens by Anonymous

In Honor of...

Pastor David Hobson
by Hazel & John Carroll

Mike & Betty Hall by Elaine Welch

Belinda Thomas by Elaine Welch

Hayden & Sarah Martinez
by Texie Wilson

Rev. Bob Stephenson &
Mark & Stephanie Stephenson
by Bill and Brenda Aydt

Dear Coffee Club Members,



When you think of the word "hospitality," where does your mind go? What memory does it bring up? Have you ever been in a place where "just a cup of cold water" has met a deep need within your heart because of circumstances that have surrounded you? Have you ever been on the receiving end of hospitality and found it to be soothing, comforting and that it met a need? I know I have!

Here at Siloam, God has given us the opportunity to come along side of amazing missionary families - families who have given so much to share the precious Gospel. We have comforted some who have had serious health issues, lost loved ones, had ministry struggles, wayward children...because missionaries face all of the struggles that you and I face.

Your support and your prayers are so vital to us being able to continue to do what we do here! If you would like to know more ways you can be part of the "hospitality" at Siloam, give us a call or email us.

Thank you and May God richly bless you!

Your "Coffeemate," Joyce George

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