

## SILOAM MISSIONARY HOMES

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*"providing temporary missionary housing, permanently"*

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### A PSALM FROM THE HEART OF A MISSIONARY

*"O Lord, we're tired. We're weary. You remember us, Lord, don't you? Remember us, the ones who left five and a half months ago in pursuit of You? We're trusting you, Lord, believing You want us back on the mission field as missionaries. Remember we sold our house and packed up everything? Then we took off on a five-month journey. Along the way we visited 87 adults in their homes, with 94 children, 16 dogs, litters of cat, even horses and pigs, chickens, cattle and a turtle. We have visited a different church nearly every Sunday, called many people on the phone, slept in 30 different beds, 11 campgrounds and four yards. We traveled 15,000 miles, Lord, presenting the ministry you have put in our hearts. We're tired, Lord, it's been a long journey.*

*We praise you, Lord, for a wonderful journey. You have taken our very souls and tested our love for You. You have let us cry when the way seems tough, and our beings cry out to give up the goal and to do something easy. You have let us hurt inside when Your people are too busy to be interested in what You are doing in other countries. You have searched our hearts and probed impure and misguided motives of pride. You have brought us alongside hurting people to encourage them. We have cried and rejoiced with people that have allowed you to work in their lives.*

*Lord, your unfailing love has stayed with us in the journey. You will never give up on us. You are teaching us that this journey is not just about getting to the mission field. It is about trusting you fully with all that we have and are. Lord, You're refreshing us, we trust You. We can't see tomorrow yet, but you are there. You know our need. You care. You are the Provider.*

*Lord we are willing to go now. It doesn't matter that our monthly support is lacking. We can trust you. We want to go. Send us now. Make the way clear. Let it be soon. We're weary and needing a place for our family to rest. You know all, Lord. We wait on you. You are our Rock and Fortress. We praise you alone."*

Taken from an article in the UFM Mission Magazine. Written by Loren & Sue Faul, Missionaries

*Proverbs 3: 4 & 5*

*"Trust in the Lord with all  
thine heart, and lean not  
unto thine own understanding.*

*In all thy ways acknowledge  
Him, and He shall  
direct thy paths."*

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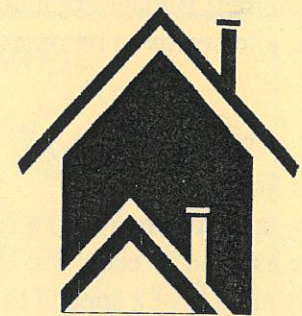
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**Our Goal....**

**to pay off the  
mortgage on the  
duplex in 1996**



From the midwest.....

Memorial Day weekend, our family moved from Vicksburg to Fulton, Mi. What a hassle! We were beginning to wonder if it was worth it - and we were only moving 10 miles! Fran called the electric company, the gas company, the phone company, the garbage carrier, and changed our mailing address so everyone in the world could send us more mail. Then, the bank changed the closing date - three times! Fran called the electric, gas & phone companies to delay the transition. The garbage and mail beat us to the new house by a couple of weeks. Finally, we really did close on the house and shifted all our services to Fulton. We rented the last truck in town and moved the Friday of Memorial Day weekend (while most of my helpers were still working). I asked for a truck on Saturday, but the guy just laughed - "no chance!"

Imagine for a moment, if I were a missionary in some other country and I had to go on furlough. Think how hard it would be to resolve all these problems!!! And that's if I have a place to go! What if there were no place to reside? These events in our lives really underscore the importance of the ministry of SMH. These missionaries need a place to come back to relax - not another hassle!

Now that we're moved, we're stepping up our efforts to meet pastors and get meetings in churches. Please pray that pastors, churches, and individuals will be open to the ministry. Thanks to those who have responded since I became Midwest Rep.

Praising our Savior,  
Mike & Fran Van Bruggen  
Midwest Representatives

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*From the director.....*

**"HOW GREAT THOU ART!"**

This morning is a new beginning for us. Today I started full time with Siloam Missionary Homes! After eight years with Honda, I said my "good-byes" and moved on to what the Lord has for us - to serve Him full time. We are now "missionaries to the missionaries."

This will enable us to get out and present the ministry more, and we will also be able to get caught up on a lot of maintenance work needed here.

We would like to thank you who have so faithfully supported this ministry and those who have recently joined the Siloam family. We are busy making plans to expand.

I would also like to thank two new churches for joining us - **Christian Bible Fellowship** (Burlington, NC) and **Liberty Church** (Haw River, NC). What an encouragement to us. Praise the Lord!

Prov. 16:3: "Commit they works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established."

The mission continues to widdle away the debt. Our goal is to be debt free this year! Please continue to pray for us here as we serve the housing needs of missionaries.

--Larry George  
Director

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**THANK YOU**

Riverside Men's Fellowship for coming to the Inn on Memorial Day and scraping paint.

Men from Apple's Chapel for coming out to Snow Camp and helping with the office building.

Ladies from Factoryville Bible Church for the blankets that you sent to us.

Ladies who provided baked goods for our yard / bake sale.

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Falls for the living room suite and dresser.

Youth Group from Bethel Baptist Church for coming out and helping put up some playground equipment.

   **FROM THE MAILBAG**   

I guess I felt overwhelmed by your last newsletter and pictures of new building. I trust you will be able to carry on with the project so you will grow to provide needs for incoming missionaries on furlough.

- Ruth Stanton

We hope that this donation will assist you in the special work that you are performing in order to help spread God's word to lost souls everywhere. Our prayers are with you and the missionaries that frequent your homes.

--Women's Fellowship at  
Christian Bible Fellowship



Dear Coffee Club Members,

We are excited that school is out for the summer! Rachel graduated last week, and seems to be relieved that



she is finished! We had a very special time (shed a few tears) as we listened to each one in the senior class give a speech to share what the school, teachers and friends have meant to them. She has started working a full time job for the summer to save money for college.

Abbey will be doing some baby-sitting this summer to earn money for the things she will need for cheer-leading next year.

Larry and I will be traveling the week of June 24th to attend the IFCA

Conference in Grand Rapids, Mi. We will also be sharing updates in Irons, Mi., and Topeka, Ind., two of our supporting churches. We look forward to seeing all of you!

The day after we return from those meetings, we plan to leave for Florida, where we are going on vacation. We are really looking forward to that since it's been several years since we had a "real" vacation. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel.

We have new Coffee Club Members to welcome:

- Art & Kathy Foote
- Peter & Myrtle Van Bruggen
- Mike & Fran Van Bruggen
- Leroy & Kay June

Thanks to each of you for your faithfulness to support this ministry. God bless you!

Your "Coffeemate,"

*Joyce George*

I would like to order \_\_\_ Kid's Talk T-shirts. M L XL (circle one).  
 I have enclosed a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 I would like to make a one time donation, which is enclosed. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 I would like to make a one time donation for \$50 in Honor Of/Memory Of (circle one):  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (name)  
 I would like to help provide temporary housing for missionaries by joining the Coffee Club. Each month I will help support SMH with a pledge of:  
 \_\_\_ \$15    \_\_\_ \$25    \_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_ Other  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_



Ladies cleaning and preparing the duplex for the next missionary family.



Abbey helping stain the decks in Snow Camp.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION....**

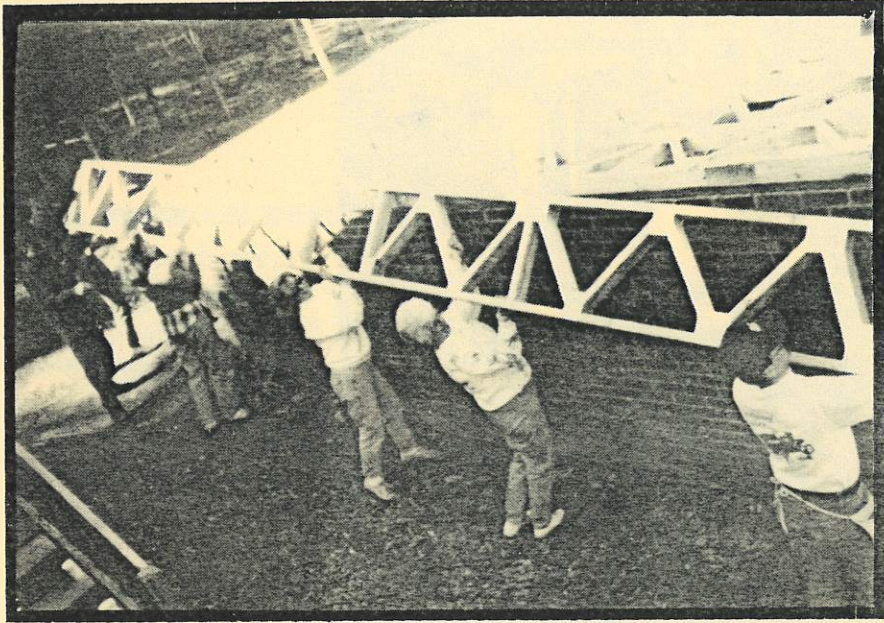
We thought you might be interested in seeing some statistics of how many guests we've had stay at Siloam Missionary Homes since we began.

Since May 1994, we have had 31 guests stay in the duplex in Snow Camp. All except two of these families stayed for at least 3 months.

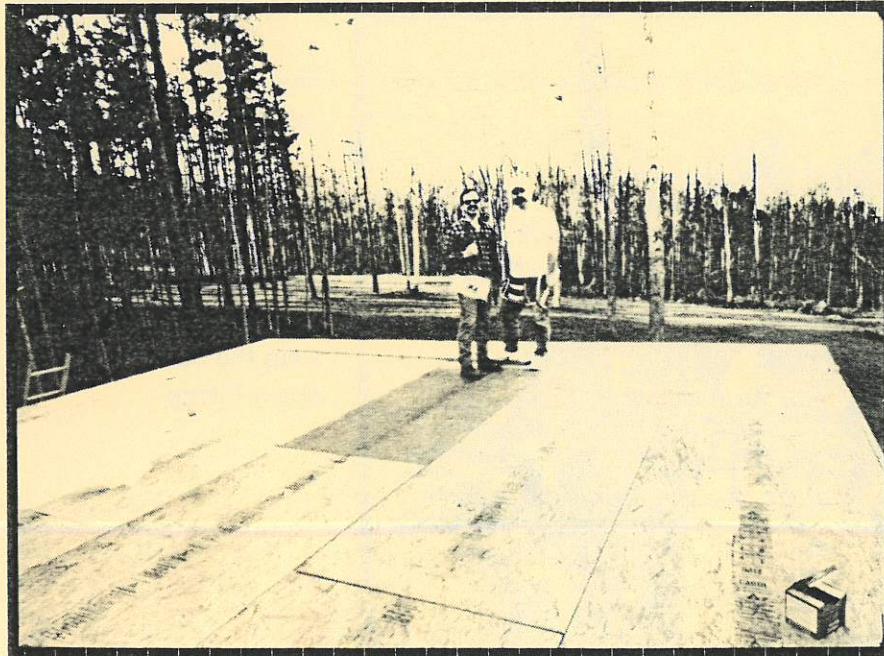
Since June 1995, we have had 40 guests stay at the Inn in Graham. 30 of these guests have been just since January of this year. Most of these guests stay just for a few nights. However, we did have one couple who stayed for about two months. Currently, we have a family who will stay with us through the summer

Future dates: The duplex in Snow Camp is already booked for families through the year 1999!

We thank the Lord that He has allowed us to minister to the needs of these families. Each one becomes a special friend. God bless each one of you who have had a part in making these homes available to these servants of the Lord.



Work crew putting up the floor trusses onto the basement foundation of the office building.



Larry & Charley finished putting the floor decking on the office building.



Men from Apple's Chapel who helped put the plywood on the walls of the office.



Larry, Shawn, Kevin & Todd shingling the roof of the office.