



Siloam Missionary Homes

"providing temporary missionary housing permanently"

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Build Thine House



the increasing demands for housing. In fact, as I am writing this article, I received a call from a missionary with 9 children who need a home!

This home will be built as money becomes available. We need approximately \$170,000. The Lord is able to do that which we feel is the impossible.

Step 1 will be to lay the foundation. So, when we have enough money for the foundation, we will start—hopefully in July. Please pray for us as we begin this new project.

On April 26th we broke ground for our next duplex! This beautiful 4 bedroom duplex will be "L" shaped with the idea of a separate front yard and more privacy. SMH greatly needs this to accommodate

From the Director's Desk...

Proverbs 24:27 says, "Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field, and afterwards build thine house." The Lord laid this verse on my heart back in December of 1995. We have done that! We cut trees, cleared brush, and bulldozed. The Lord raised up so many people to help prepare the land. How we praise Him!

Now the next step! We are so thankful to have Gary Simmons back on the Board of Directors. Gary is in charge of the planning of the property, and so sensitive to the needs of what missionaries would like.

Randy Dye of Gingrich Homes

is a wonderful Christian man from Westside Chapel in Greensboro who is allowing the Lord to use Him as our contractor. I thank the Lord for his wisdom and insight.

We are building a much needed duplex—a 4 bedroom for larger families. Our plans are to build debt free. So, first comes the foundation and cornerstone. We are going to use men and women around the country, people like you, to help build this home of love.

If you could help us put in the foundation, please let me know. Our plans are to start as soon as the money comes in. Next year,

A Pig Pic'n Success!

Siloam Missionary Homes celebrated it's 5 year anniversary on Saturday, April 26th, with a pig pic'n and gospel concert featuring the Master's Quartet with Walter Gurkin, Joe Loy, Dan Webster, Jimmy Collins and Mary Jane Collins at the keyboard. Chris Hancock, Lawrence Taylor and Jeff Davis of "Mended Wings" and



Kindred Hearts" including Robin Crabtree, Norma Newton, and Danny & Donna Knighten also brought several selections in song. A great time was shared by all.

when we dedicate this home to the Lord, you can be a part.

II Timothy 2 teaches us to be faithful men. Read the first 7 verses, and repeat verse 7. Paul says, "Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things." Please pray that God will give us understanding as we proceed with plans for building this next home.

Missions Trip '97

WHAT KIND OF AN IMPACT COULD IT HAVE ON YOUR TEENS? The following are excerpts from some of the letters received from the Howardsville Christian School teens. We wish we had room to publish all of them!

Mary Corrie writes, "The opportunity to go to North Carolina was an honor. Every second of the missions trip was worth so much to me. It was great knowing we could serve God in this way and touch the lives of others around us. I will never forget the devotions and talks that made this whole experience life-changing."

Karen Loker, "The part that meant the most to me on the missions trip was Friday night when Larry talked to us. It made me

think, something I try not to do very often. ☺ He said, "If you say you're a Christian, but you're living like the world, then you are the biggest stumbling block to unbelievers. That really made me look into my heart and made me think of my Christian walk. When people see how I live and when they hear I'm a Christian, does it match up? Or am I so much like them that they don't know the difference? I name the name of Christ, so I better live like Him and not the world, otherwise my testimony is shot."

Matt Hassenger, "I think my most memorable moment is when we began pouring the cement. I don't necessary think it was the fact of us pouring it, it was for the

fact of how many missionaries will work on their cars in the garage and all of the missionary kids playing on the basketball court we made."

Leah, "Oh my goodness, where do I begin? The North Carolina missions trip has meant so much to me. I know it was a wonderful feeling to serve others, but the feeling I got after leaving North Carolina was totally overwhelming. The work was extremely hard, but the thought of being able to help others really truly helped me carry on. I believe God used each & every single one of us in some way whether it was big or small, and that should give us a wonderful feeling inside."

Siloam Missions Projects

The youth from Howardsville Christian School, Howardsville, MI., would like to challenge you to be a part of this year's missions projects.



We have had many churches and individuals ask us "how can I help?" Do we have the answer for you! SMH will be renting a beautiful 50 acre Christian Camp, which is located 10 miles from the Snow Camp property this year, with the

purpose of housing church groups and families who would like to do a work project for the mission. I have listed below several projects that we need to do this year. We have projected the cost of each. Maybe you couldn't provide the labor, but would like to sponsor a project. Please contact us for more details.

Project #1

- Office building—sheet rock, etc.

Cost: Approximately \$5,000

Project #2

- Landscaping, grass, mulch around building

Time: Complete in 2 days
Cost: Approximately \$500

Project #3

- Storage/workshop floor—concrete

- Retaining wall next to workshop
- Concrete slab outside workshop door
- Gravel driveway to workshop

Time: 1 week (does not include retaining wall)
Cost: Approximately \$1,000



Project #4

- Privacy fence around trash barrels

Time: Complete in less than 2 days
Cost: Approximately \$150-\$200

Project #5

- Thompson Memorial Playground

- Stain existing playground equipment w/Thompson weather sealer
- Put up swing set
- Needs 1/2 truck load of sand around equipment
- Benches put around trees, picnic tables

Time: 2-3 days

Cost: Approximately \$1,000



Project #6

- Grade, rake & seed side of new road

Time: 1 week

Cost: Approximately \$300-\$400

Project #7

- Landscaping on corner of fork in new road; clearing out area

- behind corner
- Put in shrubs, bushes, light, rock, picnic tables

Cost: Approximately \$600

Project #8

- Burden Chapel—12' x 20' white vinyl prayer chapel; landscaping, picket fence

Cost: Approximately \$5,000 (we have \$1,300 designated toward this project)

Project #9

- Clear land where the next duplex is going
- Fence, 1/2 mile long side of property, 500' across back

Cost: Approximately \$1,500

Project #10

- Paint trim at Siloam Missionary Inn

Living facilities:

Crestmont Camp is 10 miles from the Snow Camp property. There is a large dormitory on the property, divided in half, so one half can be for boys, and the other half for girls, with separate bathrooms &



"Larry, Harry & Les taking a break from bulldozing the road"

showers for boys and girls.

There is a complete kitchen in the building, with a ping pong table, living room area. There is also a chapel behind the dormitory.

Cost: \$4 per person per day plus food

Pastor's Viewpoint

The role of a pastor carries with it many responsibilities. We are to lead, feed and protect the flock. God has given to us. There are many frustrations and heartaches in this call, yet there are many joys as well. One of the greatest joys for me is when a person enters into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. They in turn have an opportunity to impact another life for the Kingdom. As a supporting pastor of S.M.H., have joined hands with missionaries to make an impact for the cause of Christ. Helping to provide housing, allows our missionaries a time to rest, refocus and revitalize their vision. They will soon return to the field God has called them to, to share the truth about Jesus Christ. For every missionary that stays at S.M.H., by my contribution, I will have had a part in reaching the world for Jesus Christ. For that is my highest call, sharing Jesus Christ.

—by Pastor David Jackson

...From the Midwest,

I'm encouraged by the many people and groups from Michigan and Indiana who plan on a missions trip to help us in North Carolina this summer. There are groups from churches, Christian schools, and committed families who care about the needs of missionaries and want to serve our Lord. Most of these committed people are using their spring break or summer vacations time to help ease the burden for others who they may never meet this side of Heaven—it's very encouraging!

We have been representing SMH for about a year now, what

a learning experience it has been so far. Our involvement in the mission has impacted the whole family including the little ones. Recently Fran took the kids to town and as they were driving, Bret, our 4 year old son, noticed a big brick church with a huge steeple on it. He yelled to stop the car! He said, "We need to tell that church about Siloam Missionary Homes." After mom explained that it was not a church day, and nobody was there, he decided that the thing to do was to tell dad about this new church, which he did.

—Praising our Savior,
Mike & Fran VanBruggen,
Midwest Representatives

Thank you to:

- Mr. & Mrs. Dan Albright for the mattress set
- Mr. & Mrs. John Draper for the towels & dish set
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- Pastor, Leta, Caroline & Jennifer Kelly for painting the inside of the office
- Paul & Crystal Updyke for plastering the walls of the office
- All the Pastors who were involved in our Pastor's Luncheon on March 11th and those who helped cook and prepare for the luncheon—Tammie Isley, Wilbur & Dorothy Abbey, Harold & Ann George & Rachel George
- Larry & Karen Mulder for the beautiful living room furniture and Gary & Connie Younts who picked it up and stored it for us until we could come get it
- Everyone involved in making our 5 year celebration pig pic'n a wonderful success!!! Chris Hancock & Mended Wings; the Master's Quartet; and Kindred Hearts for their gospel music; Jim Tuck & Lanny Morris for doing the bar-b-que. The Helping Hands Sunday School Class for helping serve the meal; Mike & Fran VanBruggen, John & Rebecca Hawkins, and Wilbur & Dorothy Abbey for helping get the grounds ready.

Dear Coffee Club Members,

Hi! Things have been busy around here the past couple of months. We have really enjoyed the work groups that came to help us with various projects. It's great to work together and get to know other Christians better. We've even had a little fun along the way! Abbey made some good friends when the group was here from Howardsville Christian School and hopefully will be able to visit with some of them soon.

Abbey tried out for varsity cheerleader for next school year, and made the team. She was glad about that. She is almost finished with soccer, and we've enjoyed going and watching her play. She is looking forward to going with our church youth group on a missions trip to Mexico for a week in July. She has been working on her Spanish!! This should be a good experience.

Rachel is done with her first year of college and came home on May 10th. She is so happy to be home, and is making plans to work this summer. Pray with us for God's direction in her plans for next fall.

One of the toughest things about this ministry is saying "good-bye" to the missionary families as they leave us to go back to their field of mission work. We've made some wonderful friends along the way. This time though, is going to be tougher than normal for us, since the missionary family leaving is my sister, Rebecca Hawkins, and her family. It has been a most precious blessing to have them here for the past 10 months! Please keep them and us in your prayers, and all the missionaries and their families as they face this most difficult part of being a foreign missionary.

We praise the Lord for some new "Coffee Club Members" who have joined us recently. Stacy & Edna Trull, Robert Laws, Donna Gillen, Darwin Edwards, and Sturgis Evangelical Women. Thanks to each of you who so faithfully send in your gifts each month.

Your "CoffeeMate", Joyce George

"A LAMP UNTO MY FEET"

The property in Snow Camp is really taking shape and as the road nears completion, we will need to lay out the exterior lights. These beautiful double coach lights will run approximately \$300 each. A single light will cost \$150. We need 4 dou-

bles and 1 single. If you would like to purchase a light for S.M.H. in honor or memory of someone, a brass plate will be placed on each light signifying this. These lights will not only provide safety, but much needed light.

My love gift: \$_____ I would like to join the Coffee Club with a monthly pledge. (Please send my Coffee Club cup.)

\$_____ Where needed most \$_____ Other (please specify)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

All gifts are tax deductible & receipts will be mailed at year's end, unless otherwise requested.