

Siloam Missionary Homes

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Home Is Where Your Heart Is!

Ecclesiastes 3:14, "I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever; nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it; and God doeth it, that men should fear before Him - know that He is, reverence and worship Him." How we praise the Lord for this verse and Proverbs 24:27, "Prepare thy work without and make it fit for thyself in the field, and afterwards build thine house." Isn't it wonderful to see God's hand at work?

Last week, as we began painting the inside of the house, I took a few minutes to thank the Lord and

reminisce about how the Lord has provided for this home. When the Lord laid the ministry of SMH on our hearts back in 1992, we did not realize how many times we would move. It will be great to be able to unpack some things that have been in storage since our first move. It's been exciting to see how the Lord has provided all the money needed to build the house, without having to use undesignated income. The house is paid in full! It will be a tremendous blessing as we entertain guests, work groups, and missionary families.

We anticipate moving soon (probably about the time this newsletter reaches you). Even though this house does not belong to us personally, it will be wonderful to have a place to call "home."

Joyce and I would like to say a special thank you to all the people who have given of their time, money and talents to see God glorified. We look forward to sharing this home with you.

— Larry George



Trinity Baptist Church and Haw River Christian Church came out for a week of M.A.S.H. in August. They did various projects—dug footers for the Burden/Love Chapel, hung drywall, cleaned up a huge pile of logs, painted decks, built steps for the mobile home and did other yard work.



Trinity Baptist & Haw River Christian Church having game time.



The Parable's Sunday School Class from Tabernacle Methodist Church, Greensboro, NC, came out several Saturdays to hang drywall in the director's home.



He's Been Faithful!

The George family has just completed a musical cassette entitled "He's Been Faithful". We recorded songs that some of you have requested when we have been in your church. Among a few songs recorded are "Thank You", "He's Been Faithful," and others. These tapes cost a little over \$10 to make, plus shipping.

If you would like to receive a copy for yourself or a friend, fill in the appropriate box on the last page of this newsletter. Any amount over the cost of the tape (\$12) is tax deductible as a donation. The proceeds will go to SMH. I'm sure you will receive a blessing as you listen to the tape.

MISSIONARY TESTIMONIALS...

Lawis & Paul Wilson



Siloam Missionary Homes means just that to me—a home. We came here a year ago, and for a year it has been my home! We had been traveling from mission apartment

As I think about Siloam, the first thing that comes to mind is "What a blessing!" The fact that the Lord spoke to Larry and Joyce about providing this place is a good indication that He does want His missionaries to have a home while on the road. In 21 years as a missionary, I can say that the housing at SMH is the best place Lawis and I have ever stayed.

— Paul Wilson, missionary at Mexico/Texas border

to mission apartment, some of them were only one room and a bath. I don't mean to complain, but I was so weary of trying to live a normal life in four walls! This has been my home and I am very thankful that God saw that I needed one and provided one for me. He is always so gracious to us. Joyce and Larry have been so hospitable to us, and our prayer is that God will continue to bless them and that SMH will be home for missionaries.

— Lawis Wilson, missionary at Mexico/Texas border

"Whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Serving the Lord begins with Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." I believe that God has led Dorothy and me to SMH because this is a part of His work and plan in getting the Gospel out to the lost of the world. Whatever we do, therefore, whether taking care of the incoming mail, or working in the woods clearing and burning brush, or just witnessing to all we meet. Do ALL to the glory of God.

— Wilbur & Dorothy Abbey



Eric & Emma Oates

SMH has been a port in the storm. When we came off the field for furlough, we were faced with many questions. SMH was the answer for housing. Quiet and peaceful surroundings have allowed us to rest and recuperate, to sharpen our worn swords as we prepare to return to the ministry in Austria. Being involved in the hospitality ministry ourselves, we can appreciate all the work that goes on "behind the scenes." But, busyness does not exclude friendliness. There is a warmth of brotherhood here, a welcoming in the family. It is a comfort to be cared for and truly a blessing to have this ministry available.

— Eric & Emma Oates, missionaries to Austria

"What does S.M.H. mean to us?"

The first word that comes to mind is WORK. It's completing behind the scene jobs that need to be done—like painting, cleaning, furnishing a home with bedding, curtains, dishes and furniture, etc., mowing, planting gardens and flowers...

What a privilege for us to serve the Lord in our retirement years this way! Even though Harold has Parkinson's disease, he still can mow the yards. The Lord isn't through with us yet!

We in turn make it possible for our missionaries to have this haven of rest, which they are so badly in need of. They are then able to go back to the field refreshed, ready to carry on a work the Lord has for them to do.

As a retired couple, and one with medical problems, we can't go, but we can prepare the way.

— "wanna be missionaries", Harold & Anna George

David & Cathy Simpson

Our family would like to let you all know just how much having a "home" here in the states means to us. We have been on the field of Kenya for our second term in the midst of a changing culture and country. The people of Kenya are trying to shed the cloak of being poor and take on worldly riches. Several times a day we see some nationals who ask us for money, work or items to help. Many times, God opens a door for us to witness about the riches that neither thief nor rust can touch.

There was one time when a group wanted to know about us supporting them. Their claim was that we were white and therefore, rich. We pointed out that we had left all we had to come to Kenya and preach the Gospel. This was unheard of. They could not imagine anyone giving up their family plot to be in God's work. You see, most of the Kenyans, although they may live in a city or travel in their job, they keep the family plot. I explained to them we had no plot, home, car or riches waiting for us in America. We had come to minister and owned the tools for the ministry. I

shared with them that if I kept material wealth in America, then my heart would be there. I would want to return there more often and think always about those things. We could be the most effective if we forgot those things which were behind us and focused in on the work ahead of us. They still have trouble comprehending this thought.

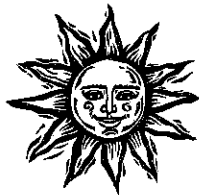
When we come home, yes, we have family and friends, but they have their own needs and lives too. With Siloam Missionary Homes, we have been given the blessing of relaxing, having a home, and meeting new friends. SMH has made us feel welcome in a country that seems to be as strange to us as the field of Kenya is to most who have never been there. I doubt that words could describe our amazement when we walked into the



house. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your ministry is a true answer to prayer and one that is greatly needed in the lives of furlough missionaries. May we send a very special thank you to all the churches and people who collectively gave to furnish the house. Our hearts have been blessed and humbled by their generosity.

— Dave & Cathy Simpson,
missionaries to Kenya

My Missions Trip To Brazil



I spent the month of July in Brazil on a missions trip. I want to thank so many of you who helped sponsor my trip with your financial gifts and your prayers.

Some of the things we did were making Sunday School materials, helping in VBS and putting books together for the Bible Institute that the Hawkins teach at. I was able to see how a missionary family lives and also how Brazilians live. I saw the needs they have, both physical and spiritual, and how the missionaries meet those needs. One little girl especially impacted me—her name is Thai's. She is an adorable three-year-old with dimples. Her home situation is not a good one, nevertheless, both she and her mother are faithful to the church. This family needs the missionaries and so do so many other families!

Going to Brazil was a wonderful trip. It helped me grow in my walk with Christ and also it prepared me more for my future on the mission field. Thank you all for making this trip possible for me!

— Abbey George

You Made A Difference In The Lives Of A Missionary Family

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank all of you who helped Abbey George on her missions trip to Brazil. She was a real help to my wife and I the month that she was with us. We were able to do some projects while she and Iva (her cousin) were here, especially for the Bible Institute. Getting the Bible Institute notes together is a huge project because we have to put all the notes together for 30 students and that is especially hard for my wife and I. She saved us days of work!

Abbey also helped Rebecca with some smaller chores that she had wanted to do for a long time. We cleaned up the church property and our Sunday School room while she was here, she helped prepare Sunday School materials. I appreciated her help and hard work while she was here, but especially enjoyed seeing my wife "perk up" while she was here. It was a time of blessing.

I would like to thank all of you who gave. The money that was not spent on her transportation went into the par-

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Thanks!

We would like to thank so many who gave to furnish the Kerr's Chapel home for the Simpson family.

- **Ms. Mamie Anderson**—cross stitch picture
- **Jeff & LaDonna Miller**—bedroom lamps
- **Terry & Betty Miller**—microwave
- **Ronnie & Tammie Isley**—toaster, corner shelves & miscellaneous kitchen items
- **Steve & Rochelle Cole**—comforters and accent pillows
- **Mr. & Mrs. Tickle**—miscellaneous kitchen items
- **Dot Bozwell**—miscellaneous house hold items
- **Doug & Connie Ball**—single bed
- **Tom & Arnetta Petty**—miscellaneous kitchen items
- **Bryan & Belinda Beeson**—dresser, rockers & miscellaneous kitchen items
- **Brookwood Baptist Church**—office desk & table
- **Kay Swinney**—pots and pans
- **Pam Church**—recliner
- **Odessa Isley**—bedroom lamp, pictures, miscellaneous kitchen items
- **Jay & Kim McDowell**—couch & chair, recliner, child's bed, book case & miscellaneous items
- **Julian & Tina Robertson**—dining room table & chairs

OTHER THANK YOU'S

- **Tom & Arnetta Petty** for the patio furniture
- **Wally Williams** for the first aid kits
- **Lonnie & Kathy Hamm** for the electrical wire
- **Betty Nichols** for the men's clothing
- **Gary Simmons** for the beef
- **Wrangler** for the clothing
- **Jerry Chester and Henry Moore** for all the trim work and cabinets on the house
- **Ted and Anita Crawford** for helping lay linoleum
- **Charles and Faye Harrell** for the new computer
- **Curtis Barber** for leveling the dirt and preparing it for seeding the yard
- **North Graham Baptist Church teens** for helping clean up the yard in front of the trailer
- **Jimmy & Jerri Smith** for the straw for the yards



Dear Coffee Club Members,

By the time you receive this newsletter, we should be moved into the director's home! What a blessing it will be to be finished with the hammering, plastering, painting. God has sent so many gracious people to help us with the house, we cannot begin to tell our appreciation to all of you. We can only pray that God, who knows each one, will bless you according to His riches!

Rachel is living at home this year and attending a local community college, plus working. She has had quite a busy schedule and we are proud of her desire to continue with her education towards adolescent counseling. She is also helping with the teens in our church as a Word of Life leader. She is looking to the Lord for direction in her future to work with teenagers.

Abbey is busy as a senior this year. She is cheerleading, captain and serves as student council vice president. She is also working a part time job on Saturdays. She is enjoying being a senior, with it's privileges and is planning on going to New Tribes Bible Institute next fall. We dread the day she graduates and leaves the nest, but are proud of her desire to follow the Lord's leading towards missions.

We have three new Coffee Club members. Thank you for joining with us to provide missionary housing: Kenneth Dell Ron & Karen Gouker, and Jay Tvaet. God bless you all.

Your CoffeeMate,
—Joyce George

YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE

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sonage that we are building for our future Brazilian pastor. Had it not been for this investment in the work, we would still be working on the walls, and because of your gifts to Abbey, we have the structure completely done, and in the dry. I praise the Lord for this extra financial help, it has put us many months ahead on the building and encouraged us in the work.

In closing, I would like to encourage all of you to participate in the lives of these young people who want to see the mission field. We have seen a drastic reduction in missionaries and personnel to this part of the world. These trips give them the opportunity to see the need first hand and see the work and the missionaries' real needs. Maybe they will never come as missionaries, but certainly the trip will impact their lives in such a way that they will never forget the mission field and go on supporting missions and holding up this ministry through the years.

Thank you once again for sharing with Abbey and with us.

His for Brazil,
John, Rebecca, Nicolas, John III & Daniel Hawkins

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Please send me George family tape "He's Been Faithful". (Qty) _____

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