

# Siloam Missionary Homes

*"providing temporary missionary housing permanently"*

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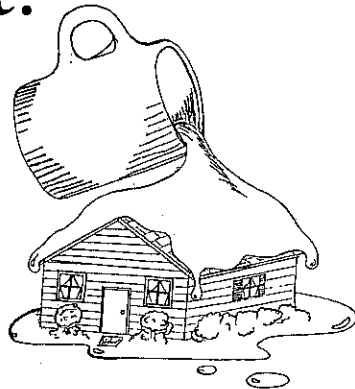
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## "The Coffee Club— What Is It?"

When missionary families return to the U.S. after spending time on the mission field, they need a place of comfort, of safety - a "home." Siloam Missionary Homes provides that place for many servants of the Lord. We have seen moms and dads able to invite their children and grandchildren to come "home" for the holidays because they have a place of their own. We have seen a newborn baby brought home to the comfort of privacy in the duplex. We have watched families renew their strength within the walls of the mission home as they get ready to return to the rigors of missionary life on the foreign field.

When Siloam Missionary Homes was begun in 1992, we tried to determine a way to encourage families to get involved in support of this ministry. I don't know how many of you enjoy a good hot cup of coffee in the morning, or maybe with a piece of pie for dinner, or maybe just as you sit and relax with a good book. Maybe your favorite drink is a nice cup of tea or a soda. Whatever it is, as you relax with the goodness of it, it can engulf you with a sense of comfort, of safety, of "home".

This was the idea behind the "Coffee Club". We want every day people like you to get involved in helping provide a much needed



home for missionary families. For the cost of a cup of coffee, tea or soda each day, you can help Siloam Missionary

Homes give these servants of God a place of refuge. Many have already joined the coffee club and are faithful supporters each month. Would you consider joining us, too? For a small donation each month (\$15, \$25, \$50, or ?), you can help defer the cost of our providing the homes. Missionary families can stay here for \$150 per month plus utilities. If they help with maintenance around the mission homes property, they can deduct \$100 off and stay for only \$50 per month, plus utilities. We try to do everything we can to help them have the finances they need to buy supplies and passage money to return to their work.

**How can you join the "Coffee Club?"** On the back page is information for you to fill in and mail to us. When we receive notice that you desire to join, we will send you envelopes for mailing in your monthly gift, plus a Siloam Missionary Homes "Coffee Club" cup.

Please prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you do. We hope to hear from you. God bless you all.

## Homeward Bound!

What a joy it was to travel to Mottville Bible Church in Michigan to participate in their missions conference. We stayed with Lee Davis in his beautiful home, ate many wonderful meals and had great fellowship with the folks there! We were able to visit my grandparents in Sturgis, along with my Aunt Karen, my brother, Philip and his wife, Heather. We had a quick visit with our sister-in-law, Julie (great job on Joyce's hair!), and then off running again! On Wednesday night, we packed up the car and traveled to South Haven, Mi., where Joyce spoke at a ladies' meeting. We stayed with Pastor Tim McGee and family. Joyce and I then traveled to Irons on Friday, where we visited Al & Lois, Mitchell. We had a great lunch and packed the car with plants and goodies and headed home.

The trip went great! After 9 days of traveling over 2,000 miles, it was wonderful to see the Siloam Missionary Homes sign!

When I got up the morning after arriving home, and headed out to the woods for my quiet time with the Lord, I stopped to thank Him for SMH! This is a place of refuge and rest. I also thanked the Lord for you and your desire to help us here.

Our verse here at Siloam is appropriate today. Hebrews 6:10 *"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love which ye have shown toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."* Truly, you have ministered to us...thank you!

## BUILDING UPDATE – Director's Home



I have had several of you ask or write asking "Have you moved yet?". We are building as the Lord provides labor and finances. I have listed a breakdown of what needs to be done to complete the house. Please pray that the Lord

will send the finances and labor so we can finish up this home. Proverbs 24:27 says:

*"Prepare thy work without and make it fit for thyself in the field, and afterwards build thine house."*

CARPET / VINYL.....	\$ 5,000.00
INSULATION INSTALLED.....	1,800.00
CABINETS & MOLDING.....	3,400.00
PAINT & WALLPAPER.....	3,000.00
APPLIANCES.....	2,800.00
SIDEWALKS.....	300.00
STONE FOR DRIVEWAY.....	500.00
WELL.....	2,000.00
SEPTIC.....	1,800.00
SHEET ROCK.....	2,000.00
DECKS.....	3,000.00
ELECTRICAL.....	500.00
LUMBER/WINDOWS/DOORS ...	5,923.53
TOTAL.....	\$32,023.53
TAX.....	1,921.41
<b>GRAND TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 33,944.94</b>

## Thank You!

*You might not think your contribution to the work here at Siloam Missionary Homes is significant. However, with all of us working together, tremendous progress is made. Many hands make light work!!!*

- **Al & Lois Mitchell** for all your help around the mission property, and all the wonderful meals!
- **Trinity Baptist Church ladies' Sunday School class** for providing plants for the entrance way.
- **Altamahaw Baptist Church teens** for putting in plants and mulch around them at the mission entrance.
- **Apple's Chapel teens** for building a bunk bed and painting at Gloryland Bible Camp.
- **Glen Hope Baptist Church teens and Dorcass Sunday School class** for providing and planting flowers.

- **Brookwood teens** for helping put up siding, hang the front door of the director's home and other jobs.
- **Harold Lilly** for books for our library.
- **Tom Petty, C.E. Franklin, Daniel Bass, Willard Bass, Billy Sutton, Dennis Byrds, and Joel Becon** for all the work you did installing the electrical work on the director's home.



- **Martin Marietta and Joe Apple** for providing gravel for the road and **Randy Cardwell, Scotty King, Danny Long and Johnny Beal** for hauling and spreading it on the road for us.
- **Bill & Grace Oldenburg** for the dishes.
- **Mottville Bible Church** for allowing us to participate in their missions conference. Thanks to all of you who shared your home and a meal with us!
- **Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Scott** for the use of the space heater for our use in building during those cold days!
- **Doug Ball** for his help in building and the use of the compressor and staples.

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## *“What Has Eternal Significance?”*

Having been raised in a Pastor's home, and now serving as a pastor myself, I have had the privilege of meeting dozens of missionary families. Our home was a virtual parade ground for the traveling missionary. This was due in part to the fact that my father was a missions major in Bible school. God called him to the pastorate and has influenced many lives toward missions. A real and growing need for missionaries, mission agencies, and churches is that of a place to call home. American Christians take for granted the many creature comforts that have become commonplace in our culture. The average missionary has voluntarily left this culture in order to reach into another culture with the Gospel of Christ. When returning to this culture for a time of furlough, they are often faced with reverse culture shock, as well as the strain of not having a place to call home. Siloam Missionary Homes is filling this necessary gap. It has been our privilege to have led both youth (1993) and adult (1997) missions trips to SMH. We have seen first hand the vision, the progress, and the continual need for this ministry. We have spoken with missionaries who have benefited from this ministry. We have seen churches and individuals recognize the vision and partner with SMH in order to be involved in this vital link.

Let me encourage you today to become involved either as a church, or if this is not possible, as individuals in this ministry. You say, “What can I do?” or “What can we as a family do?” Prayer is the most obvious way. Yet, you and I both know that it takes currency in order to provide this opportunity. Wouldn't it be great to see each phase of SMH continue unhindered by money? To hear that construction continued every day without delay of waiting for finances. Some of you who are reading this may have had the Georges in your church or home, and became interested and excited about this ministry. You decided to become involved in one way or another, and over time other things crowded out your commitment. As a pastor, I see this in many people's lives, where we commit to something, and our commitment is short-lived. It is amazing to me that we would never think of failing in our commitment to our mortgage, our car payment, credit card payment, sports team, hobbies, etc. Yet when it comes to commitment to our local church, missions or other spiritual endeavors, these tend to be the first to be set aside. I am reminded that the Lord gave His all for us and our redemption was His first priority. Sometimes we lose our focus as to what is eternally significant, therefore our priorities become



# Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, June 6th  
11 a.m. - 2pm.

Come join us for a celebration as we dedicate the new director's home with a time fellowship, bar-b-que and music, featuring the Master's Quartet!



twisted and out of balance. Whether it is your local church, individual missionaries, or mission organizations like SMH, let us as believers not drop the ball in our commitment to them. They do depend on our consistent support in order to accomplish what God has called them to do within the body of Christ. The question remains, “What has eternal significance?” Just a thought from a pastor's perspective.

—Pastor Tim McGee, Maple Grove Bible Church, South Haven, Mt.

## **PRAISE THE LORD – A CAR!**

How we praise the Lord for His greatness! We were in great need of a car due to the many miles we travel per year and also when Joyce moved up the bench seat to drive — ouch!!!

Riverside Baptist Church in Graham, NC gave us a beautiful Mercury Sable. This car was wonderful for the long trip to Michigan last week! I'm sure it will be used for years to come here at Siloam.

Thank you again, Riverside Baptist Church. We think of you every time we start the car!!!



*Receiving the key from the treasurer at Riverside Baptist Church.*

# Praise the Lord — A Tractor!

Isn't it exciting to see how the Lord answers prayers. When we pray, usually it's "Lord we need this or that yesterday!"

Well, if you are a regular Siloam newsletter reader, you will know we have been praying for almost four years for a tractor. In the past, we have borrowed or rented one, and never seem to get the jobs completed.

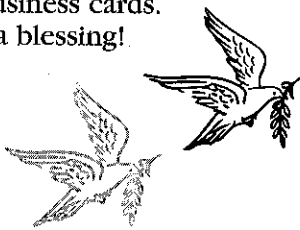
Tom Petty and Gary Simmons purchased a John Deere 1010 for SMH, along with a bush-hog, plow, scraper, seeder, etc. The tractor needs engine work and new tires. We currently need to raise about \$2,000 for this. If you would like to help us with this, just write "tractor fund" on your check memo.

What a joy it will be to use!

## Thank You!

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- Gary Simmons & Tom Petty for the John 1010 tractor.
  - Barry Stanley at Visual Graphics for printing all of our letterhead, envelopes, and business cards.
- What a blessing!



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### Dear Coffee Club Members,

Time is flying and I can hardly believe that summer is just around the corner. We will be glad to have Rachel home again. She is done with school May 9th. She will be working and also plans to be heavily involved in our summer work group camps. She is looking forward to helping with the teen girls, especially since her major in college is youth ministries! It will be great experience for her.

Abbey is scheduled to leave for Brazil June 29th for a month long missions trip. She is going with her cousin, Iva Rader, and they will both be helping John and Rebecca Hawkins, missionaries in Manaus. She will be helping with Sunday School material preparations, helping with the Brazilian children during Sunday School, helping prepare Bible Institute notes for the next semester, going to different places in and out of the city, maybe even to the camp up river. We are so proud of her desire to serve the Lord in this way.

We are anxious to get the director's home finished and get moved into it. It has been a blessing to watch God work out everything for it.

We have new Coffee Club members to welcome, Billy & Deborah Sutton and Lee & Cindy Davis. We are so thankful for their desire to help support the ministry, and for each of you who have been so faithful through the years. God bless each of you!

Your "CoffeeMate"  
Joyce George

My love gift: I would like to join the Coffee Club with a monthly pledge of  \$15  \$25  \$50  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please send my Coffee Club cup.)

One Time Gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please designate my one time gift for:  
 General Fund or  \_\_\_\_\_ (specify project)

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