

# Siloam Missionary Homes

*"providing temporary missionary housing permanently"*

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## "A Pig Pickn' Success"

"O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph." Ps. 47:1 The rainy weather could not dampen the spirits of all those who came out to enjoy our annual pig pickn' and gospel sing.

After several days of clearing brush, Factoryville Christian School teens built the stage for our June 6th pig pickn'. On Friday night, we spread 55 yards of pine mulch in the woods to cover the mud. On Saturday morning, just before 11 a.m., it started to rain. We made the decision to move everything three miles down the road to Gloryland Bible Camp.

The Master's Quartet, Exalt, Kindred Hearts and the George family sang. We were truly blessed when Frankie Isley sang Beulah Land, with the Master's Quartet singing backup.

The board of directors dedicated the director's home to Gary Simmons and his family in memory of their father, Earl Jennings Simmons, in grateful appreciation for all the work they have done for Siloam Missionary Homes. Signed prints of the "Simmons House" were given to all the contractors and people who helped build this house. Pastor David Jackson, vice president of SMH, share the ministry and the needs of the mission.

This day was a great success and could not have been done without all those that helped with food, chairs, preparing the grounds, serving, etc. A special thanks to: Jim Tuck for making

the barbecue and all the churches that brought food; the Helping Hands SS Class of Bethel Baptist Church for serving; Tom Petty for providing the mulch; Shannon McCrory, Ted Crawford and Dale Shaw for spreading the mulch; Factoryville Christian School for clearing the brush and building the stage; Tom Coble for donating the backhoe; Bethel Baptist Church for the use of tables and chairs; Ronnie & Tammi Isley and Ted and Anita Crawford for picking up all the tables and chairs... I know that I have left some of you folks out, but "thank you all" for a job well done.

## The Simmons House



Gary Simmons has been a part of the board of director's of SMH since 1994. He has helped lay out the property and has drawn all the homes and the office for us. Truly, he is a servant of the Lord and has a

servant's heart.

On Saturday, June 6th, the board of directors dedicated the new director's home in memory of Gary's father, the late Earl Jennings Simmons. Like Gary, Mr. Simmons served his family and his church.

Earl Simmons was born on May 30, 1921, the son of John Simmons and Mamie Miles Simmons. He had 3 brothers and 4 sisters. He was employed as a farmer and employee of Associated Transport and Signal Delivery. He was an army sergeant in WWII, and served as deacon and treasurer of Kerr's Chapel Baptist Church. He was married for 44 years to Margaret Leath Simmons, and had 2 sons, Gary and Dennis.

He passed away on his birthday, May 30, 1988.

We as a board of directors would like to thank Gary and his family for all their work and dedication to the Lord and to SMH. The director's home will always be known as the "Simmons House."

A special thanks to all the companies and individuals listed below for donation of materials and time to building the "Simmons House."

### **General Contractor -**

*Nate Gingerich*

### **Building Coordinator -**

*Randy Dye*

### **Architectural drawings -**

*Simmons Engineering*

### **Dug & poured footers -**

*Trinity Baptist Church*

### **Laid foundation brick -**

*Hines Chapel Church & A.L. Mann*

### **Put up structure -**

*Bethel Baptist Church - Helping Hands SS*

### **Floor joists & roof trusses -**

*Shoffner Industries*

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# M.A.S.H. 1998: *Mission At*

What an incredible summer I've had so far. I thank my Lord that He opened this door of opportunity for me to do the work my hearts desires...working with teenagers. Not only have I shared long hours working in the sun and rain, but also times of laughter and tears.

Our theme, "It's not about me," has not only encouraged me to challenge the girls and lady counselors in serving the Lord, but it's really challenged me to make sure my focus is as it should be as well.

Prayers have been answered as youth have come and worked. Land has been cleared, flowers planted, gardens mulched, a deck built and a tractor barn began, a house painted and the list could go on. This work would have taken my family months to complete, but with the help of many hands, and terrific attitudes, these great tasks

were accomplished. Thank you so much!

Continue to pray for Jason and I as we seek to serve the Lord faithfully. However, don't forget to pray for all these teenagers who have given so much, and those who will give later this summer. Encourage them to keep serving God with all of themselves! Never forget, "It's not about me!"

— by Rachel George

Boy, is it ever hot down here in North Carolina! But that hasn't stopped all these awesome teenagers from coming down and dedicating a week of their lives to the Lord for the betterment of the mission here in Snow Camp.

The theme of this summer has been "It's not about me," and so has also been the spiritual focus as

well as the physical aspect. It has been my joy that the Lord brought me here this summer to lead in the devotionals and games of the teens as they serve this summer. A huge portion of the lessons have been a focus on self evaluation, the heart attitude and lip service behind those things we normally call service to the Lord. Another aspect has been that of giving unconditionally, as Christ talks about in Luke 6:27-36.

The Lord has been doing mighty works here at Siloam, with many teens coming forth with re-dedications to service, not just in the ministry, but in their everyday lives at home, in school, at their jobs! Rachel and I ask for your continued prayer and support of these teens, as many have hard lives at home, broken families, public schools — all very tough

## From the Director

Praise the Lord! We've had 5 work groups come and paint the house, build a deck, begin construction on a storage building, clear brush, and landscape. The place looks beautiful! We are in hopes of being in the director's home by the end of August, Lord willing! Jason Hughes and Rachel George have been directing the work projects and sharing God's Word with these teens.



We are praying that through these projects, teens will be challenged by the Lord to go forth as missionaries. We are finishing up the work on the single wide mobile home that we had put here a couple of months ago. Al and Lois Mitchell from Irons, Michigan, will be helping us during the winters and during the summers this home will be used for work group overflows and missionaries. SMH is excited to be opening a new house for missionaries north of Snow

Camp. It belongs to Kerr's Chapel and will be used to house the Simpson's, missionaries to Kenya, during their one year furlough.

### PRAY FOR:

- The work teams that

come and their safety as they work, and growth in the Lord.

- Finishing the director's home. We hope to be in it by the end of August, Lord willing.
- The opening of the new home at Kerr's Chapel.
- The Lord would raise up more churches and individuals to help meet the ongoing expenses of the daily operations of SMH.

### PRAISE FOR:

- The decisions made by the teens for the Lord to use them.
- All the work being done.
- Abbey being able to go to Brazil on a missions trip.
- The Lord meeting all our needs.

We want to say thank you for you prayers and financial support to Siloam Missionary Homes, Abbey's trip and our family. May God continue to bless you.

—Larry George

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places to be a servant of the Lord. "But He who has begun a good work in you..."

Let this be our prayer for the teens as they continue to minister to Siloam this summer, and then attempt to continue this service throughout their entire lives. There is still much to be done, yet the Lord is providing many teens with which to help us accomplish these goals. We look forward to the weeks still to come, to those new teens with which we will build blessed friendships and beautiful buildings, all by the grace of God.

— by Jason Hughes



*Factoryville Christian School, Athens, Mi. worked to clear out brush and build the stage for the pig pickn'*



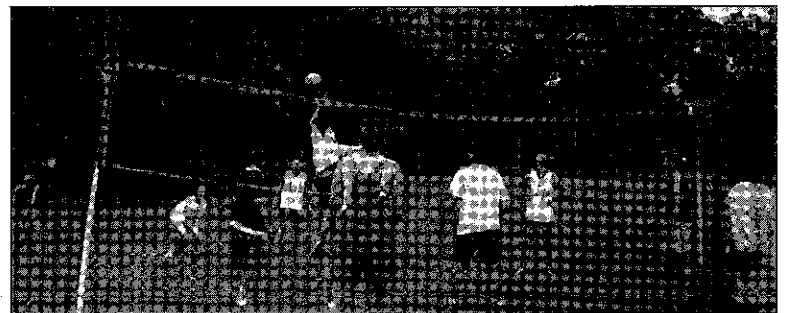
*Men from Mottville Bible Church, Mottville, Michigan, came and finished the siding and the bay window on the house.*



*Factoryville Christian School did some landscaping in a new flower garden.*



*Riverside Baptist Jr. High teens, Grabam, NC, picked up brick from an old farm to be used as sidewalks around the SMH property. They also spread mulch in existing gardens around the duplex.*



*Three Rivers Bible & Faith Baptist having fun in their free time during the evening at M.A.S.H.*

*Edgefield Baptist Teens helped clean up around the outside of the director's home*



*Three Rivers Bible Church and Faith Baptist Church both out of Michigan, as a group on the deck that Three Rivers built.*



*Faith Baptist Church began construction of a much needed tractor shed.*



# Letter From Abroad

Ever wonder if anybody appreciates all the hours and hard work you guys put in? Ever wonder if anybody thanks the Lord for you? Ever wonder if anybody looks back with fond memories of their stay there (at SMH)?

Well, we do! Just as recently as this past weekend, we all recalled with joy the many great experiences we had in Snow Camp. A young college guy from the US was here visiting. I wish you could have heard the lively recounting of our days at Siloam.

— From, Tim Coley, missionary to Slovakia

Thanks, Tim, for your encouraging words!

# Thank You!

- **J.M. Holt & Sons** for donating and delivering the telephone poles for the tractor shed.
- **Jim & Donna Henderson and Leroy & Kay June** for the use of their pools for our work groups.
- **Tom & Arnetta Petty** for furniture and miscellaneous kitchen items.
- **John & Danita Webb** for miscellaneous kitchen items.
- **Jason Hughes & Rachel George** for long hours put in working with M.A.S.H.
- **Paul & Lawis Wilson**, missionaries staying in the duplex, for cooking for our first two weeks of camp.
- **Al & Lois Mitchell** for cooking the third week of camp.
- **Dale & Jan Shaw** for all your help clearing trees and stumps, and painting the bathrooms at camp.

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**Dear Coffee Club Members,**  
 As usual, our home is bustling with all the activities of family and the ministry. We have been busy for the month of June with the work groups and have really enjoyed having everyone here plus are grateful for all the work they have done!  
 By the time you receive this newsletter, Abbey will be in Brazil for her one month missions trip. She is excited and a little nervous, too. We enjoyed doing some shopping for the missionary family she is staying with, taking them some things that are not available in Brazil. The Lord was so gracious, since enough funding came in for Abbey's trip, plus extra for the missionary family to do some much needed work on their house. Thank you all who gave towards this. Pray for Abbey while she is gone (and for me while she is gone!!!). We are so proud of her desire to serve the Lord in this way.  
 Rachel & Jason have worked hard at camp and we are so proud of them, too. We are all looking forward to a week of vacation in Florida. It is great how it worked out for us to take Abbey to Miami for her flight, and us stay at a family member's condo for a few days of rest.  
 We have some new coffee club members who've joined us since our last newsletter: Richard & Jennifer Burlingham, Kay Swinney, and Mary Goril. Thank you all and God bless you for your faithful support.  
 Your Coffee Mate,  
 Joyce George

# Simmons House

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- Plumbing material -** Carolina Supply
- Interior plumbing -** Donny Hicks Plumbing
- Electrical -** Willard Bass, Tom Petty, Brookwood Baptist Men
- Heating & Air Conditioning -** Dennis Simmons Heating & Air
- Nails & fasteners -** National Nail

- Front door -** ODI, Inc.
- Bulldozing equipment for clearing land -** Coble Crane & Equip.
- Stone for road -** Martin Marietta
- Siding -** Hampton Park Baptist Church
- Stone around foundation -** Maple Grove Bible Church
- Partial financing for shell -** Wicker Street Baptist Church

My love gift: I would like to join the Coffee Club with a monthly pledge of  \$15  \$25  \$50  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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