



Siloam Missionary Homes

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GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE ISLEY HOUSE

The Isley family and SMH board of directors gathered on Saturday, August 12th, for the groundbreaking of the "Isley House." The house is named in honor of Frankie Isley and in memory of her late husband, Mr. Wade Isley. The board chose the Isleys because of their many years of dedication to the Lord and because of their heart for missions.

This home, like most of the homes on the property, will be constructed as funds and volunteer labor become available. We enjoy the

fellowship of working with church groups and individuals. We look at it like the old barn raisings, where the men build all day, and the women prepare the meals. With the \$20,000 we have designated for this project, we believe that we can rough in the house.

Ken Carden, of Carden Builders who has offered to oversee construction and pull the permits at no charge



Frankie Isley and Ken Carden hold the shovel as we break ground for the next house.

to SMH, has slated to begin construction in September. We hope to have a dedication service for the new home by mid 2001.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



*"This is the day the day that the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it."*



Sometimes it's easier said than done. It's hard as mere humans to always understand why the Lord takes us through different valleys. But we know it's to draw us closer to Him and also to bring honor and glory to Him. We praise the Lord for all His blessings. I am learning that ministry here at Siloam goes way beyond just housing. This past week, for example, has been a time of praying and also a time of rejoicing. Last week Russell Catron, our new staff member, woke up with swollen glands and a stiff neck. He went to the doctor, who ordered blood tests and a C.T. scan. Russell received a call from the doctor stating it showed several spots in his body. The men here on the property got together and prayed over Russell. Although the doctor had said there were possibilities of Hodgkin's disease, or lymphoma, praise the

Lord, the test results proved that he has mono and is already beginning to improve. Please remember to pray him over the next few weeks.

Please continue to pray for Joyce and I as we prepare for our upcoming trip to Manaus, Brazil the 2nd of October. We will be taking two pastors with us to encourage the John Hawkins family. We will be teaching in the Bible Institute and also taking part in child evangelism on their national "children's day." We will also be working on repairs to their home.

In closing I would like to thank the Lord for each of you. For your prayers and financial support of the ongoing ministry here at SMH. We love you all. To God be the glory.

— Larry George

THANK YOU!!!

- Cole & Laura Mallory for the lawn mower and weedeater.
- Dwight Lehman for the dryer.
- Bob & Loretta Newton for the laptop computer.
- David and Deanna Lovin for the volleyball poles, bike racks and flag poles.
- Coble's Sandrock for the sand for the volleyball court.
- Dean & Julie Bounds for the set of bunk beds and mattresses.
- Ray Soyar for the computer and gas grill.
- Bobby Puett for 11 sets of bunk beds.
- Richard and Dorothy Rohrer for the toy jeep.
- P.J. Coble for the use of heavy equipment to doze the volley ball area.
- Pastor & Mrs. Tommy Love for the sofa, chair, full size bed & mattress and dresser.
- Richard & Theresa Apple for the queen size mattress set.



Rachel George worked hard to make a camp fire pit for our missionaries and work groups to enjoy. Great job, Rachel!



Tabernacle Methodist Church came out to begin assembly of the playground. The following week, the young people from First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church came out and finished the job (see Project Corner).



PROJECT CORNER

The work group and some of our missionaries had a great time playing volleyball on our new court.



Praise the Lord for the wonderful things He has done! Several projects have been completed since our last newsletter. We had asked you to pray about the rest of the money that we needed for the playground project, approximately \$600. We began to call various companies to see if we could possibly find a better deal on a playground. We called Lowe's Home Improvement in Chapel Hill and we shared with David Greenway about the ministry and the purpose of the playground. He offered us a 10% discount and waved the \$30 delivery fee. The total bill came out to \$964.65. The other company was going to charge us \$2400. We ended up saving \$1400.00 and we got a better playground! Praise the Lord and thank you for praying!

The construction began in mid July. A group from Tabernacle Methodist came out on Saturday, July 15 and started building the playground. The group worked hard and they completed as much as time would allow. We appreciate their help and their fellowship.

The following week a group of young people came out from First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. They were with us Friday and Saturday. One of the projects that this group did was the volleyball court. The court was constructed on Friday and we were able to play several games. On Friday night we had a campfire. We started off with some songs and Marie Janssen sang a special. Keith Cullers, one of our missionaries, and whose family helped both days, followed with a challenge from the Bible. After the presentation, we sang some more songs and had testimony time. We also answered questions about Siloam. To end the evening we sat around the campfire and ate s'mores.

On Saturday we had devotions in the chapel to start off our workday. Then we spread the

group out to work on different projects. The ladies painted the bicycle racks and worked on cleaning the tractor shed while Keith Cullers and his boys helped put up ceiling fans in the fellowship hall. The rest of the group finished the playground. We are thankful for all the work that was accomplished and the privilege to meet new people. Two people from this group were from Germany and one was from Brazil.

We would like to say thank you to David Lovin for his involvement in providing the bicycle racks, the volleyball poles, and the flagpoles at no charge to the mission. We appreciate all of your hard work! Also we would like to say thank you to the missionaries at Siloam for all of their hard work on the property to make it more presentable.

We have just received our flagpoles and we are planning to put them up soon. If your group is interested in this project, let us know. On our project list is the basement apartment under Unit G. We have some needs (listed below) in this area, would you please pray?

Exterior finish	\$ 300
Insulation	1,500
Plumbing	1,000
Heat/air	1,500
Electrical fixtures600
Paint & wallpaper	1,500
Kitchen cabinets	3,000
Bath vanities200
Countertop kitchen100
Interior trim & doors	1,640
Carpet	1,500
Appliances	1,500
Hardware327
Miscellaneous items	1,000
TOTAL	\$15,667

—Russell Catron



CHAPLAIN CHALLENGE

First Things First

In these busy days, all of us are faced with the question of priorities—what to do first! What to do next! And so on through the day. If we don't set some guidelines for the day, we are apt to allow secondary things to take first place in our day.

The Word gives us some good instructions for setting our priorities. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." My response, "Good morning, Lord. You are the King and I am a subject of your kingdom. What will you have me to do today?" Jesus says, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

As a subject of the King in the kingdom of God, I not only seek the kingdom first thing in the morning, but in everything I do during the day. Paul put it this way, "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." And "whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men." "For ye serve the Lord Christ."

In every detail of every day, seek first things first!

—Wilbur Abbey, SMH
Chaplain

HIGHLIGHTS

HOSTESS



The laughter of little children, the cry of a baby, the sound of skateboards on cement and the smiles of new found friends. These have all become very common to me here at Siloam. We have recently had two new families move in. It has been such a delight to see them come in and turn these houses into homes.

The family in unit F is the Brooks family, missionaries to Indonesia. The Mallory family is in unit G. They are missionaries to the Micronesian Islands. We



Russell & Iva work to put kitchen cabinets together for their kitchen in the basement apartment of Unit G.

are glad to have them all with us!

Right now we are working on several projects. The main ones are finishing our apartment in the basement of unit G and beginning the work on the Isley House. We are excited about what is being accomplished. If you would like to be involved, we are in need of some appliances for the fellowship hall - such as a refrigerator, a microwave, and a dishwasher... We also need some fall flowers to plant around the property. And we always appreciate ladies' groups who bring out paper products and canned goods for us to put in our food pantry. Anything you could do in any of these areas would be greatly appreciated.

God bless you all,

Iva

Dear Coffee Club Members,

I have had the wonderful opportunity over the past several weeks to study the subject of "rejoice in the Lord" for a meeting I attended on September 9th. It has blessed my heart as I have looked at individuals and circumstances throughout scripture that have resulted in praise and rejoicing in the Lord. We have had several things go on in our lives over the past few weeks, and the Lord has been teaching us to rejoice in Him, even when it doesn't look like things are going to turn out like we want them to. The Lord has been good to us! "Our rejoicing is an outward showing of God's faithfulness in our lives."



Abbey is settled back into Bible School there at New Tribes in Michigan. She is an "RA" this year, which she is enjoying. Besides that, the Lord has provided a job for her right across the street from the school at a day care, and the hours she needed are precisely the hours that they needed her! What a coincidence??? She is helping with the junior high age youth group at her church, and sometime in between all of this, is finding the time to study! She is enjoying her classes. We are so grateful for how the Lord is meeting her needs!

Rachel is back at Appalachian Bible College, continuing her education in youth ministries. The Lord has provided a job for her at Sears, and she will also be working in the kitchen at the college some. She has learned to play the guitar and is enjoying playing for the youth group at her church on Wednesday nights. Pray for both of our girls, that the Lord will give them strength for their studies, and that the things they are being taught will not only be in their heads, but that the Lord will teach their hearts. We rejoice in what the Lord is doing!

Larry and I are looking forward to our trip to Brazil during October, which should be about the time you get this newsletter. Please pray that the Lord will allow us to be a help and an encouragement to the Hawkins family!

We have two new coffee club members to welcome: Abbey George and William & Candy James. Praise the Lord! God bless you all!

Your "CoffeeMate,"
—Joyce George

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