



Siloam Missionary Homes

"providing temporary missionary housing permanently"

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AND HE TOOK A CHILD, AND SET HIM IN THE MIDST OF THEM...

Siloam Missionary Homes is about families. We realize, as you do, the importance of receiving children as Jesus did when he said in Mk 9:36,37: *"And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them; and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receives me and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but Him that sent me."*

The life of missionary families on furlough requires a lot of travel and constant culture changes. Children get tired and sometimes frightened. Playgrounds offer a haven for these children. I remember traveling when my girls were young, and we would stop at a park to eat. How their faces would light up when they saw the swings and merry-go-round! When I see the missionary children playing on the playground next to the office, I see happy faces on both the kids and their parents. Pushing a child in a swing or digging in the sandbox, helps to relieve stress and cultivate a bond between parent and child, and also build new friendships with the other children. And it just gives mom and dad a break!!

That is why the property here at SMH was designed with children in mind. Our Sonshine Campaign this spring helped raise \$1400 towards another playground. Our children are our heritage — when our children are happy, we are happy.

The next time you see a child playing on a playground, remember to pray for the children here at Siloam and also all the MK's traveling around the world. We praise the Lord for playgrounds and thank the Lord for work groups and finances so that these children have a place to play.

Jordan and Jackie Brunson smile as a neighbor's dog comes begging for a pat on the head.



Victoria Janssen and her brother Judah sit on their front porch and pet "Honeybunn" (Abbey's dog).



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Greetings in the name of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Happy Birthday, America! We have been so blessed as a nation, and we praise the Lord for his many blessings—not only for what He is doing here at Siloam Missionary Homes, but also in all of our lives. God has been so good. I have seen His hand of protection in our travels and also in that of our missionary families. Isn't it wonderful to know He is there for us?

Last Sunday night, we had the opportunity to visit one of our supporting churches, Harvest Baptist Church in Burlington, N.C. The Lord really challenged me through the message brought by Pastor Lambert. He spoke of the importance of surrounding our lives with the hedge of prayer, taken from **Job 1:5, "And it was so, when the days of feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said, it may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually."** Job made it his responsibility to daily bring his children before the Lord. Through his sacrifice and prayer, God continued to put his hedge of protection around them. This brought to my mind the importance of praying for each other. We have always made it a policy to pray for the needs here and for the needs of others. When we hear from you, we pray for you, too.

When the Burden/Love Chapel was built last year, it was not made as a pretty place to have weddings, but as a prayer chapel where missionaries and others could come and pray for theirs and other's needs. Our chaplain, Mr. Abbey, holds a special time of prayer each morning to pray for the needs of SMH and others. We know that the Lord has commanded that we pray for one another and, praise the Lord, prayer works! I believe that God has continued to pour out his blessings on this ministry because of saints bombarding the throne of God on behalf of Siloam. Pastor Lambert's message challenged me more than ever to spend time in prayer for others—to pray for that hedge of protection around our families and loved ones.

As we returned home Sunday night after church, our car broke down. We called my mom to come pick us up. As she drove into town, a drunk driver lost control of his truck and rolled it several times—right in front of her! How I praise the Lord for his hedge of protection around her! If you would like for us to remember a special prayer request, please write and we will be glad to add your name to our list.

We thank you for your sacrificial giving. We also thank you for praying for Siloam Missionary Homes and the families here. Pray that we can continue to be a blessing as we minister to them. Our prayer for you is that God will put a hedge of protection around you and your families as we all serve Him together. May God bless you!

—Larry George, Director

THANK YOU!!!

- Steve and Carla Jarvis for the washing machine and other items.
- Mt. Olive Baptist Church Ladies Group for all of the paper products.
- Darin & Christy Embry for the coffee table and end tables.
- Leroy & Kay June for the sofa.
- Randy Cardwell for two truckloads of stone for the road.
- J.B. and Betty Barber for the car.
- 9th grade class of Caldwell Academy for helping rake and seed along the sides of the road and for helping move furniture.
- Dick & Ruth Englund for giving us a wonderful place to stay and delicious meals during our trip to Bible Baptist Church in New Milford.
- Art and Kathy Foote for a delicious meal and for doing such a wonderful job on our newsletter!
- John Carr for picking us up and taking us back to the airport.
- Margie Woolard and the other ladies who helped make the gifts for the Brazilian children. And for the food you brought—delicious!
- Mike Teague for the mulch.
- Pastor Jeff Homan, from Three Rivers Bible Church in Michigan, and Bob, John and Clint who came for a week and hung drywall and ran electrical wiring in the basement apartment.
- The youth group from New Covenant Fellowship who came out and planted shrubs at the entranceway.
- The 1-6 grade W.O.L. kids from Christian Bible Fellowship who came out and planted some flowers at the entranceway.

- The teens from Christian Bible Fellowship who helped us move furniture and clean up the basement apartment.
- Lydia Weeks for the bunk bed, single bed and bedding items.

THEY'RE HERE!!

RUSSELL AND IVA CATRON, our new staff members have been with us since June 12th. What an encouragement they have been to us and to the folks here! Please remember to pray for them and their monthly support. They are currently at 50% and have come on faith, believing the Lord will meet their needs.

Do you need a mission out-reach? We have several urgent projects that could use your help. Give Russell a call and he will be glad to assist you. Currently, we are finishing up the basement apartments, and are praying that the Catrons will be able to move in there by the end of the summer.



PROJECT CORNER

Greetings from Russell at SMH! We are excited about what the Lord is doing here. He is blessing and projects are moving forward! We are thankful for the involvement of local churches and churches abroad. We have had two different groups come from Christian Bible Fellowship. The first group was the Word of Life team, consisting of grades 1-6. They helped us plant flowers and they did a wonderful job! The second group, their W.O.L. teens, came out several weeks later. Due to wet weather, we were unable to do the scheduled work project, but they helped us clean up the basement that we were preparing for the work group from Michigan.

A group of 9th grade students from Caldwell Academy came out for a Saturday to help us rake along the sides of the road. They planted grass seed, which has come up beautifully.

New Covenant Fellowship brought a group of young people out and worked hard to plant and mulch shrubs by the entranceway. It looks great!

Four men from Three Rivers Bible Church in Michigan came for a week to hang drywall and do the electrical work in one of the basement apartments. They were a tremendous help! Please pray that the money will come in to finish these apartments!

Other projects are also in the works. One of them is the playground. We have had close to \$1,500.00 come in on this project. We praise the Lord for that! We only lack \$600 of being able to put up the Jungle Tower. We have a church that has volunteered to put it up late in July.

Lord willing, we have plans to build bicycle racks for the missionaries. Most of the material has been provided. Also, we have flagpoles coming in. We plan to hang flags representing each resident missionary's country of ministry, our "Flags of Nations." Also on our project list, we have started a new video that we can show churches, and we are going to be building a web site. We praise the Lord that our web site is going to be provided by KatArt Graphics. Please pray for us as we design our site.



PHOTOS IN ORDER AS SHOWN:

Christian Bible Fellowship 1-6 gr. W.O.L. planted flowers that make the entrance way look inviting to residents and guests coming onto the property.

Students from Caldwell Academy rest from their hard work raking and seeding to listen as Larry shares the ministry of SMH.

New Covenant teens worked hard to plant shrubs that enhance the entrance way.

John, Clint, Pastor Jeff and Bob were a blessing in their work putting up drywall and electrical.



CHAPLAIN CHALLENGE

JESUS USED TWO SIMPLE WORDS to express one of the great principles of His teaching. The word "come" is His invitation to come to Him for salvation, for rest for the soul, for release from the penalty of sin, for eternal life; the precious hope of heaven. The invitation is for **ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE**. The angel of the Lord came upon the shepherds and said, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to ALL people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." This "good news" is for ALL people of every generation. All people of our generation have not yet heard the Good News; hence the need for the other half of the principle.

Coming to Jesus is not the place to stop in our new life in Christ. It is the starting point of our life of service. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." As we "come" and as we "go" in obedience to this great principle, everything that we do should have the objective of getting the Good News to all the people everywhere in the world. Siloam fits into this great commission as a support ministry for missionaries that are home on furlough, by providing for the family; the privacy of a home where they can have time for rest from their work, medical help for physical needs, visiting friends and relatives, visiting supporting churches, and encouragement which will prepare them for returning to their field of ministry. "Go Ye". **WHERE DO YOU FIT INTO THIS GREAT WORK OF REACHING THE WORLD?**

— Wilbur Abbey, SMH Chaplain

HIGHLIGHTS

HOSTESS



I'm sure you have read in the last newsletter about Russell and I (Iva). Well, we are here now and getting settled in. I thought I would just let all of you know what my job here at SMH will entail. I will be working in the office helping with secretarial duties, as well as being hostess. When missionary families leave, I will be responsible to go through the houses to get them ready for the new families coming in. Another aspect of preparing the homes is that we try to keep the appearance of them nice and up-to-date as far as appliances and decorations.

I have enclosed a list of items that are needed to finish the two basement apartments. These lists include quantities and approximate prices if purchased new. The items without prices or quantity have no set amount. Any help in this area would be greatly appreciated.

Pillows—10 @ \$5 ea.;
Pillow cases—10 @ \$1 ea.;
Bunk beds—4; Wash cloths—20 @ \$2 ea.;
Bathroom Throw rugs—2 @ \$7.50 ea.;
Welcome mats—4 @ \$15 ea.;
Pots & Pans—1 set; Baking pans—1 set;
Glasses—3 sets; Wall hangings;
pictures, etc.; Table games; Ping pong net,
paddles and balls; Pool table; Dart board.

BRAZIL BOUND

Last summer when our family went to Brazil for a mission project, we remodeled missionary John Hawkin's dining room among other things. John and Rebecca told us what a blessing this has been to them, because with their ministries there, they don't have the time to work on their home. While we were there, we talked about some changes in their living room that would make their home a lot cooler (no air conditioning!), and they said they would love for us to come back to do that. So, Larry and I are making plans to return to Brazil in October to remodel their living room.

While we are there, Brazil will celebrate national "children's day." A group of ladies from a church here in North Carolina has made gifts for us to take to hand out to the children that day. These children live such a simple and poor lifestyle, we are looking forward to seeing the excitement on their faces as they receive these gifts.

If you would like to help us with this, please make your donation to SMH, but designate it to George Brazil trip. Thanks and God bless you!

Dear Coffee Club Members,

I don't know about where you are, but it is HOT here! It is 2/10 of a mile from our house to the office, with lots of hills! We normally try to walk back and forth every day (usually several times a day, actually) in order to get our exercise. By the time I get into the office, I thank the Lord for air conditioning in here! I am always glad when I need to bring something to the office that requires driving the car up!!



Rachel is back up in West Virginia, counseling at Alpine Bible Camp, for the summer. She came home fired up after her first week with campers. Seven of her girls accepted Christ as Savior! She said things were busy, very tiring, but was enjoying every minute of it! She will be there through the first week of August, I think, then will be home for a short rest before returning to Appalachian Bible College for another year.

Abbey is home and has been working in a real estate office, doing various jobs for several of the agents. It has been challenging to her, and she comes home tired. She has enjoyed the hours, though, since she is able to be home evenings and weekends. (Of course, I like that, too!) She has to be back at New Tribes Bible Institute by August 8th, in order to get ready for her final year there. A friend of Abbey's from NTBI came home with her for the summer, and we have enjoyed having Kelly here with us.

We were all able to go to the ocean for two days before Rachel left for camp. It was a great time of playing in the waves, relaxing by the pool, and just spending some good time as a family. You know, I've been talking to Larry about my feeling that we really should build a home for missionaries on the beach...what do you think?

We have some new coffee club members to welcome, Bill and Margaret Kellar. Thank you all for loving and supporting us! God bless you.

Your "CoffeeMate,"
—Joyce George

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☐ George family tape "He's Been Faithful". \$ _____ enclosed

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