



Siloam Missionary Homes

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THE ISLEY HOUSE

There's No Place Like Home for the Holidays," "Over the river and through the woods, to grandmother's house we go..." We sing these and more great songs at Christmas as we anticipate getting together for the holiday season and remember Christmases past.

Where would you go if your mom and dad were thousands of miles away on the mission field and you did not have other family? These thoughts have crossed our minds when we see colleges shutting down for Christmas break or summer vacation. Sometimes an MK decides he or she does not wish to go to college or must drop out of college for one reason or another.

Siloam Missionary Homes and the Isley family are pleased to announce the decision to use the Isley House, the 1,900 sq. ft. home currently under construction, as a home for

college age missionary kids. When the house is completed, our plans are to put a missionary couple in the home to act as "mom and dad", who will help give guidance and love these young adults whose folks are far away. MK's will be able to come for holidays, summers (we will help them find a job), or those who do not go to college can stay up to a year until they become settled with a job, get a car, etc., etc.

We are not trying to reinvent the wheel, as we realize there are other MK homes around the country. But, we also realize that SMH is home to many of the kids whose families have furloughed with us. We believe other missionary families that live here will also provide additional emotional and



The Isley House — a future "home away from home" for college age MK's.

spiritual support for these kids. We have been asked about this by several of our missionary parents.

Please pray for us as we continue to build this home — for wisdom to get the right house parents, for the funds needed to finish the house (approximately \$60,000.00) and for laborers to finish construction. May God bless Siloam in this endeavor to give these kids a "home away from home."



FROM THE DIRECTOR

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I always look forward to the new year, a new beginning, and a clean slate. As I look back on the previous year and anticipate 2001, we praise the Lord for so many blessings and the wonderful year He gave us. I just pulled out our January 2000 newsletter. Wow! It was a blessing to remember all the things we prayed about and planned to do last year, and then see what the Lord allowed us to accomplish. I was greatly encouraged to see so many of the projects completed. I praise the Lord for you, your prayers, financial support, and your love and words of encouragement that have helped make this happen.

The ministry here at Siloam Missionary Homes continues to grow. We are booking missionaries into 2005. I keep thinking, "Ok, one more home will be enough"...Please continue to pray as we seek the Lord for His wisdom and direction. We praise the Lord that He enabled us to finish

another new home, a playground, the volleyball court, the landscaping, and all the work that has been done on the basement apartments. We were also able to start building the Isley House.

We praise the Lord for Russell and Iva who have come here on faith to help us with the work here. What a blessing they have been to us. Please pray for them as they raise the rest of their monthly support while working here and that the Lord will open doors for them to share the ministry. We are also praising the Lord for Al and Lois Mitchell, helping us from November to April. Please pray that the Lord will continue to give them good health and strength.

Again we would like to thank you for everything you do to keep this ministry going. May God give you a wonderful year with good health and the opportunity to share Christ. May God receive all the glory.

— Larry George, Director



PROJECT CORNER

*"Love isn't just a feeling in your heart,
it is work gloves in your hand"*



"The men that have come out to frame up the Isley House have been a great help and a blessing to us".

Happy New Year everyone! I guess that old saying is true, "Time flies when you're having fun." We have been so busy since our last newsletter. The Lord has blessed so much.

The Isley House is beginning to take shape. Keith Cullers, one of our missionaries, and a group from Hines Chapel laid the foundation in late September. Ken Carden and the Riverside Baptist Men have been working almost every Saturday since then to build the shell. We are excited about the progress that they are making. Roger Culberson and his crew did the concrete work on the front and side porches. Cole Mallory and Mike Brooks, two of our missionaries, have helped in their spare time. We hope to have the roof on and the house dried-in soon. We are thankful for all the volunteer labor by these men.

We are happy to say that our flagpoles are up now and the flags, representing the country each missionary family living here is from, are waving. The missionary kids that live on the property painted the flagpoles to prepare the poles to be raised. The youth group from Edgefield Baptist in Greensboro came out on a Saturday to dig the poles and to cement the poles into the

ground. They also helped us to fertilize the front lawn, to seed grass down by the chapel, and to pull weeds out of the volleyball court. We appreciate all the hard work. The flagpoles are a beautiful addition to the Siloam property.

Progress is in the making on the basement apartment and fellowship hall. Larry Pruitt, my step-dad, came down from Virginia for two days to install suspended ceiling in the apartment. We are glad to have several of the rooms done and we hope to have the others done soon. Allen Webster and Jim Halsey have done electrical work in both basements. And Al and

Lois Mitchell, whom we are glad to have back, have been busy raking leaves, decorating the property for Christmas, and working on the fellowship hall. We know have the sink and stove working in the fellowship hall and we have a gas fireplace hooked up to keep the fellowship hall warm. We will also be installing suspended ceiling in there soon.

We look forward to this new year and all the projects that are on our agenda. We thank you for your prayers, and please continue to pray for laborers, safety as we work, funds for the projects, and that we will be a blessing to our work groups. If you are interested in bringing a group to do a project, here are a few that we have on the agenda for 2001. Please contact me at (336) 376-8200 for details.

- Stairs/steps to volleyball court
- Finish the area around the volleyball court
- Drain pipe project
- Clean up and put stone on road leading to volleyball court
- Put in basketball court
- Put in tennis court

THANK YOU!!!

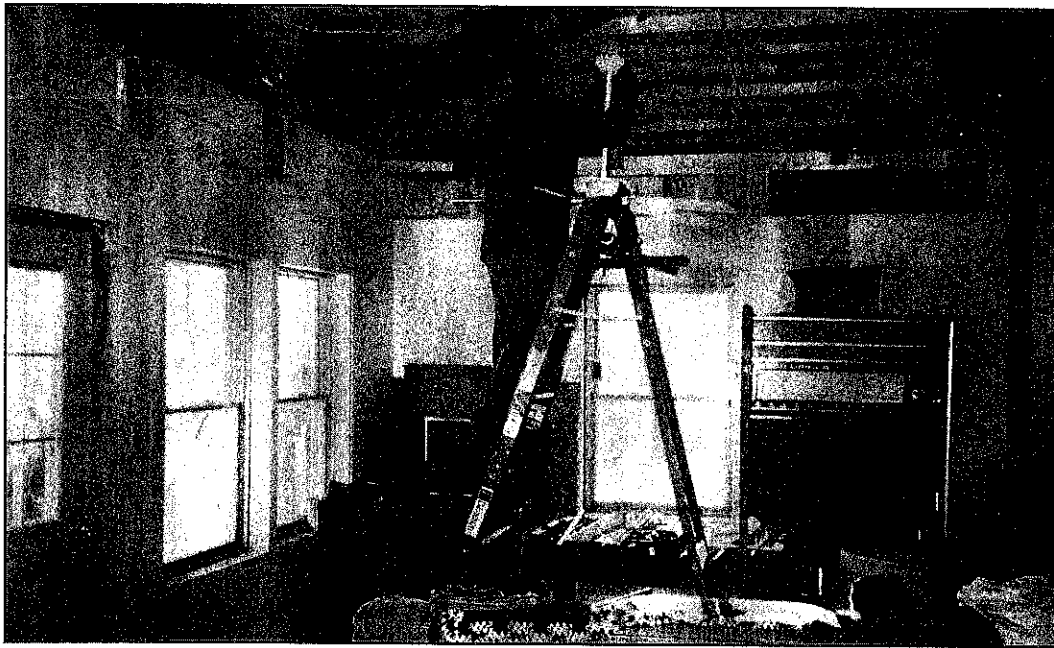
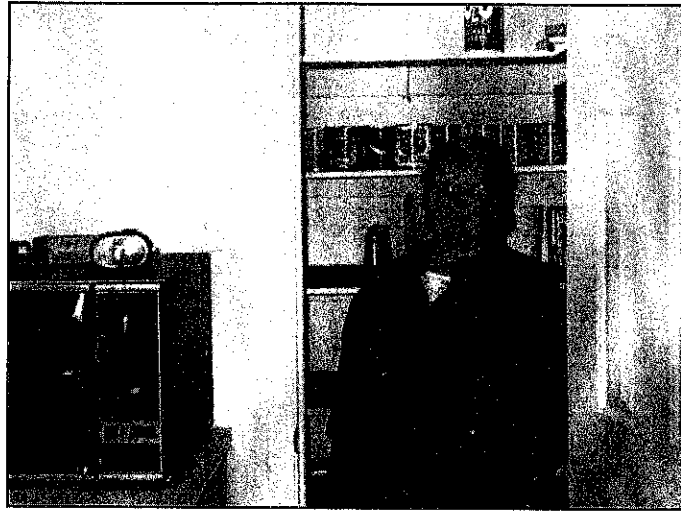
- Orange Truss Company for the discount on the roof trusses for the Isley House.
- The Ladies of First Baptist Church of Rockwell, NC, for the food for our pantry.
- Boyd Pickard for installing the heat and air unit in one of the basement apartments.
- Gary & Sherry Simmons for the beef.
- Community Savings Bank for the office credenza.
- Thomas & Ladelle Epps for the toasters.
- Hines Chapel men for giving up a Saturday to come and lay the brick foundation of the Isley House.
- Mr. & Mrs. Mike Dudley for the bedroom suite.
- The Willing Workers from New Covenant Fellowship for the sheets and blankets for the bunk room.
- VF Jeanswear for the jeans and shirts.
- The Ladies SS Class of Bethel Baptist Church for the fountain in the chapel garden, in memory of Betty Barber.
- The adult SS Class of Bethel Baptist Church for the plaque for the chapel garden, also in memory of Betty Barber.
- Steve Smith for the bell pole.
- Roger Culberson for bringing out a crew to pour the concrete of the porches on the Isley House.
- Ken Carden and all of the men from Riverside Baptist Church for giving up so many Saturdays to come out and frame up the Isley House.
- Edgefield Baptist Church youth group for coming out and putting up the flag poles.

HIGHLIGHTS

HOSTESS



"Lois standing inside the new pantry in the fellowship building. She will be doing a lot of cooking and feeding work groups."



"Al worked hard doing electrical work in the fellowship building"

As the close of another year here at SMH and the beginning of a new one is now upon us, I was thinking of all the things that have been accomplished during 2000, particularly since Russell and I came in June. The Lord has seen fit to bless this ministry in many ways, and He has done it in part through many of you.

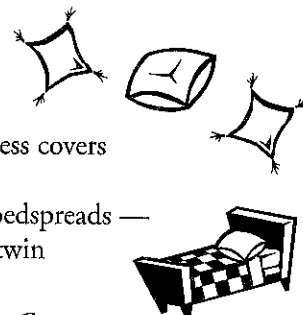
One major thing is that we are making progress on our fellowship hall. In our last newsletter, I shared the need for pillows, blankets, sheets, etc. Even though it is not yet complete, with your help, we have begun to be able to provide a place for families to stay over night, or a place for folks here to get together and fellowship. Another area we have received a great response is in our food pantry. We try to keep a supply of some canned goods and non-perishable items for our missionaries as the Lord provides. This past year our cupboards have been full and

overflowing with all of the food that many of you brought.

These are just a few of the ways that God has provided. We would like to thank each of you for all of your prayers and support. I look forward to all of the projects we will be able to work on together in the future. May the Lord greatly bless you and yours this New Year!

Items still needed for the fellowship hall/bunk room:

- Pillows
- Twin mattress covers
- Matching bedspreads — 1 full & 5 twin



— Iva Catron



CHAPLAIN CHALLENGE

Faith Made Visible

Romans 1:20, "For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made."

The Bible speaks of many things of God's creation that are invisible: the wind (you can't see the wind, but you can see what the wind does). A gentle breeze will ruffle your hair or a strong wind can topple huge trees or tear the roof off of a building. These things are clearly seen.

Likewise, invisible faith is made visible here at Siloam. In the beginning, God gave the vision of "homes for missionaries on furlough." Then faith went to work. James 2:17 tells us that "faith without works is dead, being alone." Hebrews 10:1 tells us that "faith is the substance of things hoped for," and the dictionary describes "substance" as the physical matter of which a thing consists. So, faith becomes visible as land. Next, faith produced the funds to purchase the land. Then come the buildings and the builders by faith. Then come the missionaries to occupy the homes, by faith.

All these visible things are the substance that faith is made of. Faith is the victory! So, let us press on by faith.

— Wilbur Abbey,
SMH Chaplain

Fellowship Hall Update

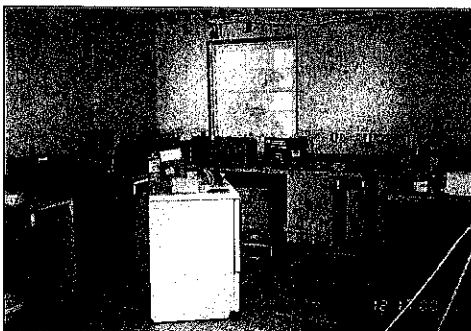
Last year when we had the two Coble homes built, each one was put on a full walk-out basement. One of these basements will be used as a two bedroom staff apartment. The other basement is being made into a fellowship hall.

Fellowship means "community of interest." Scripture mentions the importance of fellowship, telling believers "*not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together*" (Heb. 10:25). When we go to church, we worship and fellowship together. We realize here at Siloam, there is also a need for fellowship among those living here. Although we have future plans to develop a larger multipurpose building, we need a place now for the families to get together.

Although the fellowship hall is not complete, we have already begun to use it for work groups and overnight guests to stay in. We have a full kitchen, living room with a gas fireplace, and a ping pong table (thanks to Wicker Street Baptist Church). There are also two bathrooms and a bunk room that can sleep up to seven. We are so close to finishing up this project. We have listed below the items still needed to complete this project. Please pray with us about this. If you would like to be involved in any of these, please let us know.

- \$1,000 overhead kitchen cabinets
- 500 trim for windows and doors
- 1,500 suspended ceiling and light fixtures
- 500 needed to finish 2nd bathroom
- 300 wallpaper for kitchen & bathrooms
- 5,800 carpet & tile
- 100 drywall and 2x4's for bunkroom
- 300 miscellaneous

\$10,000 needed to complete fellowship hall



We hope to have the two-bedroom staff apartment finished by early spring. This is a picture of the partially finished kitchen.

Dear Coffee Club Members,

I sure hope you all had time to enjoy the Christmas holidays this year! I know that we all get so busy doing everything that needs to be done — parties, meetings, cantatas, plays, etc., etc., etc. — that we don't have time to enjoy it all! Before you know it, you're sitting on the couch saying, "Well, I'm glad that's over!"



One of our goals here at SMH is to give the missionary families staying here a quiet and restful place where they have time to enjoy each other and the holidays. So many of them spend hours and days traveling to their various supporting churches and meetings. We have heard over and over again how grateful they are to know that when they drive onto the Siloam property after a long trip, there is a real home waiting for them!

I am writing this letter before Christmas, and I know you won't receive it until after Christmas. But, our plans are that Abbey will be home on Dec 15th through Jan 9th. She has not been home since the first week of August, and we are really looking forward to having her here. It appears that Rachel won't be able to come home until Christmas Eve, and then just for about two days because of work. However, we praise the Lord for her job! It will be wonderful to have my two "little girls" home for even a short time. I plan to spoil them rotten, feed them all their favorite meals, and just totally enjoy my time with them. I know you all do the very same thing when your kids come home!!

Our newest Coffee Club members are: Mike & Eve Brooks, Esther Collins, Laura Romer and Sethalene Stout. Thanks to each of you for caring about missionaries needing a place of their own, and for your prayers for us. God bless you all!

Your "CoffeeMate,"
Joyce George

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(Please send my Coffee Club cup.)

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

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