



Siloam Missionary Homes

"providing housing to missionaries for a lifetime..."

P.O. BOX 705 • SNOW CAMP, NC 27349 • (336) 376-8200 • E-MAIL: SILOAM@NETPATH.NET

NOVEMBER 2001

"We're Not Defeated We're Not Cast Down"

"A humble and contrite heart knows that it can merit nothing before God, and that all that is necessary is to be reconciled to one's helplessness and let our holy and almighty God care for us, just as an infant surrenders himself to his mother's care" —O.Hallesby. To this man will look: even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit. Isaiah 66:2

The last few weeks has been trying on everyone in our nation. Right after the terrorist attacks on our country, it shook the foundation of freedom. It also has been an emotional time and an encouraging time with people praying for each other. In the word of God, the first thing our Lord did in time of need was pray. But we use this as a last resort. I hear the saying "Well, I guess all we can do is pray..." That seems like it's not the 911 call, but a S.O.S. call. This time has made all of us here at Siloam extremely anxious as we saw the finances come to a trickle. (Sorry, I guess we are all in the same boat.) My first response was to see what we could do — what to cut, what to stop, get on the phone! Instead, my first response should have been to pray more diligently for the ministry, our supporters and our country. But praise the Lord, He is in control of all things.

Phil 1:6 *"Being confident of this very thing, that he who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."* The apostle Paul is telling us that the Lord didn't begin a work to let it fall, but that He would complete it! What a wonderful encouragement that should be to all of us. It sure makes the burden lighter to let the Lord handle it.

I realize our focus this past year has been spent sharing with you about the

MK home, and all the work projects that go on here. Our primary focus is and will always be the same — meeting the needs of housing for missionaries in a village setting. This in and of itself is a great need, and what the Lord has called us to do. We also realize that as families grow older they have different needs. It's hard to believe that 10 years ago when Siloam Missionary Homes first started that many of the families that stayed here had small children. Many of these missionaries are now returning from overseas with college age kids. Wow, what happened to "little Susie"? Even Joyce and I have seen our girls grow up and go off to college. Because of this, we have seen new needs that we never realized existed. You have all responded greatly with helping to build the first MK home. For that we are grateful! Our ministry has not changed, just broadened.

This newsletter is focusing on the missionary families that live here. I wanted them to express their feelings about Siloam. It's because of God's grace and His word, along with your willingness to give and pray that this ministry continues to go forward. Thank you for all your love and support. As the song goes, ***"We're not defeated, we're not cast down, we're marching forward to Higher Ground. Jesus is Lord, Lord of our lives."*** God bless you all. — Larry George

Meet A Couple Of Our Missionary Families...



David and Cathy Simpson are missionaries to Nairobi, Kenya and serve under Baptist Bible Fellowship. They have three children, Jessica who is attending Campbell University; Josh, who is a senior at Southern High School; and Jeremiah, who is attending second grade at Sylvan Elementary School. This is their second furlough with Siloam Missionary Homes. They write:

"Just a few months ago, our son, Josh, expressed a desire to complete his senior year here in the United States. This desire was coupled with a comment that he hoped we would be able to return to Siloam Missionary Homes and stay there for a year. His reason — since we had been in the ministry and especially the past ten years as missionaries, he felt as if he could not point to any place and call it "home." It is easier for us as adults to understand that this world is not our home as we pass through it. However, that is not always true with children. Our children enjoy traveling and living in an unusual third world country. God has blessed them with the ability to see

(continued on page 3)

My Dad, My Friend

Dear Friends,

I spent the last days continually at dad's side awaiting his home going. I sat on his bed in the wee hours of the morning talking, singing, and sharing my heart about my goals and my dreams. I read the Bible to him and we prayed together. (After all, he was the one who taught me to pray.)

Even though he kept his eyes closed and was unable to talk, I felt a special bond and the presence of the Lord, unlike nothing I had ever experienced. It was as if the Lord kept peeking into the room and said "It's ok, take all the time you need." Thank you, Lord, for the time with dad.

My dad and I became great friends in the later years of his life. Moving from Michigan 7 years ago, he wanted to help me with the ministry. He planted the fruit trees that now grace the Siloam Missionary Homes property. He and mom helped start the Inn in town for overnight missionary guests. He mowed for me, as he was able, and came to live by me as his disease got worse. Through his sickness, our roles as father/son changed places. I became responsible to help him and mom with their finances, and being his spokesperson. I always included him in the final decisions — after all, he was still the boss. I considered it an honor to help him eat, be his cheerleader and help mom get him ready for bed. When I would travel for the ministry, we missed each other. One time I was gone for two weeks. When I got home he said, "Larry it's been two weeks!" He kept track. I appreciated my dear friend, Grady Workman, whom a few years ago encouraged me to set time aside every week and call it 'dad's day'. Every Thursday was our day. My dad went home to be with the Lord on 'dad's day'.

In the early afternoon of October 11, 2001 my dad and friend and yes, my hero, went home to be with the Lord. As I walked out of the skilled nursing home into the beautiful fall sunshine, my heart was heavy because I realized that now he had a new address. Dad's day changed forever. I was comforted by the words that were penned by the Apostle Paul in 2 Cor 12:9 "and he said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." I look back over the past years now with great appreciation for the grace of God, realizing that He was and is my strength. This morning I sit in my office writing this letter to you and want you to know that even in difficult circumstances the Lord is there. Never has God seemed so close and real to me. In the Amplified version verse 12 says "but He said to me, my grace — my favor and loving-kindness and mercy are enough for you, (that is, sufficient against any danger and to enable you to bear the trouble manfully); for my strength and power are made perfect — fulfilled and complete and show themselves most effective — in [your] weakness. Therefore, I will all the more gladly glory in my weakness and infirmities, that the strength and power of Christ, the Messiah, may rest — yes, may pitch a tent [over] and dwell-upon me! Praise the Lord.

For those of you that have your dad or mom still living, give them a hug for me. Don't become too busy that you can't have 'dad's day'.

— Larry George



Meet a couple of our missionary families... (continued from page 1)

and experience more than most youth, yet they also like to use that one word that is comforting to most people, "home." That is exactly what they feel and have in their heart when we think and refer to North Carolina and Siloam Missionary Homes. We are so thankful for such a place as Siloam, more than a place of rest, to us a home in the midst of our ministry and travels."



Luther and Martha Smith are missionaries to Papua New Guinea under Baptist Bible Fellowship. They have three children, their oldest daughter is married and has two children. Their two sons, Paul and Luke are both college age and have returned to the U.S. to get settled before Luther and Martha return to the mission field. They write:

"We have found that living at Siloam Missionary Homes has been a special blessing to our family in several areas of our life. Firstly, it has been a wonderful and relaxing place to stay while on furlough. Our home is tastefully furnished, comfortable and with many conveniences not found on the mission field. We also have other missionary families close by which allows for making new friends as well as having good Christian fellowship.

Secondly, we have found here a special support from Larry and Joyce George for our entire family. They have seen a need to help our sons, Paul and Luke, to adjust back into the American culture and to become the men God would have them to be. They have been given an understanding into the hearts and lives of missionary kids that most people cannot conceive. We have also seen a real love for missionaries and their families, not only from the George's, but also from area churches. We truly feel that God has placed us at SMH for "just a time as this."

We thank the George's and those that support SMH for letting us be a part of your Siloam family."

If you would like to give a donation in memory of Larry's dad, you can send a check to: *Siloam Missionary Homes*, and designate it for the *Harold George Memorial Fund*. This fund will be used to purchase new appliances and add a porch to our basement apartment. Thank you.

MEET OUR NEW STAFF...



We met **Richard and Jennifer Burlingham** at one of our supporting churches, Maple Grove Bible Church of South Haven, Michigan. As we got to know Richard and Jennifer and became more aware of the talents that the Lord has given them, we began to pray and ask the Lord if it would be His will to bring them on staff at SMH to do the maintenance work and to help in the office. Based on their past work experience in these areas, and their desire to serve the Lord here, the board of directors voted unanimously during our last meeting to ask the Burlinghams to join us. They will be coming once their home in Michigan sells. Please help us pray concerning this.

We asked them to write a note to introduce themselves to you.

As we look back over the past several years we can see how God has prepared us for the ministry at Siloam Missionary Homes. We have both felt that God has been calling us into full time ministry, but we weren't sure where until this past spring when we talked to Larry and Joyce. As they explained what our positions there would entail, it was amazing to see how God has prepared us in even the smallest of areas. God has been preparing us not only through areas of ministry in our church but also in our secular jobs. So many things have worked out so perfectly that it can only be God who is calling us to Siloam.

Psalm 37:5- Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.



We met **Ronnie and Tammie Isley** ten years ago when we began to attend Bethel Baptist Church. They are both very involved in the church. When the board of directors began looking for a couple to be parents in the MK home, Ronnie and Tammie came to mind. We talked to the Isley's about this and all started to pray that the Lord would give clear direction. At our last meeting, the board voted unanimously to bring them on staff.

As soon as the MK home is completed, they will move in. Ronnie will continue to work, while Tammie will be here as a full time "mom" to these college age missionary kids. We look forward to having them on staff and believe that they will do a great job in helping these MK's adjust to American life. Please help us pray that the house will be finished soon. We have MK's waiting!



CHAPLAIN CHALLENGE



"PRESS ON"

Most of us would like to be able to make some changes in some of the events that have taken place in the past few weeks. We cannot go back, we must go forward. Paul put it this way: "This ONE thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth to those things which are before, I Press Toward The Mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

What is this "high calling of God?" Jesus' words, "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain. These things I command you, that ye love one another." "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." Go and preach the gospel to everyone.

PRESS ON!

"This hard working group from Pleasant Hill Christian Church came out on a Saturday morning to clean up, rake and seed around the MK home. Thanks everyone, for a job well done! Now, if I can only find someone to mow it!"

THANK YOU!

- Wesley Gaulden of Carolina Marble Mfg. Co. for the marble countertops for our MK home.
- Ms. Elly Graves for the refrigerator.
- Donald Holt for providing the paint and labor to completely paint the inside of the MK home. What a blessing!
- Leamm Slaughter for the plants, material and labor to landscape around the MK home. It is beautiful!
- Brad and Theresa Ehrhardt for the pool table. The MK's are enjoying it!
- VF Jeanswear for the jeans and shirts. What a blessing!
- Mr. & Mrs. Lenn Derenbacker for the 12 pc. place setting of dishes and glasses. Thank you, Buel Combs for delivering them to us!
- Bob Skillman for the guitar.
- Ms. Maria Garcia for the dining room table and chairs, refrigerator and other items.
- Bruce and Jenny Wheeler for the stove, oven and microwave.
- Ladies' Circle 1 of Mount Olive Baptist Church for the paper products and food items for our missionary pantry.
- Pleasant Hill Christian Church teens and adults for raking and seeding the MK home yard.
- Mac Stout for helping with the trim work, doorknobs and other miscellaneous items on the MK home.

Isley House (MK Home)

Wish List

- | | |
|---|--|
| Master Bath – <i>mauve, blue, white</i> | 1 qt & 2 qt sauce pans can opener – <i>white</i> |
| 2nd Bath – <i>burgundy and cream</i> | single sheets – <i>solid colors</i> |
| 3rd bath – <i>antique white</i> | laundry baskets – <i>white</i> |
| kitchen and dining room – <i>mauve, blue, white</i> | 6 placemats and napkins |
| living room – <i>navy, burgundy, cream</i> | ironing board & iron |
| 4 rocking chairs for front porch from <i>Cracker Barrel</i> | Rubbermaid broom/ mop holder |
| silverware | kitchen rugs |
| glasses | toothbrush holder, soap dispenser, tissue holder for 2nd bath |
| dish towels | 4 standard pillows |
| dish drainer – <i>white</i> | floor lamp |
| pot holders | 4 comforter sets (<i>navy, burgundy, hunter green, twin</i>) |
| Pyrex dishes | floor lamp |
| kitchen utensils | mini blinds for house |
| rice steamer | bath towels & wash cloths |
| toaster – <i>white</i> | bath mat sets |
| large toaster oven – <i>white</i> | coaster set |
| George Foreman grill – family size (<i>jumbo</i>) | broom, dust pan, mop |
| Bowls | house plants |
| Storage containers | 4 hampers – cream |
| Coffee maker | ** Special need – oak dining room table with eight chairs |
| 2 – 1 gallon pitchers | |
| ice cream maker | |

Dear Coffee Club Members,



There are so many emotions that fill my heart and mind as I write this. In just a few days, and by the time you get this letter, our baby girl will be Mrs. Michael Rich. We have been busy with wedding preparations over the past few weeks (months) and are down to doing the last minute things. Our prayer is that Abbey and Mike continue serving the Lord as they are now and that their lives will be filled with happiness.

Rachel has settled back at college in West Virginia. This was a change in plans for her, since she was going to stay home and take two classes by correspondence. Instead, she decided it would be best to move back up to ABC and take classes there. Then, next semester she will be taking a full load of classes to finish up and graduate in May. We are excited to see what the Lord is doing in her life. She is heavily involved in a newly planted church there and enjoying that.

After the wedding is over, Larry and I will continue to be busy as fall is typically filled with mission conferences and meetings. We look forward to seeing many of you who have so faithfully supported us and the ministry. We have one new coffee club member to welcome – Pam Andrews.

God bless you all!

Your "CoffeeMate," — Joyce George

Maybe you are looking for the right gift for someone special. Would you consider giving a gift to Siloam Missionary Homes in their honor? We will send an appropriate card to them.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF or IN HONOR OF:

My Contribution of \$_____ is given:

In Loving Memory of _____ In Honor of _____

Given by _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please send an appropriate card to:

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please make checks payable to Siloam Missionary Homes

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) _____

☐ MK Home. \$_____ enclosed

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

All gifts are tax deductible & receipts will be mailed at year's end, unless otherwise requested.

Newsletter layout and printing is provided by Art Foote at:

KATART GRAPHICS — 143 West Street, Unit M, New Milford, CT 06776 (800) 410-0553.