

Siloam Missionary Homes

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HOPE FAMILY CENTER UPDATE

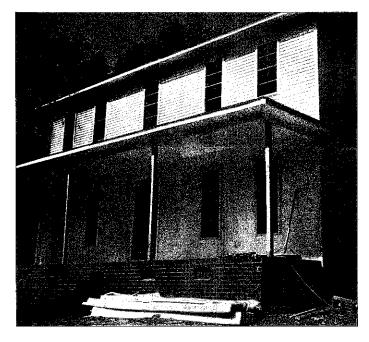
The phones continue to ring. The e-mails keep coming in as missionary families inquire about the status of the MK home, the Hope Family Center.

Our official kick-off for this project was held during our annual pig pic'n on April 22nd. This MK home will be divided into three phases. In order to get the MK home up and running, we will be using the "Isley House" as a starting point. This home, with the completion of phase 1, will have three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to house 4 MK's. Phase 2 will be to add 1,200 square feet to handle four more MK's, for a total of 8 college age missionary kids. Phase 3 will be to move the MK's across the street to a 10,000 sq. ft. center, which will be able to house

up to 20 MK's and staff.

Our prayer and desire is to help missionary families continue in the ministry because they know their children are in good hands. Please pray for each of us who are involved

here at SMH, that we will complete this task that is before us, that the right staff family would be found, and the necessary funds would come in. Most of all, please pray that our Lord Jesus will receive the glory. Phil. 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me."



We would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything you do for the Lord.

It's because of Jesus,

Larry George, President

Dear Faithful Supporter,

s vice-president of Siloam Missionary Homes, I want to share with you a great burden God has laid upon my heart. As many of you already know, but for those who don't, I am privileged to be Larry and Joyce George's pastor. From the very beginning, I have been a part of the miracle God is doing in Snow Camp. And it is a miracle!

Now, God has laid what seems impossible to us, a ministry vision to build a building to house missionary kids. These young men and women are college age adult children of missionaries who must return to their calling, while leaving their child in the U.S. for school or work. Returning and adjusting to American life overtakes and literally destroys many of them. Our vision is to provide them a safe environment, with counseling available and a strong spiritual support base.

It will take us hiring a full time family to organize and work with these young champions.

The cost to build this building will be around four hundred thousand dollars. Will you join me in being one of four thousand individuals to give one hundred dollars to this great cause? If you could sacrificially give one hundred dollars and pray that God will help you to join hands with one more in partnership, we can begin building right away.

The Hope Center has been born in our hearts. Will you help us help them?

Partners in Christ, Pastor David Jackson, Vice President

From the Director...

Prov. 3: 5&6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths."

Why is it so hard to trust and to lean on the Lord? At times, I find myself trusting in me, and then when I get frustrated, I go to the Lord! Afterward, the Lord reminds me how much easier it would have been to start with Him.

This morning I have been talking with the folks here as they pack to head back to the field. They are busy preparing and I know the pressure is on. Please pray for all the families here: Mike & Eve Brooks as they head back to Indonesia. They are leaving their oldest daughter, Charity, here in college. Pray that the Lord will encourage their hearts. I know it will be tough. Pray for Keith and Jeanette Cullers, as they, too, will be leaving their two oldest sons, Seth and Joel. Cole and Laura Mallory are finishing up their deputation to leave for Pompeii in July.

In our hearts we will miss these families because they have been a part of our lives. But, then we will have new families moving in for a time of rest.

Thank you, prayer partners, for being part of this ministry. Your support has kept these families going.

Please pray for a new staff couple needed here at SMH, and please continue to lift us up in prayer, that we can be an encouragement to all the families here.

To God be the Glory, *Larry George*

THEY CAST HIS BREAD

Siloam Missionary Homes
A peaceful, resting perch
For those who fly around the world
Working for God's church.
A bright aura fills the air,
His presence here is sure
To ease the lonely feeling
we sometimes endure
In jungles or in mountains
Or searing desert sands,
We'll all feel happy working
Safely in God's hands.

- written by Louie Wolfe

NOTICE!!

If you would like to receive our monthly "Siloam-O-Gram" by e-mail, please send us your e-mail address. Our e-mail address is siloam@net-path.net. This monthly letter will keep you better informed of praise and prayer needs. We hope to hear from you.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

- Apple's Chapel Church group came out and hung drop ceiling in the utility room of the fellowship hall (Stanton Hall).
- Jeff Sims and his father, David, came out and seamed the carpet in the fellowship hall (Stanton Hall).
- Jason Holt, Russell Holt, and two Sunday School classes from Bethel Baptist Church put the siding on the Isley House.
- Richard and Dorothy Rohrer for a couple of tables and other miscellaneous items.
- David Lovin for the metal cap for the coke machine.
- Tom Coble for providing a round trip flight to Georgia for board members to visit a MK home there.
- Steve and Rochelle Cole for the queen size sheets.

- Outlook SS Class of Westover Church for giving a Saturday to spread mulch at the entranceway.
- David and Dottie King, J.R. & Roann George, and Tim and Mary Ann McGee for your kind hospitality to us during our Michigan trip in March.
- David Hall's Paint and Body Shop for the '93 Nissan Altima.
- Johnny Jackson of J & J Grading for the mulch for the Mother's Garden.
- Eric & Patricia Longest for carpet, ceramic floor tile & miscellaneous items.
- Jerry & Mary Porter for three sets of single sheets.

All of the following for your part in making Mother's Garden a beautiful place, and for making our pig pic'n a great time of fellowship: Those who provided special music: Master's Quartet, Frankie Isley, Bethel Baptist Church Choir, Alan Murray, Butch Trinidad & Scott London, Rachel and Abbey George for helping mom & dad sing; Jim Tuck - bbq; Mike Rich - keyboard rental & help setting up and clean up; Jerry Rigney - potato salad and cole slaw; Carlena Hacker - for making the trip to come dedicate Stanton Hall; Scott & Sara Briggs - dinner rolls; Kay and Charles Swinney planting shrubs and flowers in the garden; Jerry Williams of A & A Lawn & Landscaping - providing shrubs for the garden; Steve and Margaret Wooten - helping set up; Gloria and Hank Rader - for making the cushion for the Stanton Hall and helping set up and clean up; Mary Porter and Mildred Freeman for the bird bath for the garden.



PROJECT CORNER

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



Agape Baptist Church and Greenway Park Baptist Church youth worked hard, but also had a time of fun and fellowship.



Outlook SS Class did a great job spreading mulch.



Altamahaw Baptist Church teens spread 4 truckloads of mulch! Thanks everyone!

elcome to project corner. We praise the Lord for all of the help that we have had over the past two months. We have had help from people in Virginia and Tennessee. And we don't want to forget all the help we have had from people here in North Carolina!

In the middle of March, Agape Baptist in Mebane, NC and Greenway Park Baptist in Graham, NC came out and worked together on a project. We also had Tabernacle Methodist, a church near Greensboro, here the same day to help us work. Unfortunately, it had rained hard several days before they came. The group was unable to complete their project but they worked hard on what they could get done. They cleaned up a lot of brush and started building a rock wall to hold water back. It was very muddy, but the groups kept working. We appreciate their hard work. Hopefully the group will be able to come back out and finish their project.

The following week we had the Outlook SS Class from Westover Church in Greensboro. We divided them up into two groups. The mulch team took on the task of putting a fresh covering on the mulch beds at the front of the property. The other team, the rock team, shoveled, raked, had a rock-throwing contest (HaHa!), fertilized, and seeded grass near the chapel. Both groups worked hard

and it has paid off. The front of the property looks great, and the freshly seeded grass has been cut twice already. Thank you so much.

At the end of March, Kerr's Chapel youth group came out and spread mulch in front of the duplex. Part of the group also worked on removing rocks for the seeding of grass in the future. Speaking of rocks, we found one that was a little too big to move!

April was a busy month for helpers. We had Peter and Dottie Ventresca from Southwest

Virginia. Peter, Dottie, and I went to Bible College together for four years. Peter is an electrician, and he came down here and did the rough electrical work in the Isley House. Thank you Peter and Dottie! We also had Joel Tucker and his youth group from Altamahaw Baptist. This group spread a total of four dump truck loads of mulch at different areas on the property. Your hard work is appreciated! We also had Russell Holt and Bethel Baptist Church out at Siloam. They put the vinyl siding on the Isley House. And

Mac Stout built the frame for the front door. We also want to say thank you to Jenny and Adam Bostic for coming over from Tennessee and helping us to get ready for the "pig-pickin."

In closing, I would like to say good-bye. Iva and I have felt the Lord's call to get back into the pastorate. We have enjoyed working with all the groups over the past year. We praise the Lord for the many memories that we have. We are glad that we have pictures to remember you. Thank you for your hard work. You are in our prayers.

— Russell Catron



The vinyl siding on the Isley House looks great thanks to several SS Classes from Bethel Baptist Church.

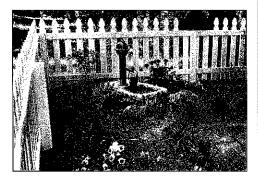
Pig pic'n

The Lord gave us a beautiful, sunny day on Sunday, April 22nd for our annual pig pic'n. As the crowd found seating under the tents and trees to enjoy the bar-b-que, potato salad, slaw, desserts and LOTS of iced tea, the Master's Quartet, a men's trio and the choir of Bethel Baptist Church, Frankie Isley and the George family sang gospel music.

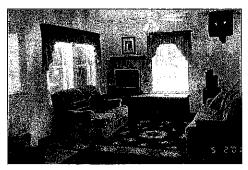
Several of our missionary families shared a short testimony of what Siloam Missionary Homes has meant to them during their furlough.

Carlena Hacker, daughter of the late Jerry and Ruth Stanton, was present to accept a plaque given in appreciation of our new fellowship building, Stanton Hall. The family of Betty Barber was also here to receive the plaque presented, naming Mother's Garden in her memory.

We praise the Lord for these two new additions to our facilities here at Siloam, and for each one who made our day of celebration possible.



Mother's Garden was dedicated in loving memory of Betty Barber, and in honor of all moms.



Stanton Hall, our new fellowship building is a wonderful addition to our facilities.

Dear Coffee Club Members,

We have once again enjoyed a beautiful spring here. I like to see warmer weather come because all of us spend more time outside, and so are able to see and fellowship with one another more often. These missionary families have become wonderful friends. We pray that as they leave us, the Lord will bless their families and their ministries.



One thing in particular comes to mind as I think of the missionary families leaving. Two of the three families who are going back to the mission field in the next few weeks will be leaving one or more of their college age kids here in the U.S. We have spent a lot of time talking to these moms and dads about their concerns for their children's future. That is why this MK home is such a burden on our hearts. Because we also have college age children, we understand! Giving their kids a home and a guiding hand as they adjust to U.S. living will offer these wonderful people peace of mind. We hope you will stand behind us in this.

Rachel will be home mid May for the summer, and possibly on through the fall. She will have one more semester at Appalachian Bible College, next spring, to complete her studies in youth ministries and family counseling. She plans to live at home and work until she returns for her last semester. She is looking for direction from the Lord after she graduates.

Abbey is home, too, and is working at the cancer clinic of UNC Hospital. She continues to seek what the Lord's will is for her life. She is singing in the choir at church and wants to be more involved there. So, at least for now, our "empty nest" is full again!

My mom and dad, Wilbur & Dorothy Abbey, continue to help on a daily basis with the ministry. Dad hangs out the flags every morning (we have flags representing the country of each missionary family at the entranceway), and still does the incoming mail. Mom makes sure the chapel and fellowship hall are clean and ready for guests, and helps water the gardens. Larry's mom, Anna George, helps with odd jobs whenever we call her. She stays quite busy taking care of his dad, Harold, over at the nursing home. His Parkinson's disease continues to progress, but he seems to be content. We make it a priority to go over to see him regularly, too. Please pray for all of our parents, they have been a wonderful asset to this ministry and in our lives.

Thank you all for faithfully supporting SMH through the coffee club. The Lord is so faithful to provide. We often stand amazed at what He does – not surprised, but amazed. Praise His Name!

Your "CoffeeMate,"
—Joyce George

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