



Siloam Missionary Homes

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

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THERE SHALL BE SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS... THE ISLEY HOUSE...

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*

Mortgage debt update

*Special report...*do you hate debt as much as we do???? We passed another mile stone. The over all debt of the mission mortgage is \$69,000. We are praying to be debt free by April 2002. Pray with us. What a testimony to the Lord for His faithfulness. A special thanks to those of you who have given anonymously. We love you.

Basement "G" apartment update:

Another reason to shout praise the Lord!!! Edgefield Baptist Church of Greensboro, NC is coming with a work group this week to install the rest of the kitchen cabinets. This is such a blessing. We have three different missionary families booked for the apartment starting the second week of August. This will give Siloam one more completed home. Lord, all we need now is a white refrigerator, microwave* and the apartment is complete. Keep praying, folks.

**Thank you to Heather Cline for donating this!*



OUR BABY IS GETTING MARRIED...

Mr. and Mrs. Larry George are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Abbey Renee' George to Mr. Michael David Rich. They will be married on October 13, 2001 at 11:00 a.m.

in the front yard of our home. Please join us for that day of celebration as we spend daddy's retirement.

All joking aside, we are truly honored and blessed to have such a great young Christian man join our family. I wonder if he can mow???????????? (Just kidding)

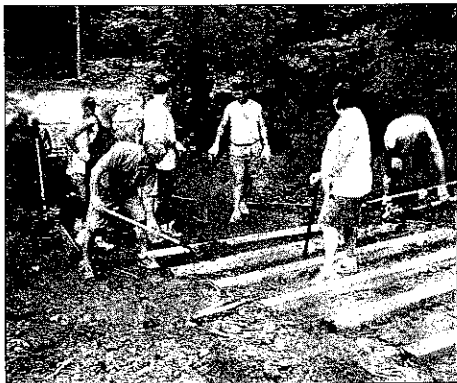
M.A.S.H. 2001 – SUMMER WORK GROUPS

It's hard to know where to start. We have had so many wonderful helpers this summer doing various projects, I'm afraid I'll leave someone out. It all started with Agape Baptist in Mebane, NC who put in the volleyball court back in the spring.



Our first work group, Maple Grove Church of Topeka, Indiana.

In the early evening of June 23, Joyce and I watched as travel-weary folks of Maple Grove Church of Topeka, In. got out of their vehicles. After exchanging hugs and handshakes, we talked of old times and the project they would be doing. Their project was to dig and build 50 steps down to the volley area. I was amazed to see how quickly they dug the steps and filled in the mulch. Maple Grove added a flowerbed and the direction post. The next day they wanted to do more. They stained the decks, pulled weeds, mowed the yards, etc..."Wow," I was thinking, "if I only had them for a few more weeks..." We were so blessed with great attitudes and hard workers.



When they started working on the steps, they thought the task almost impossible. But with determination and hard work, they finished in 1 day! Great job everyone!

It's hard to believe it's been 15 years since we moved to NC. Joyce and I were amazed at the amount of work you all accomplished. Thank you, Pastor Gene and all you dear folks of Maple Grove for making this work project such a success. The quilts are beautiful, as were the new hoses, tools, edger and hedge trimmer. Thanks, Tom and Doris, for the paint sprayer, John and Barb for the towel racks, and Leonard for doing the porch swing. Everyone enjoys it.

The next group to arrive was the caravan from First Baptist Church of Stockbridge, Michigan. It looked like one of those old VW



Our second group, 1st Baptist Church of Stockbridge, Michigan.

commercial as the people started to pile out of the cars, vans and truck. I looked at Joyce and said "are you sure you bought enough food???" Well, we did. This group had the job of digging a drainage ditch around the volleyball court, then filling the ditches with drainage stones. I know they felt they were serving hard time in a prison camp. Now, for you folks that are not from our neck of the woods here in North Carolina we are talking rocks, clay and just plain hard dirt. They did a great job, and like the other group, far exceeded what we thought was possible. Even the small children painted tables. Thank you, Stockbridge Baptist for a job well done and also Pastor Jay and gang for mowing. We took this group to Wilmington to do a beach



Without a backhoe, it took a lot of muscle and sweat to dig out the trenches for water run off around the volleyball court! Thanks group!

outreach with Myrtle Grove Baptist Church. I got the group lost. I would like to blame my map navigator, Patrick, but knew something was wrong when he said to turn left at the light. The only left was ocean!! It was my fault for not paying attention. Even though the weather didn't cooperate and we spent most of our time in the church gym, it was a great time of fellowship. Special thanks to Pastor Will and Ray Massengill and of course the great cook, Mrs. Tommy Hanes and Denise Hawkins at the grill. Thanks for great meals. And of course Pastor Waters for introducing us to such a great church.

This past week we had Richard and Jennifer Burlingham and their youth group from



Even the young ones were able to help by painting these large spools which will be used for picnic tables around the court area.



Our third group, Maple Grove Bible Church of South Haven, Michigan.

Maple Grove Bible Church of South Haven, Mi. Their project for the week was to replace the logs around the volleyball court with treated lumber. Their group was small but did a great job. They also did lots of mowing, trimming and helped to clean out the Isley House. Thank you, Pastor McGee and church for sending this group of young people here to help us.

I think of the scripture verse in James 1:22 *"But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only."* Each of you not only worked hard but you were an encouragement to us to continue to keep going. The missionary families enjoyed meeting you and for years to come the children here will enjoy the fruit of your labor.



The group pauses proudly for a moment inside the volleyball court after all their hard work to smooth out the sand and put timbers around the exterior of the court. Fantastic.



Nothing tastes better than a cold watermelon when you've been out working at SMH in the hot sun!

"CAMPER OF THE WEEK"

Each week, the leaders were asked to choose one young person from their group who had shown the best overall attitude. **CONGRATULATIONS, YOUNG PEOPLE!**



MELISSA LEHMAN from Maple Grove Church, Topeka, Indiana



BECKY THIEBAUD from 1st Baptist Church, Stockbridge, Michigan



JOE WAKEFIELD from Maple Grove Bible Church, South Haven, Michigan



A "special thanks" to Patrick Gosnell, Nick Hawkins, Rachel and Abbey George for their faithful participation each evening in leading the praise and worship music in the chapel.



CHAPLAIN CHALLENGE

URGENCY

When Jesus was born, the angel said to the shepherds, "Behold I bring you 'good tidings' of great joy, which shall be to ALL people."

The Savior Has Come!

Jesus spent his life spreading the "good tidings" of salvation, and when He left this earth and returned to heaven, He commanded His followers to go everywhere and teach and preach the "good tiding" to everyone.

Two thousand years later, the "good tidings" of the Gospel has not reached ALL people. In Mark 13:10 Jesus said, "And the Gospel must first be published among all nations." The apostle Paul cried out, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel."

Urgency!

The Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Thessalonians, "What is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For ye are our glory and joy."

Your joy and mine will be in seeing people saved that we have published the "good tidings" to.

— Wilbur Abbey

From the mail bag...

Hi, Larry, Joyce and all,

You all have been such a blessing to us. This place has a special place in our hearts and so do you.

Well, we're headed out over the Pacific tomorrow. We've enjoyed visiting family and are ready to go (and try not to look back). Thanks for everything you do for people like us. It is a wonderful ministry. Hope to see you again before long.

Love,

Keith, Jeanette & Neil Cullers

Missionaries to Taiwan

"We miss you!"

Dear Joyce & Larry,

My children arrived safely from Fiji on July 2 and I'm very thankful. My heart is thrilled to know they have a home with you folks in January 2002. Time goes by so fast and they look forward to meeting you.

May the Lord bless you and your family as you serve Him by serving others.

Love and prayers,

A Missionary's Mom

THANK YOU!

- Terry and Toni Murphy for the mower deck and cultivator
- Gary and Sherry Simmons for the beef
- Steve and Margaret Wooten for the guitar and guitar case
- Maple Grove Church for all of the paper products and comforters
- Denise Forbis for helping clean and get ready for our work group
- Tim Witherow & Ray Evans of Crabbe Service Company for the heat and air system for the MK home
- Riddle & Cockrell for the 100 blanket throws
- Ken Carden for all of his hard work as contractor of the MK home
- William Wallace for the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Virginia Crabb for the ceiling fan
- Eric and Patricia Longest for the carpet for the basement apartment and other miscellaneous items
- TCA for the dishes and kitchen items
- Wendy Cates for the sofa and chair
- Simon and Lynn Kemp for their visit and helping us with various projects during their stay
- Kevin and Judy Mathias for the bunk bed, microwave, answering machine and telephones
- Randy and Theresa Eddins for the plastic pipe
- Donna Cole for the flowers and plants
- Mom and Dad Abbey and Mom George for your help every day with ongoing projects, work groups, cleaning and for everything you do to help us.
- Leroy and Kay June for allowing our work group to cool off in your pool.

Dear Coffee Club Members,

I always enjoy the opportunity to sit down to write this letter, because it gives me a few moments to reflect on what has happened in our lives during the past couple of months since our last newsletter. Every time, I am reminded of God's unfailing goodness to us and His faithfulness in our lives.



As you see from the announcement on the front page, we are busy making plans for Abbey and Mike's wedding in October. We are so happy that the Lord has brought such a special person into Abbey's and our lives. We have enjoyed getting to know Mike better and have found him to be a great guy. He loves the Lord and is quite involved in our church. Please pray for them as they begin their lives together.

Rachel has been very busy this summer. She has a good job, reading meters for the electric company. Every evening she has a story to tell about a dog or a cat that she met along the route that day. During her evenings and weekends, she is working on a correspondence course she needs so she can graduate next May. Please pray for her as she comes home pretty tired each day, and then has to hit the books for a couple of hours.

We've had a big turnover in missionaries in the past few weeks, with each home having a new family. It's always sad to say goodbye to the ones that leave, but we always enjoy meeting new folks. Please pray with us that we will be a blessing to each one and that they will get the rest and renewal that they need while they are here.

We have two new coffee club members, Lewis & Joyce Smith and Terry & Alice Epps. We praise the Lord for each of you who so faithfully support the ministry each month.

Your "CoffeeMate,"
—Joyce George

My love gift: I would like to join the Coffee Club with a monthly pledge of

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