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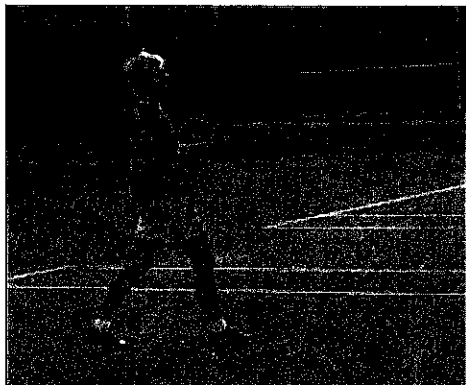
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ANYONE FOR A PICNIC?



NICK HAWKINS (MK from Brazil) goes after the tennis ball.

The first Saturday of October, Siloam Missionary Homes had a picnic at a local park. We had an enjoyable time of fellowship. JR and Jennifer Burlingham, who plan a social each month, worked hard to make sure everyone had a great time.

The afternoon was highlighted with playing tennis. Joyce and I played a few games with one of the MK's, Paul and his girlfriend, Dawn. Needless to say, even though they played the 'old folks' we gave them a run for their money. Of course, they blamed it on not having the right shoes and etc.. We all know the real reason. I think a rematch is in the making. I think just about everyone had a chance to play a little tennis, and just about everyone was complaining of certain aches and pains the next day!

Of course, the other highlight of the picnic was, you guessed it, the food. Hot dogs, brats, baked beans, salad, vegetables & dip, brownies...no one went away hungry! It was a great time to just get away from everything and spend a little time together and have some fun.



MARTHA SMITH (missionary to Papua New Guinea) and JOYCE sit on the sidelines, waiting for their turn on the court.



DICK & CLAUDIA BURLINGHAM, JR's parents, here for a short visit, helping prepare for the picnic.

THE LORD IS GOOD...

By Larry George, President

"O taste and see the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him." Ps.34: 8 How I would like to praise the Lord for all the wonderful things He has done, and continues to do in our lives.

Yesterday I was going through a box of documents that were my dad's. It brought back to me such memories of my childhood and the importance of family. I am so blessed to have had such a great dad. As I approach the 1st anniversary of dad's home-going, it has been bittersweet. I wonder from time to time how it has been with his first full year in heaven. I wonder if he misses me

as much as I miss him. I wonder what he is thinking. And I'm sure he's having a great time. In the midst of his papers, I came across a letter from a lieutenant in the Air Force writing about my dad. (Dad spent 8 years in the Air Force.) He was sharing about dad's love for his church and his family. He was 29 years old at the time, and had a great testimony. Then this morning as I was reading my devotions, this verse was part of my devotions. "O taste and see the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him." Not only was my dad blessed, but also his children were so blessed to have had him for our father. Truly he trusted, as I have, in the Lord.

Dear Lord,



This week is a hard week for me. I know that we hurt because we miss dad. I also realize the day will come when we are together again. Help me to never forget the wonderful dad that you gave me. Thank you, Lord, for the years we had together. Lord, tonight as the world sleeps would you tell dad something for me? We are fine and carrying on. Thank you Lord for your love and gentle spirit."

In closing, I wanted to share my heart with you today because each one of you is a part of my family. And when one hurts we all hurt. I believe one of the reasons God chose us to start Siloam Missionary Homes is because of the love my father instilled in me for family. This past week, though hard, has placed in me a new fire to help missionaries have a place to call home.

Much to be Thankful For

By Richard Burlingham, Jr., Director of Maintenance

"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ." II Corinthians 2:14a

Over the last year, we look back and see how God has so graciously met our needs. Our move to North Carolina at times has been a hard one, but God has always shown us through those tough times. We have so many things to be thankful for. Our new son, the love and support of our family and friends, our new home and new friends, God allowing us to serve Him full time here at Siloam Missionary Homes, but most of all, God's faithfulness. If we had to make the decisions that we made over the last year without God's direction, we would probably not be here today.

I can't believe that it has been 6 months since we came on staff. We have seen many work groups come and give of their time and energy to make improvements, not only to the property, but also to our lives. I would like to thank not only those who came and worked, but also those who helped them come either financially or by praying for them. It takes all of us together to keep the work of this mission going and we appreciate each and every one of you.

We also are looking at the year coming up and are excited about what the Lord is going to do. The plans are well underway for our next building project and we are amazed at how the Lord is working in the lives of different individuals to see the dreams of Siloam Missionary Homes become a reality. Once again, Thanks be unto God.



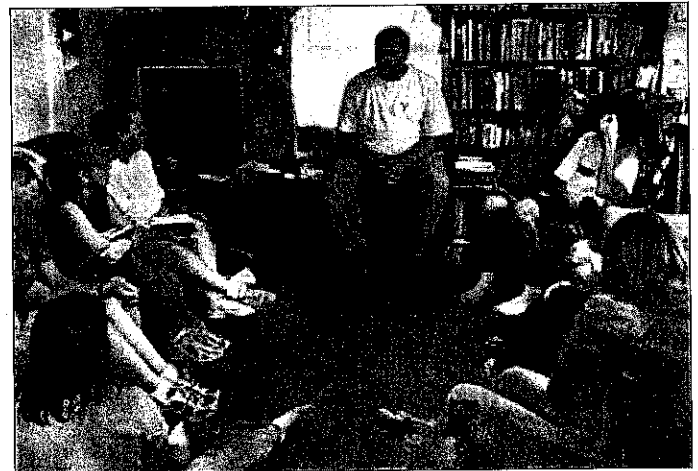
JR, PAUL and JOHN THOMAS (John left before the photo was taken) worked hard to paint the interior of the MK home addition.



PAUL (one of our MK's) was a big help after getting home from his college classes



BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH came out and spent a Saturday putting siding on the MK home addition.



VICKSBURG BIBLE CHURCH was here in August and painted the inside of the chapel and put fresh mulch around the plants in Mother's Garden.



ALTAMAHAW BAPTIST CHURCH young people and adults came out and put fresh mulch at the mission property entrance way.



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IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS

By Ronnie & Tammie Isley

Don't you just love this time of year! FALL. The pumpkins are brilliant orange, backdropped by the gold and green colors of a freshly harvested field. The countryside is dotted with fields of lone dried cornstalks whispering in the wind and the leaves are ablaze on distant horizons. How marvelous that God bore us into a color-filled life instead of black and white. As we once again count this harvest time and thanksgiving, I'd like to remind each of you (self included) to reflect especially on the blessings from the Lord. As I was praying today, and only giving thanks and not asking for anything, I was mindful of a song that says we need not forget that all blessings come from the Lord. Have you thanked Him for the blessing of our sight with which to take in the fall colors, or for the gift of smell, to catch a whiff of someone burning leaves or a pumpkin pie freshly baked. How about your sense of touch with which you are allowed the joy of hugging your child. Yes, in everything, "while it is still called today," give thanks.

MK Addition Update:

The drywall is hung and finished. The interior doors were hung last week, and the interior painting should be completed this week. We are trusting that we will be "job finished" by the end of October. We would like to thank you all for your support in prayer and so many other ways.

If you have questions regarding the MK home or would like to help with our food pounding for the MK's, or are interested in helping with any other needs we currently have, let us know by calling (336) 376-5605 or e-mailing us at siloammk@netpath.net.

We would like to make mention of those who have recently given donations in honor of or in loving memory of a friend or loved one.

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Let's Go! *By Wilbur Abbey*

"The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all of the earth, and their words to the end of the world." Ps. 19:1-4

We cannot look up nor down without seeing the evidence of God's greatness, His majesty, His power, His love, His order, His desire to have all men know Him and love Him and worship Him. His creation speaks in a language that can be understood by all people.

We are told that there are 6,700 languages in the world, and that over 4,000 of those languages have NO part of the Word of God in them.

If there are 4,000 people groups that do not understand God's creation language, then someone must go and tell them in their language that the God of creation loves them and wants them to know Him.

Therefore, "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Let us pray, let us give (ourselves), let us GO!!!

An Encouraging Note from a Friend

Dear SMH,
Thank you for taking time to show us around the property. More than that, thank you for sharing your vision with us. As always, you are such an inspiration to us. May the Lord continue to bless you as you strive to meet the needs of missionary families around the world. We appreciate you so much!

Dallas & Gwen Davis

Thanks to each who has been so generous in giving various items to Siloam.

- **Lydia Weeks** for the mattress set, bedspread set.
- **Industrial Paper Products** for the mop and broom heads and other items
- **Ed and Jane Owen** for the microwave
- **L.D. Slaughter** for the plants, shrubs and mulch and for landscaping work.
- **Eric and Patricia Longest** for the vinyl siding
- **James Pruitt** for delivering the stone for the road, what a blessing to have nice gravel.
- **Ken Carden** for donating the gravel for the road.
- **Courtney Jones** for the mattresses sets.
- **Carlos and Angel Lockamy** for the exercise machines.
- **Michael Teague** for moving and leveling the dirt in front of the MK home addition.
- **Mr. & Mrs. Mel Sechrest** for the oak coffee table.
- **Steve and Rachelle Cole** for the computer printer.
- **Pastor Ray Lambe** for the air compressor and accessories, leather working tools, and wagon.
- **Bethel Baptist Church** for putting on the MK home addition siding.
- **Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Brown** for the full size bed frame.
- **Mr. & Mrs. Richard Blanchard** for the laptop computer and softwares
- **Bill Wallace** for the fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, and carbon monoxide detectors
- **Delrita Cottle** for the gas grill and love seat

Dear Coffee Club Members,

Larry and I just returned from a wonderful and restful week at Vero Beach in Florida. I think it is the first time we have gone on vacation – just the two of us – since our honeymoon. Don't get me wrong, we have had wonderful family vacations over the years, and treasure each memory. But, it was a very special time for us to just be together with no other distractions and enjoy each other's company, read, sleep, eat.... We spent hours just sitting by the ocean, watching the waves roll in and out, playing in the waves, trying to run from creatures (we're not sure what we saw jump out of the water, but we jumped out almost as fast!). We are so thankful for the opportunity to take some time off. It gave us a chance to talk over the future of the ministry and come home with a renewed excitement for ministry.



Rachel is doing well in her teaching position at Emmanuel Christian School in Virginia. She is still a little overwhelmed about her responsibility to teach these third graders. But, the Lord has given her a wonderful gift to work with children, and I know she is doing a great job. Please pray for her health, however, she has been having some medical problems.

Abbey and Mike are doing well. Abbey is almost half way through her pregnancy and is excited with each new stage of "growth." We can't wait to hold that sweet baby! We look forward to watching Mike & Abbey teach and train him/her (we don't know yet!) – I know they are both going to be wonderful parents!

We have a couple of new coffee club members to welcome – Corinne Daniels, Melba Fitzgerald, and Pete and Cathy Gregory. God bless all of you for your faithful and sacrificial giving.
Love in Christ,

Your "CoffeeMate," — *Joyce George*

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