



Siloam Missionary Homes

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

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Why Stand Ye Here Gazing Up? by Larry George

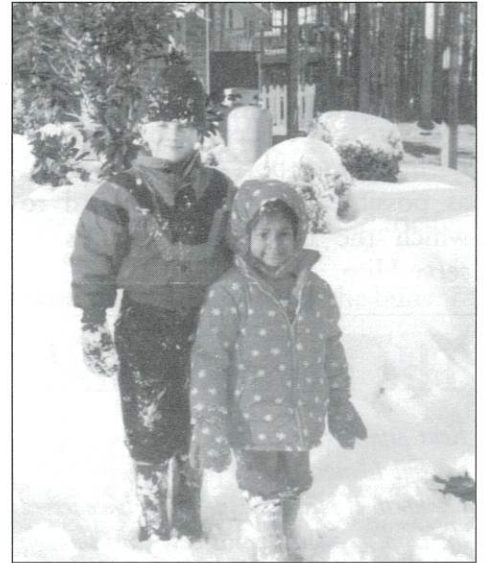
The words penned by the Apostle Luke in Acts 1:10-11, "And while they looked steadfastly towards heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."



It is wonderful to look around and say, "Wow, look at what the Lord has done" and become satisfied. I know some of the people in the early church urged the Apostle Paul to stay with them. "Don't go, for your life is in danger. Stay with us." Had the Apostle Paul stopped, where would

the work of the Lord be today? These thoughts have crossed my mind as I sat and talked with our board of directors about our next project. Then the Lord laid the verse "why stand ye here gazing" on my heart. We have a job to do, so let's get it done!

Phase I of the Hope Family Center (the Isley House) is done. Praise the Lord! Phase II will begin soon. At the same time, we need to re-carpet the Abbey House, units A & B and make preparations for Richard and Jennifer Burlingham, our maintenance staff who will be arriving in April, Lord willing. There are also more projects we need to



complete as we grow here at Siloam and meet the needs of the missionary families.

I would ask for you to pray concerning the needs here at SMH, and that the Lord would have His will and way. This year we need to increase our budget to accommodate our maintenance staff by \$2,000.00 per month. We have asked them to come by faith, knowing this is the Lord's will.

Will you join me in praying that the Lord will raise up individuals to help meet these needs? Thank you for your prayers and financial support for Siloam as we continue to move ahead in providing for the needs of missionaries through housing.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

ABOVE: Jeremy and Katelyn Bryant enjoyed playing in the snow all day long.

TOP LEFT: Ronnie Isley used the tractor to pull Larry's truck out of the snow bank. It seems everyone took their turn getting stuck in the snow!

BOTTOM LEFT: Our new MK home, the Isley House, looked so beautiful surrounded by snow



The Asmah Family

My name is John Asmah and originally I am from Ghana, West Africa. My wife's name is Marilyn, and she is originally from Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles. The Lord has blessed us with two handsome sons, Joshua (4 years old) and Jake (2 years old). We are graduates of Word of Life Bible Institute in Argentina and missionary appointees back to Ghana with WOL to start a new ministry.

We are now on deputation ministry, raising our support to return as soon as possible to our native land to which the Lord has called us to serve Him.

Siloam Missionary Homes has meant a lot for our family. We are really blessed to be in such a peaceful environment. It is really a blessing having all of our needs met and we don't have to think of bringing towels, sheets, furniture, etc. with us to be at Siloam. A playground for our kids has also been provided.

We praise the Lord for the ministry of the George family and



their staff, because there is "no place like Siloam Missionary Homes."

— written by John and Marilyn Asmah

The Bryant Family

Kent and Becky Bryant are missionaries in the Fiji Islands, located in the South Pacific just north of New Zealand. They have served the Lord for more than twenty years through the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. They have two children, both of whom are home-schooled. Jeremy is in the second grade and Katelyn Joy is in K-4.

We can hardly put into words just how grateful we are to the Lord for Siloam Missionary Homes. It was less than a year ago that we first learned about this place. In that we were still overseas at the time, we asked Kent's mother to visit SMH to "spy out the land." We were curious to see if the housing and accommodations here would be adequate for our needs as a family. Her "report" back to us in Fiji was one of jubilant joy and tearful gratitude.

As this letter goes to print, we have been here for about one month. From our very first night on January 2nd, we have been overwhelmed by all that God has provided for us here. God even went so far as to send snow to "Snow Camp" before we had even slept in our beds one night. (To receive snow during our furlough had been a long-standing prayer request of our children!)

What we feel in our hearts for SMH is almost indescribable. To



have walked into a beautiful, fully furnished house with very adequate living space overwhelmed us. The folks here at SMH are uniquely qualified and called of the Lord to serve and minister to missionaries and their families. Their heartbeat is finely tuned to the pulse of the missionary's needs. They are most worthy of your prayers and financial support. How grateful we are to them and to our God which has made our stay at SMH possible. Siloam is already a home and a haven of rest to us and there's not a sweeter place to be! We shall return!

— written by Kent and Becky Bryant

Plan your project now... "Love isn't just a feeling in your heart, it's work gloves in your hand."

PROJECTS FOR 2002

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us... be glory."

— Eph. 3:20,21

PROJECT #1

Add a 24 x 32 addition on the tractor shed. We have equipment outside getting wet that needs to be inside. Projected cost \$1,086.14

PROJECT #2

Add a 24x24 addition onto the shop. This project will help us to have a place to do woodworking projects inside. The slab is there, we will need to dig under the edge and pour cement for footers. Projected cost \$2,500.00

PROJECT #3

Re-side the front of the Rev. Stanley Office building. Projected cost \$250.00

PROJECT #4

Put a roof out over the cement slab in front of the basement apartment, giving them a porch area, and adding a sidewalk. Projected cost \$1,500.00

PROJECT #5

Landscaping around volleyball court. Projected cost \$500.00

CHAPLAIN CHALLENGE

by Wilbur Abbey



The first call of God to man is found in Genesis 3:9, *"And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?"* Adam had sinned and was hiding from God. God wanted to redeem him and was calling him out of his lostness into revived fellowship and communion with Himself. God has been calling to man ever since. Isaiah 1:18, *"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow."*

Not just to redemption, but God is calling redeemed men to service. Isaiah 6:8, *"Also, I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send and who will go for us? Then said I, here am I, send me. And He said, Go and tell this people..."* The Lord Jesus is still calling the redeemed to service, saying, *"Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men. Go, and make disciples of all nations. If ye love me, keep my commandments."* All men are called to redemption. All redeemed are called to service. *"Lord, what will you have me to do?"*

Debt Reduction Update

In trying to be good stewards of the funds that are given to Siloam, we consolidated the truck and mortgage payment at a much lower interest rate than we were paying. This is saving us a tremendous amount of interest, and lowered our payment by about \$600.00 per month.

The bank we are doing business with has given us a variable rate, so we are doing everything possible to pay this debt off. Our goal is to be debt free. We appreciate everyone who has given toward debt reduction. All those who are willing to give \$1,000.00 or more toward this will receive a limited edition drawing of the "first 10 years of Siloam". Won't you join hands with us in becoming debt free?

In His Service *by Ronnie and Tammie Isley*

It is great to finally be here at Siloam — after much prayer and planning the "Isley House." It's almost completed, we still have to furnish the "kid's rooms." We are loving living here. We have already had our first snow here in "Snow Camp." What a surprise!

The Lord is so good to us. His blessings and goodness never cease to amaze me.

Please remember us in your prayers as we continue to plan and prepare for our first kids. We are looking forward to what the Lord has for us with these college age young people.

We have so many folks to thank for items that were donated and time and energy that was given to complete some projects around here.

THANK YOU...

Bob and Carol Bennett for the dining room table and chairs.

Jerry and Susan Rigney for the dining room table and chairs and gas grill

Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Barber for the organ and TV

Tim and Carlena Hacker for the towels, sheets, blankets and other miscellaneous items

Virginia Crabb for the chandelier

Community Savings Bank for the couch and adding machines

Willie Jennings for the two tractors and scoop

John Reynolds for the desk and for taking time to help pick up the tractors and work on them

Sam and Pat Rogers for the sectional couch, Christmas tree and lights

Richard and Dorothy Rohrer for the children's chairs, love seat, and other miscellaneous items

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chrismon for the china cabinet, dining room table and hutch

Judy Moricle for the wing back chairs

Mike and Donna Cole for the queen size mattress

James and Ann Hamby for the crib and fireplace logs

Mark and Sonja Mitchell for the treadmill

Eddie Brame for the golf cart and charger

Randy Eddins for the 12" plastic pipe and couplers

Ray Womack of Womack Electric for the electrical wire

Sara and Scott Briggs for the buns

Brenda Dillon, Larry Jensen, and Roann George for the table saw, rotor, bench drill press and finish saw

Ray and Pam Soyars for the desk

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crumpton for the crib and mattress

The *nursery and kindergarten department of Maple Grove Church, Topeka, Indiana* for the sheet sets

Jim and Barb Bolhouse for giving us two weeks of their time to build kitchen cabinets in the fellowship hall and do other projects around the property

Ray Evans from Crabbe Services for helping with so many things on the Isley House

Alamance Christian School 10th grade class for coming out and raking, cutting and hauling logs and other odd jobs around the property

Kevin and Karen Beachey for giving us a week of their time to help build storage buildings and do other projects for us

Jerry and Mary Porter for the sheet sets

Al and Alma Seward for the towels, wash cloths and roll-away bed

Also, we would like to thank EVERYONE that gave toward the "housewarming" for the Isley House. There are too many of you to list. But, you all were so generous and each item will be appreciated as it is used in the MK home.

Thanks For Your Help!



Jim and Barb Bolhouse did a fantastic job of building cabinets and a bookcase in the fellowship building.



The 10th grade class of Alamance Christian School came out and raked leaves and did a lot of odd jobs. Thanks gang!



A group of men from Bethel Baptist Church gave a Saturday in November to build the deck on the back of the MK home. A great place to relax!



A Sunday School Class from Westover Church had a great time of fellowship while painting the fence and deck rail on one of the houses.

Dear Coffee Club Members,

It's hard to imagine that we have already made it through the holidays and are well into the new year. We had a wonderful Christmas. Both of our girls, and our new "son" were home Christmas day and we had a wonderful time together. I have learned to treasure each occasion that we are all together. They are precious times and I look forward to each one. Being raised on the mission field as an MK myself, I know what it like to be apart for holidays, birthdays, etc. That's one of the wonderful things about Siloam Missionary Homes. It gives these families a place to celebrate these special days with those they don't get to spend much time with.

Rachel has just begun her last semester at Appalachian Bible College. She has a full load of classes, plus is working a full time job this year. Please pray that the Lord will give her special strength. She is heavily involved in a newly planted church there, and we are excited about what the Lord is doing in and through her.

Abbey and Mike are doing well and have adjusted to their new lives together. We get to see them at church every week, and it is great to have them close by. They stay pretty busy with both of them working, but I try to have the cookie jar full (Mike loves my chocolate chip cookies!) whenever they come out to visit.

We have one new Coffee Club member to welcome, Tom and Mary Lou DeYoung. We appreciate their desire to help provide homes for missionaries. Would some of you that receive our newsletter consider becoming a coffee club member? You might not feel that you can do much, but as each one gives a little, the Lord puts it with others that give a little, and it becomes an answer to prayer for that missionary family who doesn't know where they will live on their next furlough. Would you pray about it and join hands with us this year? If you join the coffee club, I will send you one of our coffee cups as our way of saying thank you and so you can remember to pray for us each time you use it.

God bless each of you.

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.

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

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One Time Gift \$ _____

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