



# Siloam Missionary Homes

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

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## WHY DOES SMH EXIST? *by Larry George*

Joyce and I just returned from a trip to Michigan to coordinate a work project for the summer with a church group. After the program, I was approached by a couple that asked me some basic questions about the mission. It made me realize that we sometimes take for granted that each of you fully understands the concept behind this ministry. So, let me try to give you a better understanding of why we exist so that you might be able to better pray for us.

It's more than housing...When we first started SMH 10 years ago, we thought that if we could provide a home for a missionary family to live in while on furlough, that would be sufficient. We did not realize at the time that it's more than housing. Remember what it is like returning home from a long trip, how you feel? "Ah! It's great to be home again." You left the house clean, the yard mowed and everything in its place. All of a

sudden, the grass is high enough to bale. Weeds are everywhere and the house needs a good cleaning. And let's not forget the constant repairs to keep a house up – a small leak that you keep the pail under the sink for, and then there's the bedroom doorknob that needs replacing. You make all this part of the "honey do list" and try to get back in the flow of life. Imagine trying to doing this while traveling an average of 30,000 miles visiting approximately 25 churches and preparing to return to the field. In the midst of it all, you're trying to keep in touch with the nationals that are taking care of your home overseas. They e-mail to tell you that the termites got into your house and literally ate through the furniture and all the windowsills, and you will probably have to rebuild when you get back. (This is a true story, by the way, and yes the missionary family was actually able to laugh about it.) In the ongoing work of

keeping your material possessions together, you also have a family to take care of.

One of the wonderful things about living at SMH is that living in a village setting allows the moms to help each other when dads are on the road visiting churches, and gives the kids others to play with. Now with the MK home on the property, when a missionary family gets ready to return to the field, their college age son or daughter can move across the street into the MK home and still be among friends and the support of other missionary families.

I do hope this has enlightened you about the ministry here. The next time you come home from vacation or a long trip, when you finally get every thing put away and you crawl into bed, remember to pray for all of us here at Siloam Missionary Homes as we serve the Lord together.

## 2002 Pig Pic'n

Excitement was in the air as approximately 350 people braved a cold April Saturday to celebrated our 10-year anniversary. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal featuring "Tuck BBQ" while listening to the Master's Quartet, Mended Wings, and other special singers.

The Isley Family was present to receive prints of the Isley House, which was dedicated during the celebration in memory of their dad, Wade Isley and in honor of their mother, Frankie Isley. The Harold George home was dedicated and Mrs. Anna George was given a plaque that will hang on the house in his memory. Larry George made the announcement that SMH had begun the Caleb B. Lockamy Scholarship Fund in his loving memory. This fund will help provide a home for college age



**Larry George presenting the framed drawing of the Isley House to Mrs. Frankie Isley.**

MK's. Congressman Howard Coble shared a few words with those in attendance.

We would like to thank all of you who have been a vital part in making our 10-year anniversary a possibility, and to our board of directors who have stood with us over the years. God bless you all.

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## Thanks For Your Help!



Lee and Sharon Gebben spent several days with us painting the storage sheds that Al & Lois built.

Myrtle Grove Baptist Church youth group.



Myrtle Grove Baptist Church youth group came out in April and planted shrubs around the volleyball area.

## Count Your Blessings Name Them One By One

We are truly counting our blessings with such a dedicated staff. Al and Lois our winter staff left after the pig pic'n to go back to Michigan until November. They have been such a help. Al made several 8x10 storage buildings and a greenhouse. Lois made meals for so many folks and also feed Joyce and I everyday. They are greatly missed and we look forward to their return in November.

Ronnie and Tammy Isley are getting ready for the arrival of missionary kids next month. Even though Ronnie works a full time job off site, he works every evening around the property. Tammie helps everyday in the office and coordinates the homes.

Richard and Jennifer Burlingham are full time maintenance and bookkeeping staff. I could go on and on about how much it takes to keep all these houses going. But I won't. After much prayer, we believe these folks are who God wanted here. I would ask that you remember to pray for each of us here, for protection and safety. Also pray for the finances, that the Lord will continue to provide for each one. We are counting on you praying for us and count your blessings too.

## We Made It!! *by Richard and Jennifer Burlingham*



After almost a year of praying, planning and packing, we have made it to Siloam. This last year has been an emotional roller coaster for us and our family and friends. The year was packed with many events including the birth of our first child, Collin. He is such a blessing to our family. We have learned this past year that God is in control and His timing is perfect. So many times throughout the year we wanted things to go our way, but God kept reminding us that He knows best. He worked things out so perfectly that we couldn't help but be obedient to His call.

We are excited to be on staff at SMH and to be a part of His plan. Even though it has been difficult moving away from family and friends, we know that God has great things planned for our lives. All that He asks is that we be obedient to His will. We would like to thank you for your prayers and words of encouragement this past year. We ask that you will continue to pray with us that God will continue to bless the ministry here.

## Hi-ho hi-ho it's off to work we go!!!!

We have had some people ask us, "What does a work group do?" Over the past several years, we have had work groups of all sizes and shapes, both from supporting and non-supporting churches around the country come to Siloam. This is a tremendous blessing to us. We have so many wonderful things that we would not have if it weren't for these groups. They build, plant and do things that are really needed but not budgeted for — for instance, the volleyball court. This is also a wonderful time for the work groups to better understand missions. Our day usually starts with 7:00 am chapel. After a great breakfast, we set out to work on the project. The rest of the day is centered around the project. In the evening we have different missionaries share their work with the group and challenge them about considering the mission field for their life. I have seen lives transformed. It gives these kids a chance to slow down and reexamine their lives. It's a lot of hard work to put the projects together and finish them.

This year we already have several groups coming. Maple Grove Church, Topeka, Indiana will be raising the funds to build a much needed 24x24 addition on to the garage. Factoryville Bible Church, remember when your group poured the cement for the floor? Faith Baptist Church of Greenville will be adding a 24x36 addition on to the tractor shed. And Vicksburg Bible Church will be working on painting. Pastor Kelly loves painting!! We have heard that there are more groups coming...let us know, we would love to have you.

Here's how you can help. Each group raises the money to come and do a project. Sometimes the project exceeds what they can raise. So if you would like to send a gift to help offset a project, just ear mark it for WORK PROJECTS.

### Work projects for the summer:

- Landscaping in volleyball area \$300.00
- a load of walking gravel \$150.00
- 4 park benches @ \$50.00 each
- 3 gas grills @\$150.00
- 6x6 for retaining walls \$100.00
- picnic tables 6 @ \$75.00 each
- patio furniture \$120.00/set 3 sets needed
- 3 gas grill covers @15.00 ea.

*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.*

GIVEN BY	IN MEMORY OF	IN HONOR OF
Beverly Warren	Caleb Lockamy	
J.L. and Elaine Williams	Caleb Lockamy	
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Mervin and Joanne Yoder	Mary Lou Miller	
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Edgar and Frances Cross	Harold George	
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Denny Mieras	Harold George	
Tim Baker	Harold George	
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Alfred and Alma Seward	Harold George	
Russ and Norma Briggs	Harold George	
Wilbur and Dorothy Abbey	Harold George	
Tom and Don Collier	Harold George	
Richard and Theresa Apple	Harold 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:

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## Caleb B. Lockamy Scholarship Fund

### *In Loving Memory*

Circumstances in our lives sometimes cause us to ask God, "Why?" Such is the question on our hearts concerning little Caleb B. Lockamy. We will never fully understand the answer to that question until we get to heaven.

To honor his memory, Siloam Missionary Homes made the decision to name a scholarship fund in his name. This scholarship fund has been set up to help college age missionary kids who come to live in our MK home. Siloam Missionary Homes requires that these young adults pay half (\$175) of what it costs SMH to feed and house them each month. Our goal is that their participating in paying their own way will help them better understand finances and responsibility.

The Caleb B. Lockamy Scholarship Fund will be used to help offset the cost of providing a home and meals for these young adult MK's. If you would like to be a part of helping provide a home for MK's, please fill out the information on the back page and mark the appropriate box. Thank you, and God bless you.

## CHAPLAIN CHALLENGE

*by Wilbur Abbey*



## What Shall I Do With My Life?

I hold in my hand a Federal Reserve Note for \$20.00. It states, "This note is legal tender for all debts, public and private." It is duly signed by the Treasurer of the United States.

It is mine to spend in any way I choose. It is up to me to decide what to do with it. I can spend it for something useful or I can waste it on something useless or even harmful. But, once it is spent, it is gone! I can't get it back.

Life is like that. I must choose what to do with my life. Shall I spend it to make more money? Spend it on entertainment? Spent it to reach the lost for Christ?

But, once it is spent, it is gone. I can't get it back. I need to make a wise choice to start with. "Only one life, 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last."



***We would like to thank the following folks for their generosity to meet the needs here at Siloam Missionary Homes.***

*Mr. & Mrs. Lee Gebben* for all of the painting you did for us!

*Pastor and Mrs. Tommy Love* for the doors and office chair.

*Mr. & Mrs. Julius Wright* for the bed and mattress.

*Mr. & Mrs. Al Seward* for the rocking chair, bedspreads and linens.

*Mr. Harvey Simmons* for the recliner.

*Mr. Robert Kennedy* for the copy machine.

*Mr. & Mrs. Don Dalton* for the washing machine.

*Mr. & Mrs. Pat Farquharson* for the printer.

*Ms. Patty Scotten* for the medical supplies.

*Mr. Brad Barber* for the couch and dining room table & chairs.

*Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Schram* for the washer and dryer.

*Mr. & Mrs. Doug Forbis* for the clothing, books and videos.

*Mr. & Mrs. Tom Collier* for the buns for the pig pic'n.

*Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Rainey* for the use of their tent for the pig pic'n.

*Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Rigney* for the potato salad and cole slaw for the pig pic'n

*The Master's Quartet* for giving your time to come and sing at our pig pic'n.

*Pastor and Mrs. Paul Waters, and Mike* for all of your help setting up and during the pig pic'n.

*Congressman Howard Coble* for speaking at our pig pic'n.

*Grady Workman* for speaking at our pig pic'n.

All those from *Bethel Baptist Church* who helped set up, serve the meal, sing in the choir, etc. for the pig pic'n.

Dear Coffee Club Members,

It seems like every time we write this newsletter, the faces at Siloam Missionary Homes change. This time, we have said "good-bye" to Al and Lois Mitchell, who returned to their home in Michigan for the summer. We always miss them when they are gone! And, we have said "hello" to Richard, Jennifer, and Collin Burlingham, who are now with us as full time maintenance and bookkeeping staff. We can already see how the Lord blessed when He sent them to us! We look forward to many years serving the Lord and the missionaries who live here together.

Well, Rachel is about to graduate from Appalachian Bible College on May 11th. We are certainly looking forward to this tremendous event in her life – but, I'm sure we aren't half as excited about it as she is! We are so proud of her. At this time, she plans to remain in her apartment there in Beckley, West Virginia, and continue her full time job. She is very heavily involved in a newly planted church there, The Nehemiah Church, helping with the youth group and music, and loves it! Please pray for her as she is stepping out on her own!

Abbey and Mike have recently purchased a home only four miles from us. We are excited about having them close by. We have been busy helping them with all the things you do when you buy a new home. They are both very active in our church and plan to go on a mission trip this summer to the Dominican Republic.

We'd like to welcome some new Coffee Club members to Siloam. We are so thankful that the Lord has brought you into our lives and the lives of the missionary families who live here. Rachel George, Grace Child, Steve and Christy Allen, James and Ann Hamby, Kevin and Kendra Michael, Girdline Robinson, and Joe & Sylvia Loy. God bless you all!

Your "CoffeeMate," — *Joyce George*



## In His Service *by Ronnie and Tammie Isley*

Spring has arrived at Siloam. Birds, flowers, and squirrels, the sights and sounds of spring. We have a redbellied hawk sitting on her nest in a tree behind our house.

We are looking forward to our first MK on arriving May 5th. Please continue to pray for us and the future plans for the MK house. "God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us." Ps. 67:1

If you would like to help us with items needed at the MK house or just would like some information about the house, please contact us at [siloammk@netpath.net](mailto:siloammk@netpath.net).

My love gift: I would like to join the Coffee Club with a monthly pledge of  
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☐ Richard & Jennifer Burlingham salary   ☐ Caleb B. Lockamy Scholarship Fund (for MK's)

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