



Siloam Missionary Homes

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

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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Siloam Missionary Homes. The newsletter that we normally send to you is lost in the mail! Literally. Our wonderful friends at KatArt that put our newsletter together sent it to the publisher and it got lost from the publisher to us. They were ready to reprint but I felt we needed to get you an update. Thanks guys for working so hard for us and we do love and appreciate everything you do.

There is a lot going on around here that I would like to briefly touch on. The MK home addition is almost finished. We are a little behind because of funds, but I know with the Lord's help we will have it finished soon. The drywall has been hung. We are in hopes the plastering can be completed next week. Then we will start on the paint, trim, etc. We still need about \$3000.00 to finish the inside. Pray concerning this matter. Joyce said I had to keep my letter to you to a minimum. You all know me. Keeping things short is not one of my gifts. But I'll try.

Praise the Lord for rain. We were down 24", and it rained here for a week. I was beginning to think we needed to build an Ark, but then it stopped.

We are also working on adding a roof over one of the basement apartments for shade and privacy. Richard, Ronnie and I have been working on this. Our missionary family that lives there is traveling. We are in hopes to have it completed before they come home next week. One of the MK's, Luke Smith, was in a car accident last Sunday on his way to church. He hydroplaned and totaled his truck. He is going to see a specialist next week. The doctor says he has 3 compressed disks in his back. Please pray for him and his parents. His health insurance expired the day before his accident.

We had to say goodbye to the Hollands who left to go back to the field. Our new family will be here in a couple of weeks. Please pray for the Lord's protection for all of these families as they travel.

We are excited that Riverside Baptist Church has taken us on for support. Isa. 49:10 *"they shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them."* Isn't it wonderful to know the Lord will take care of his children?

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. Your support helps meet the needs of housing for missionaries and their families. May God bless each of you. Remember to take time to reflect on what the Lord has done for you today.

■ by Larry George

GARY SIMMONS...."WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT"

Phil. 1:6, *"Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."*

Gary was project manager for SMH and served on the board of directors for 8 of the past 10 years. As you walk through the missionary village that has been home to so many families through the years, you feel the gentle touch of an artist at work – from the laying out of the prayer chapel, to the sound of water flowing through a fountain at the Mother's Garden. Gary spent hours helping the board of directors plan construction of this missionary village. We as a board would like to express to his family our heartfelt appreciation for the time he gave us. I am sure that as Gary reached our Savior's feet, he heard Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." As for us, we will miss him greatly.

Working Together

Time has certainly flown by these last couple of months. We have been busy with work groups and the addition to the MK House. There is always something to do and many days do not have enough hours in them to get everything done.

As I think about all of the work that has been accomplished over the time we have been here, and the groups that have helped us, it reminds me of the words from Galatians 6:9, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." Circumstances have a tendency of getting us down. Hot weather, a broken tool, a board that was cut twice and is still too short, all these tend to lead to some trying times. But, God tells us not to give up. This life on earth is going to pass and soon we will receive our reward.

We would like to thank all that have come out to help us with the many projects we have had. Your hard work is appreciated more than you can imagine. I would also like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and phone calls on behalf of Jennifer, Collin, and myself during our transition to life in North Carolina. We still have days of homesickness, but we also know that this is God's will for us and He is still in control.

■ by Richard Burlingham

MK Update

The Psalmist said in Ps 106:1, "Praise ye the Lord, O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good." There is so much to be thankful for in the work here at the MK home. We are now ¾ full of "kids" and looking forward to see who the Lord will send next.

Summer is here, and the heat is on. Things are going well. We now have 3 MK's – Josh & Jessica Simpson are working this summer and preparing for college. Nick Hawkins, who is our newest addition, is settling into a new job.

As of this writing, the addition is dried in, the roof is shingled, the rough wiring is finished, the siding is on, and the drywall is up. We look forward to completion when we will be able to house four more guys upstairs, and will have a large den/game room.

Please continue to pray for us, that funds will come in so we can complete the addition and move into it. The Lord is so gracious, I know He will provide as He always does in His time.

If you would like to help in any way, we have list of some needs. Feel free to call us at (336) 376-5605 or e-mail us at siloammk@netpath.net. Also, a special thanks to Orv & Loreen Kropf for the rocking chairs. We are enjoying them!
-- by Ronnie & Tammie Isley

Project Corner

We are so excited to see all the work being done around here by all the work groups. The place looks great. Tammy, Jennifer and Joyce prepared the meals and snacks. Richard was in charge of the work projects and did a great job.

Faith Baptist Church from Greenville, MI started the summer off with a big bang. They built and paid for a 26x24 addition to the tractor shed. What a blessing - our tractors are now inside and stay dry!! Plus it is giving us additional storage in the big barn. The girls helped put up the rafters and sheeting. They also hauled trash and cleaned up the area. Thank you Faith Baptist Church for sending this group. And thank you Pastor Randy and the other adults for taking time out of your busy schedule to come with the kids. You all did such a great job!

The second group was **Maple Grove Church**, Topeka, Ind. Tom and Doris Johns led the group to build and provide the funds for a 24x24 addition to the workshop. What a wonderful week! They also brought porch swings for four of the houses, and installed them. Thank you Maple Grove Church for sponsoring them. For all the kids and leaders that came, the missionaries are excited about their swings and all the tools you bought are being used. And La Mar have you made that phone call yet?

Glen Hope Baptist Church teens came out for two days and provided the funds and the muscle to do some landscaping and cleaning up around the volleyball court.

We have had several 1-day projects and appreciate so much what they do. **Hines Chapel Church and Osceola Baptist Church** came and put in the foundation; **New Covenant Fellowship, Friendship Baptist and Christian Bible Fellowship** put up the shell; **Apple's Chapel** shingled the roof. Thank you **Tim Withrow** and **Ray Evans** for all your work on the addition to the MK House. We look forward to the day when this project is complete!

Dear Coffee Club Members,

We have said "goodbye" to several missionary families, and in their places we have new families to get to know. We have learned about ministries going on in Brazil, Albania, Africa, and The Netherlands. Isn't it exciting to know that by supporting SMH, each of you has had a part in these ministries that reach around the world?

Rachel has been "making it on her own" since graduating from Appalachian Bible College in May. She has just accepted a position as third grade teacher at Emmanuel Christian School in Manassas, Virginia. We are excited about this new venture in her life and look forward to going to visit her and see where she is working. Thank you for your prayers for her.

Abbey and Mike are just as happy as they can be. Mike went on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Abbey was to have gone also, but news of a baby on the way changed her plans. Yes, we are going to be grandparents!!! It's funny how everything having to do with babies catches my eye now. Pray the Lord will give her and the baby health.

We thank the Lord for two new coffee club members: Joe & Josie Breashears and Shirley Kilbe. God bless each of you for your faithful support of Siloam, for your love and prayers.

Your "Coffeemate," Joyce George