

Take a moment and smell the roses

Honor thy father and mother: which is the first commandment with promise, that it maybe well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. Ehp.6: 2&3

You will probably notice a lot of my letters start out by saying "this morning." Well, the reason is that I am a morning person and morning is my quiet time. So with that thought, let me begin.

This morning as the sun came up, I was standing on the front porch. The air smelled of roses and wild honeysuckle. I love roses. They are a lot of work to keep from getting black spot, mildew etc., but the flowers are well worth the effort. Those vibrant pinks and bold yellows. My dad loved roses and I believe that he was the one that gave me a love for the flower. While growing up in Michigan my dad would cut roses from his garden and give the trophies to my mom, who would place them in a vase on the dining room table. In the later years of his life, he was unable to smell but would still stop when he saw roses and close his eyes and reminisce what a rose would smell like.

As I read Eph 6:2&3, these verses echoed back to me about honoring my parents. Truly one of the rewards is a long life of happiness and fond memories, if we choose to honor and love them.

Looking past the roses in my yard, I see the new Missionary Kids home on top of the hill. What a blessing as I see Ronnie and Tammie (house parents) helping Jessica, an MK, adjust to life here at Siloam. I am amazed since we first opened the MK home how many young people need homes. The Lord laid this letter on my heart to share with you a very special burden. Most of us have the fond memories of growing up at home. We have the opportunity right now to give this same type of home to Missionary children, but we need more room. We need to add a 24x24 two-story addition on to the MK home before August. The total cost is around \$45.00 a square foot, with volunteer labor and some donated materials. I have ordered the health permit and have begun to make preparations to build.

I know God had a reason for putting these verses on my heart today. I want these kids to have a home also. My life verse is Proverbs 24:27 *"Prepare thy work without, make it fit for thyself in the field, and afterwards build thine house."* I am doing just that - preparing without. We have told the kids to come and that the building will be done. With May and June being Mother's Day and Father's Day, I thought giving a special gift towards the children's addition could be a way of giving back to the Lord that gift that He gave me - wonderful parents. We would be glad to send a card to your dad or mom or designated person either in memory or in honor of them from you. Your gift is not only a lasting tribute but also a gift to help provide a home for missionary children and would be greatly appreciated. Please fill out the slip below and help us build this addition today.

Thank you for your support, and for helping us build young champions for Christ at Siloam Missionary Homes.

Because of Christ,
Larry George
Larry George
Director

Yes, I would like to help with the addition to the MK home at Siloam Missionary Homes. I have enclosed my gift of \$ _____. Send your check to: Siloam Missionary Homes, P.O. Box 705, Snow Camp, NC 27349 or make your donation by:

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

Card # _____ Exp date: ____/____/____

Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

Please send an appropriate card -

☐ Mother's Day ☐ Father's Day ☐ In appreciation of: (check one)

Name _____

Address _____