



# Siloam Missionary Homes

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## BELIEVE IN MIRACLES, BUT TRUST IN JESUS



**Johnny and Vicki Gates and family from Faith Fellowship Church in Irons, Michigan, spent almost two weeks helping clean up fallen trees, splitting wood, and burning the brush, and doing various other odd jobs**



**David Norton brought out a log splitter and helped clean up a large tree with the Gates kids**



**Ginni, Kati, Jamie, Rylie and Martie Gates helped split logs**

*By Larry George, President*

### *Greetings from Siloam Missionary Homes*

It's hard to believe that we are in the middle of January. Being an optimist, I look at the New Year being a clean slate, a new beginning. Can I ask you a question? What are you doing with your slate this year for Christ?

I have been reading a book I got from my pastor last year "Believe in Miracles But trust in Jesus." What a wonderful book of challenge and encouragement. One quote in his book that was such a blessing to me is, "A little boy asked his father, who was a preacher, a straightforward question. " Daddy, do you really believe that a fish could swallow a man and keep the man alive for three days and three nights?"

The wise father replied, "Son, if God could create the first sea creatures from absolutely nothing, don't you think He would have the power to make a fish swallow a man and keep him alive for three days and three nights if He wanted to?"

I read that story and smiled, but you know, at times deep down inside we all question God about uncertainties in life. Last month when you read our newsletter about the ice storm at Siloam, those words were during a time of uncertainty in my life. When I look at circumstances and not at the Lord, it always makes me question Him. Today I truly can say the Lord has provided another miracle in our lives. He provided many laborers to clean up the mess. Al, Richard, David Norton and Johnny Gates and his family have worked endless hours cutting trees and burning brush. The place is once again looking like Siloam.

This year, we continue to work on the "Master plan" for the next ten years. Lord willing, we have many work projects planned for the spring and summer. Richard and Jennifer have been working with us on the plans for this. It's our heart's desire to see the folks that come here to work have a heart change for the Lord.

Please pray for us here as we try to meet the needs of the different missionary families. We will also see families going back to the mission field and their children moving into the MK home. Pray for the staff and these young people. I covet your prayers as we travel for the ministry and that the Lord would receive all the glory and honor.



## *A Note from Larry George*

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! Wow, where did 2002 go? I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your faithful support for our families and Siloam Missionary Homes. This past year, you helped in providing housing for 14 families. If I could only have each family tell you how much they truly appreciated having a place to stay, you would be able to feel their gratitude. But, the Lord knows and He will bless you for it.



*Larry George presents a print of the MK home to Sherry Simmons, Gary's wife.*

"If we are abiding in Jesus and His words are abiding in us, then Jesus says God will answer our prayers." O. Chambers. "Ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7 Yes, it does take time on our knees before the Lord. My father-in-law, Wilbur Abbey, along with some of the other men, take all of our prayer requests daily and lay them before the Lord. I realize more and more the power in prayer, and the importance of putting everything before Him.

It was exciting to be able to end the year in the black. God continues to bless here. We are getting the place back to normal since the ice storm. We appreciated David Norton, Johnny and Vicki Gates and their family, along with our staff, who have spent numerous hours cutting down trees and burning brush. I believe we will have wood to burn for years to come! The trailer that was damaged will have a new roof soon. Hopefully, by the end of January, all of the repairs will be done. We would also like to thank all the volunteers for their efforts in all of the building projects. This year, we continue to move full steam ahead with plans to enclose the workshop, the tractor shed, and add a roof over the front of Stanton Hall.

Saturday, January 18th, we dedicated the annex of the MK home in memory of Gary Simmons, our former project engineer, who went home to be with the Lord last June. Gary has been greatly missed.

We covet your prayers as we continue in the ministry of providing encouragement and fellowship to the missionary families. Pray for Joyce and I as we travel during February for the ministry.

Again, thank you for your prayers as we serve the Lord Jesus together.

Because of Christ,  
Larry George  
President



# WINTER AT SILOAM

By Ronnie & Tammie Isley, MK house parents

My mind goes back to last year (2002) in January when the snowstorm buried us for a few days. Then this past December, we had the big ice storm of the decade. We were awakened at 2:30 a.m. to the sound of trees crashing down all around us. Then the power went off. We went downstairs to wait for daylight to survey the damage. (Wow!) Everyone was safe. We managed, with a kerosene heater for heat, and we cooked on the gas grill. The power stayed out for 5 days. It really makes you thankful for something you take for granted every day.

The month of December was so busy – church, eat; parties, eat; family, eat. We got the kids (MK's) a real Christmas tree. Jessica said she had never had one before! This was our first Christmas with the kids. It was wonderful. A church helped provide us with gifts for Jessica and Nick. We thank them for their generosity. We were reminded that we shouldn't forget what Christmas is all about. It is God the Father giving His Son. We thank Him for His wonderful Gift.



Photo of completed MK home with addition

**MK update:** The addition is completed. Nick moved in on November 21st. We still have a few things that have to be done outside. The gutters need to be installed and the sidewalks need to be poured. Please pray as we get more MK's, that we will be the example that we need to be, and that they will see something different in our lives. That is our goal.

If you would like to e-mail us at our home, the address is [siloammk@net-path.net](mailto:siloammk@net-path.net), which is different from the one in the office, [siloammk@bell-south.net](mailto:siloammk@bell-south.net). Please feel free to contact us at any time.

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*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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Love is not just  
feeling in your heart



It's work gloves  
on your hands.

## Watch Out for That Tree

by Richard Burlingham, Jr.  
Director of Maintenance

The ice storm in December brought with it a whole new perspective to life in North Carolina. We are still amazed at the destruction that ice can do! As Jennifer and I were listening to the trees snap and crash to the ground, we were praying with each "pop" that God would guide the trees down and protect everyone on the mission property. By God's grace, we all made it through without injury. Some of the homes were not so fortunate. As we looked at the damage the next day, as trees were still falling, we realized how much God had protected us. Many trees that could have done a lot of damage narrowly missed buildings and vehicles. We are still cleaning up trees and debris, but thanks to Al Mitchell, the property is looking much better. Al has been working every day on pulling trees and brush out of the yards. I would also like to thank all that came out the day after the storm to help us get trees off the houses and out of the roads. It is a slow process, but things are looking better each day.

We are now beginning to plan work groups for this coming year. We are excited to get started with some new projects. We are looking forward to some new groups join us this year as well as some of our previous ones. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us this year. God bless you all and be reminded of God's protection each and every day.



# Many Thanks

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

- **Sharon Anderson** for the computer for the MK home
- **Bobby Puett** for the mattresses for the MK home
- **Ray Soyars** for the computers and accounting program
- **Jim and Donna Fearnside** for the paint and labor to make the yard Christmas card
- **Susan Barber** for the furniture
- **Pat Jones** for the washer & dryer
- **Terrell's Custom Cabinets** for the bathroom cabinet for the MK home
- **Kay Swinney** for the scanner
- **John Brush Builders** for the nailer
- **Steve and Rachelle Cole** for the osb boards and siding

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## Dear Coffee Club Members,

We had a wonderful time over the Christmas holidays.

Rachel was home for two whole weeks! (I guess there are definitely advantages to being a schoolteacher!) We enjoyed having her here with us. While she was home, she celebrated a birthday, so we took her, Mike and Abbey to Wilmington to enjoy some time at the beach. It was great to get away for a couple of days, and relax and just enjoy each other's company.



We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Mike and Abbey's baby. We still don't know if it is a boy or girl, but will find out sometime around March 10th. Please pray the Lord will give health to both Abbey and the baby, and a safe and easy delivery.

I am so thankful for God's protecting hand over Larry. On New Year's Day, he decided to climb onto the roof of our house to put a chimney cap on the fireplace. It had been raining earlier in the day, and when he stepped off the ladder onto the roof, his foot slipped. He fell onto the ladder, catching his left arm and came down onto the deck on his left side. We took him to the emergency room, where they did x-rays. His arm was not broken, but badly bruised. They put a brace on his arm to help protect it. It is still bothering him some, so please pray it will completely heal. His fall could have been much more serious, especially since he had a long screwdriver in his back pocket at the time of the fall.

I'd like to say thank you to our newest Coffee Club Members, William and Martha Dacus. And, thanks to each of you who so faithfully and sacrificially give to keep this ministry going.

God bless you all.

Your "CoffeeMate," — *Joyce George*

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