



# Siloam Missionary Homes

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

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## "SILOAM, A PLACE CALLED HOME, WHERE PEOPLE LOVING PEOPLE IS A FAMILY" —by Larry George

As you drive onto the Siloam Missionary Homes' property, you can witness a miracle. Of course, each house has stories of special ways God provided, but at the middle of the property sits the new Family Center, a trophy of what God is doing today. I am reminded of the job the Apostle Paul had when he wrote to the Christians in Philippians 1:3, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in ever prayer with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

The building is being built by God's people, one brick at a time. Even though the cost of materials has increased, we have continued. God has been so good. Our goal, Lord willing, is to be complete by May 15th. The missionary families are excited and can't wait to start using the building.

To date, we have commitments of \$123,000.00 towards the goal of \$300,000.00. Like King David said to Goliath, "I come in the name of the Lord!" Pray for us here as we complete the task before us.



**Groundbreaking for the Family Center May 4, 2003**



**Bulldozing begins August 4, 2003**

### *Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

**T**oday I rejoice with thanksgiving in my heart for your great outpouring of love by helping to provide for the needs of missionary families. I stand humbled as I have watched food come in to help feed the families here - these families who are giving everything to go to the ends of the earth to take Christ to the nations. What joy fills our hearts as we see these folks take the food to their homes and feed their families!

I feel at times like I am living in the days of the early church, when Christian brothers and sisters gave to help others. God truly will bless you for being so generous. You will never realize the encouragement you have been to us. But through your giving, you will reap the rewards by helping get these missionaries to the field. I am reminded of the scripture in Phil 4:8 & 9, "Finally, brothers, whatsoever is true, whatsoever is honorable, whatsoever is pure, whatsoever is lovely, whatsoever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you."

To God be the glory forever!

With thankful hearts,  
Larry & Joyce



**Slab completed September 16, 2003**



**Interior and exterior walls put in place October 1, 2003"**

*more photos on next page*

## *Siloam, a place called Home...* continued from page 1



**top left:** Shingles put on by Hines Chapel, Apple's Chapel and Osceola Baptist men, October 11, 2003

**bottom left:** Roof completed, brick work finished, porch cement poured November 5, 2003

**top right:** Simeon Morris and his father helping unload food brought from Faith Fellowship Church

## *These Special Gifts were given In Honor Of or In Loving Memory*

**GIVEN BY:**

Ralph & Esther Cummings

**IN HONOR OF:**

Ed and June Buck 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**GIVEN BY:**

Bill and Sherry Ramsey

**IN MEMORY OF:**

Wilbur Abbey

**GIVEN BY:**

Lena Bryant

**IN MEMORY OF:**

Wilbur Abbey

## **Thank you...thank you...thank you!**

So many of you have been so generous. We would like to say "Thank You" to:

- **Curtis Isley** for the freezer
- **Dan Timmons** for the freezer
- **Paul and Ruth Walker** for the deer meat
- **Ben Whitt** for the furniture
- **Tom and Mary Lou DeYoung** for the meat
- **Alison Gramza** for the bike helmets for the kids
- **Dick and Claudia Burlingham** for the flooring
- **Warren VanDenBrink** for the flooring
- **Craig and Tonya LaTorre** for the draperies
- **Pat Jordan** for the desk and bean bag chair
- **Sav-A-Lot** for the food
- **Jim and Anna Murray** for the Halloween pumpkins and candy for the missionary kids
- **Robert Rich** for the pintos for the work group – yum!
- **VF Jeanswear** for the clothing
- **Don Foglemen** for the heat and air unit
- **Lynn Limon** for the sheets
- **Alan Murray** for fixing the electrical problem in the construction trailer
- **Dolly Gunnell** for the lamps
- **Mr. & Mrs. Golden Chrismon** for the coffee table
- **Mr. & Mrs. Al Kennedy** for the couch and love seat
- **Randy Eddins** for the corrugated pipe
- **Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Loy** for the clothing and furniture
- **Terry Murphy** for the furniture
- **Mr. & Mrs. Grove Huffines** for the kitchen items
- **Rev. & Mrs. Ken Hopkins** for the books
- **Paul and Faye Dickey** for the love seat
- **Allegan Bible Church, Maple Grove Bible Church, Rich and Laura Barden, Dick and Claudia Burlingham** for the vegetables and food
- **Pleasant Hill Christian Church** for the food and paper products
- **Agape Baptist Church** for the food
- **1st ARP Church** for the food
- **Edgefield Baptist Church** for the food

# Thanksgiving!

I love this time of year. So much has happened over the last several months. Each day I see God's hand at work here at Siloam. We have so much to be thankful for. We had great workgroups come over the spring and summer and were able to see old friends and make many new ones. The groups were able to complete many of the projects that without them, wouldn't have gotten done. God has also blessed in the construction of our new Family Center. We are excited to see how God is providing each and every day to meet the needs we have here at the mission.

It's easy to forget sometimes what God is doing for us. We tend to get focused on something else going on in our lives and we don't pay attention to the every day blessings He provides. Such as the beautiful fall colors, the happiness we hear in the voices of the missionary children as they play in the playgrounds, taking time to talk with the missionaries to see how their day is going, or even when I am having a rough day and my wife drives up with our son and he runs up yelling "Daddy, Daddy!" He carries his toy hammer and is always willing to help daddy fix whatever needs to be fixed. We need to take more time to stop, listen to God and as it says in I Thess. 5:18, "In every thing give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." —by Richard Burlingham, Jr., Director of Maintenance

## A Word from Some of Our Missionaries



### Johnson family

We thank the Lord for all He means to us. So often we take for granted His spiritual provisions. The privilege of receiving God's Word and learning of His love cannot be overstated. We have been blessed with the opportunity to take His truth to others, and marvel at His power to change lives. We are also grateful for His material provisions, especially as relates to Siloam Missionary Homes, where we have found a refuge and haven in a time of storm. This will be a very special Thanksgiving for us. It may seem strange, but we have unspoken blessings, having seen God resolve great problems, which cannot be openly shared. He is interested in our personal lives, and promises to be with us continually.

—by David & Connie Johnson, missionaries to Brazil



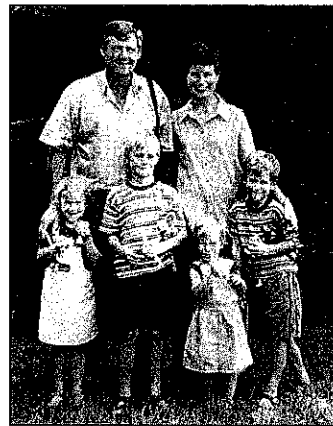
### Morris family

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." This Thanksgiving, our family gives praise to God for sending His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We want to give Him all the praise, honor and glory. We are thankful for the gift of family. The Lord has blessed us with six wonderful children. All of the older ones have trusted Christ and are growing in Him, reading His Word, and living for Him.

We praise the Lord for this wonderful home at Siloam that He has allowed us to occupy. What a blessing to be at such a nice place surrounded by believers! The Lord has blessed us abundantly with food, clothes and all the material provisions. In conclusion, we want to give the glory and praise to God for all His mercies and

goodness to our family. He is a great Savior! Praise His name! —by David & Terri Morris, full time evangelist

our lives. —by Graham & Joanne Peacocke, missionaries to Zimbabwe



### Peacocke family

Being "foreign" missionaries (we are South African citizens going to the mission field of Zimbabwe), we arrived in the United States with no "home base" and no support network that most missionaries on deputation enjoy. However, we have found that in Siloam Missionary Homes, we do indeed have a "home away from home." God has provided us with a beautiful and comfortable home here, surrounded by wonderful people who know and understand the needs of missionaries on deputation or furlough. We are thankful for God's gracious provision in



### Isley family

Siloam Missionary Homes is a very special place for us. I am excited for my family to take advantage the tranquil environment that we may grow together in the Lord. I believe that our stay here will be a holy milestone in which we will gain strength from during our future ministry in Eastern Europe. We are very thankful to God for allowing us the privilege to live in the Donna Coble house. It is above and beyond what we were able to ask or think. It is also a wonderful blessing to my family to have neighbors who are obeying their calling, and trusting God on a daily basis for spiritual and material provision. May God's work here continue to be effectual for His mission and for His glory!

—by Joel, Erika, & David Isley, missionaries to Hungary



## A "THANK YOU" NOTE

*"Just a note to say thank you for all the work you put into making Siloam a wonderful place to stay. Thanks for giving Caleb the opportunity to care for the chickens. It's been a great experience for him."*

—Brad, Martha, Caleb and Joshua Fleck, missionaries to the Marshall Islands

*"You are so often in our thoughts and we know that your ministry is blessed as you provide housing and meet other needs for the many folks that pass through there."*

—Fan and Jan Cochran, missionaries to Paraguay

*"We are so excited to see the pictures of the new Family Center. We feel as though we are hearing from home every time we receive your Siloam-O-Gram. Thanks for sending those updates to us. We love it! We are already looking forward to returning "home" to SMH in 2006. Thank you for your burden and ministry to missionary families."*

—Kent and Becky Bryant, missionaries to the Fiji Islands

*"Something the other day reminded me of what a blessing it was to us when you allowed us to stay that extra year. Somehow your understanding...was really comforting. In case I didn't say it before, thank you so much for helping us at that time."*

—Keith & Jeanette Cullers, missionaries to Taiwan

*"Thank you for letting us stay in this house. Thank you for the food that you have let us take. I really like it here in our new home. I like the bikes that you have let us use."*

—Megan Peacocke, 4yr. old daughter of Graham & Joanne Peacocke, missionaries to Zimbabwe

**Would you like to be able to contribute to Siloam Missionary Homes and save money at the same time? By signing up, your long distance rates will be lower and 8% of your long distance will go to Siloam Missionary Homes. For more information, call toll free 1-866-735-3439 and ask for James Ivey or look up our web site at [www.lowermyphonebill.com/siloam](http://www.lowermyphonebill.com/siloam).**

Dear Coffee Club Members,



As I look up at the bulletin board over my desk, my eyes are drawn to the pictures that I have hanging there and I realize how blessed I am. My dad's picture reminds me of the passion that he had for souls and his never-ending desire to see people involved in missions – "the harvest is great." I see my Mom, who has been beside us every step of the way here at SMH, and who has been one of my greatest cheerleaders. She has been a faithful example of serving the Lord. What a privilege it is to have been their daughter! Then my eyes move across the bulletin board to another photo – one of Larry and me taken last Valentine's Day. How richly the Lord has blessed me with a husband who loves God and has a desire to serve Him. Larry is truly a gift of the Lord, and my best friend. Rachel's picture, taken at Burlington Christian Academy this year, is also there. She has brought so much joy into our lives as we have watched her mature into a beautiful young lady who is involved in serving the Lord as she teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, and helps with the music at her church. There is a picture of Abbey, who has also brought so much joy into our lives as she has become a beautiful wife and mother. She is faithfully involved in helping in Awana at church and sings in the choir. The picture of Mike, our son (in-law), reminds me that "every good and perfect gift comes from God." God has blessed our family by giving him to us. I could have not asked for a more loving and caring person in our lives, and I am so thankful for him. And of course, last, but certainly not least, is our precious grandbaby, Macie Joy. There is nothing quite like the smile and squeal she lets out when she sees us! She is crawling all over the place and will be walking soon. How gracious God has been to give her to us. *With all of these wonderful people in my life, how can I be anything but Thankful?*

I would like to encourage some of you to pray about joining with us as monthly Coffee Club members. We have had four new members, Jesse & Debbie Smith, Jeff & Kristi Homan, John & Pam Pyle, and John Gramza join the Coffee Club since our last newsletter. How thankful we are for each of you who help give these missionary families a home.

We pray that you will have a blessed Thanksgiving and Christ-centered Holiday season. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

Your "CoffeeMate," — Joyce George

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

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