



# SILOAM MISSIONARY HOMES

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*"providing missionary housing for a lifetime . . ."*

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Dear Friends,

Over the past several years, we have picked a spring campaign drive to spruce up an existing home, do landscaping or build a playground. Last summer, we had an individual give an above ground pool to Siloam Missionary Homes. This was for the kids and families. In the past, we have had to drive the kids to a pool located about 8 miles from the property. This year's spring project will be to install the pool and put a deck and privacy fence around the pool. In previous years we sent out Sunflower seeds. This year as I was looking at seed catalogs, I saw the name *"forget-me not"* and thought, "how appropriate." We always tell our friends when we leave, hey don't forget to write. When our missionary families go back to the field we say, "don't forget me." I wanted to send you a flower that would come up every year so that when friends ask you about the flowers, you can tell them about your friends at Siloam Missionary Homes. I looked up the story of how the seed got its name. Here's the story.

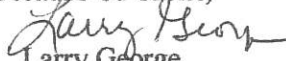
A medieval knight was gathering blue flowers along a stream for his ladylove. Suddenly floodwaters came, and he was swept away. As he disappeared, he tossed the bouquet to his lady with the immortal words, "Forget-Me-Not."

We all like the idea of not being forgotten. As I was looking for scripture that would reference "forget not" I found Hebrews 13:16 *"But to do good and to communicate (share what you have with others) forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."* The reference to sacrifice was Phil 4:18 where the apostle Paul was speaking to the church and said *"But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God."* This passage was a real encouragement to me to realize our sacrificial giving doesn't go unnoticed. This not only encourages the folks we give to – like the Apostle Paul stated – but also is well pleasing to the Lord. One of the first verses that comes to mind is *"forsake not the assembling of your selves together."* We need always to encourage each other, and fellowship with each other.

We have enclosed a special packet of "forget-me not" seeds for you to plant. We ask that while planting these seeds, you remember to pray for us here at Siloam Missionary Homes. Without your prayers we would be powerless. Share Siloam with a friend. If you would like to help us with this special project for the families and kids here, it would be greatly appreciated.

In closing, take time today to remember a friend, a mom, dad brother or sister. Who knows, they may be lonely today, thinking they have been forgotten. "For-get-me-not!!! Have a great day! I'm praying for you.

Because Of Christ,

  
Larry George  
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"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shown toward His name in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." Heb. 6:10