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GOD BLESSED AND SILOAM GREW *By Larry George, President*



The Siloam Family Center will be a wonderful asset to the families living at SMH.

How exciting it is to look outside today and see the work the dozer has done to shape the middle of the Siloam Missionary Homes property for the new "Siloam Family Center." This beautiful brick 6100 sq. ft. building will house a library (resource center), a place for overnight missionary housing, and rooms for work groups to stay. We will have a fellowship hall for family get-togethers, and office space. This magnificent addition will enable us to free up two other buildings currently being used for some of these things, giving us more missionary apartments. Praise the Lord!

Have you ever been excited and scared at the same time? Well, if we are honest, we all have to say that we have. I know we have seen God do what we felt was the impossible, over and over again. He has proven His faithfulness. But, like Moses, we still have questions in our hearts. A couple of weeks ago, I was walking down to the chapel on my way to the office and saw a familiar site. Grandpa (Abbey) had his shoes, or as he calls them, his "mud hooks" outside the chapel door. I stopped and went inside. There before me, I saw a man on his knees before the Lord. He was

using his magnifying glass to look at the prayer requests, which had been written by the missionaries that live here.

He was really having quite a time because he couldn't see the requests. Being 92 and hard of hearing, he didn't know I was there, either. This

humbled me to see this prayer warrior before me, calling my name out in prayer. As the tears ran down my face, I knelt beside him. Feeling like a lost child, I asked him to pray for me. I was looking at the task that lay before me. Although I know without a shadow of a doubt it's what God wants, in my eyes it seemed so impossible. It was overwhelming. He stopped and prayed for me. In our conversation, he encouraged me to do what the Lord has called me to do. But, to do so in the name of the Lord. He looked at me and said, "It's big for you, but nothing is too big for God. God looks at all situations the same. What's over our head is under His feet." He proceeded to share with me the familiar old story of David and Goliath. We read in I Samuel 17:45, *"Then said David to the Philistine, thou comest to me with a sword and with a spear and*

with a shield; but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hands; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee. And I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God of Israel." David came in the name of the Lord, where the giant came in the name of his god. We must also come in the name of the Lord. It wasn't David's skill nor his strength that defeated Goliath, but God.

Today, it encourages me to see God working in my life. In my devotions over and over again, He has assured me through His word that we are doing what He has commanded me to do. In Proverbs 24, three different verses refer to building with wisdom. Verse 3 "Through wisdom is a house built, and by understanding it is established." Verse 6, "For by wise counsel thou shalt make a war; and in the multitude of counselors there is safety. (Wisdom in council – our board of directors unanimously voted to build this building.) And in verse 27, "Prepare thy work without and make it fit for thyself in the field, and after



wards build thine house." Preparing the fields. That's what the dozers are doing today. Preparing the field. God has raised up the seed money to start the building. Lord willing, He will also raise the rest. Praise the Lord! Pray for us as we build again for the missionary families here. This will be such a blessing to all of them.

God is so good. Pray for us also that God will receive all the glory and honor. To God be the glory, great things He has done. God bless you all.

O Taste and See that the Lord is Good! Siloam Growing Yet Again!

By Larry George, President



This home will allow us to provide a house for another missionary family

How I praise the Lord for His direction and guidance. This month, SMH was able to purchase the property that borders Siloam at the entranceway. There are 4 acres, and a double wide and a single wide on the property. We are able to purchase it for the payoff price of \$107,000.00. Wilbur and

Dorothy Abbey, Joyce's parents, live in the single wide. Since the Abbey's are co-founders of Siloam Missionary Homes, and also retired missionaries from New Tribes Mission, the board of directors has given them lifetime rights to live in the single wide. They will pay a maintenance fee and their own utilities, just as the other missionaries do.

The double wide was the home that my parents lived in before my father passed away and my mother re-married. She moved to Burlington with her new husband, Jim Murray. Richard and Jennifer Burlingham, our maintenance director, plan to move into the double wide, which will leave the duplex where they had been living at SMH available to house a missionary family who are with Word of Life International.

This property has a market value of \$140,000.00 and will not only increase the size of Siloam from 16.5 acres to 21 acres, but will also provide additional housing.

Please pray for us that God will provide the money to offset our expenses. Ps. 34:8, *"O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in Him."*

Spring at Siloam – Again!

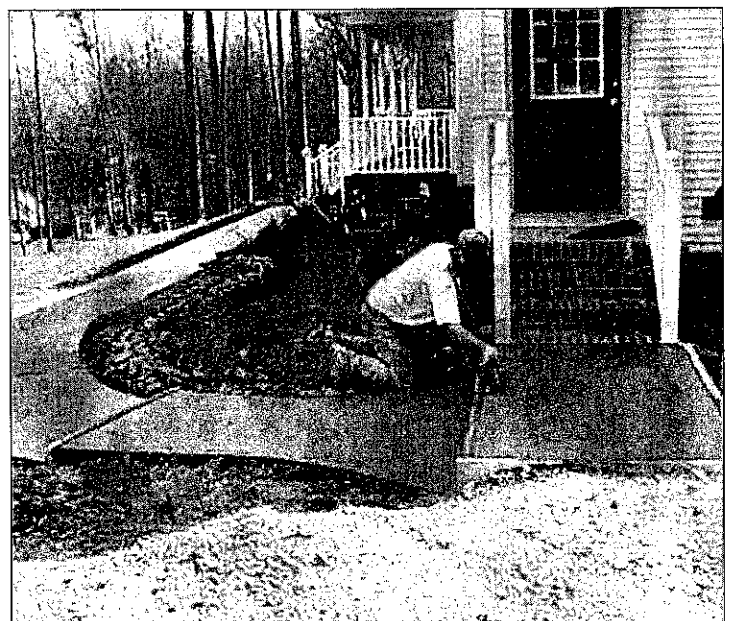
By Ronnie and Tammie Isley, MK home parents

Buttercups, yellowbells, dogwood trees. Over the past month bulldozers have been working in between rainstorms and red mud for our next building project. Also, they have cleared land beside the MK home for additional parking. On week-ends, we have been cutting lumber from all of the trees that came down during the winter storms. We are going to use the lumber for projects on the property.

Update on the MK home projects – We got our sidewalk poured the first week of April, thanks to John and LouAnn Brush. What a blessing! We still need gutters and some landscaping done.

By the time you read this Tammie and I will have been to Kansas City, Mo., for a conference for MK caregivers. We are asking the Lord for safe travel and a good time to listen to others share and gain valuable information about our MK's.

Jessica is working hard every day and look forward to the summer. Nick is going home to Brazil for three months and returning in August. Luke and Paul Smith are moving into the house in July. Pray for them, it will be a hard transition with



John Brush came from Michigan to put in sidewalks at the MK home, and in front of two other homes.

their parents leaving to return to Papua New Guinea.

Prov. 2:6, "For the Lord giveth wisdom." Daily we pray for the Lord's help with the "kids" and to ever be a living example of Christ.

BUSY, BUSY, BUSY

By Richard Burlingham, Jr., Director of Maintenance



A group of men from Osceola Baptist Church came out and helped lay some block.



Kevin Lasley and Darin Embry, from Bethel Baptist Church, came out and helped plant grass seed around the MK home and in the front yard of the basement apartment

The summer is quickly approaching and as I type this article I am thinking of all of the projects we have scheduled for the groups this year. As you can see by the photos, we've already had several come and help with various projects. I am looking forward with excitement at what we will accomplish in the coming months. We have several groups already scheduled to come, starting during spring break and going on throughout the summer. Once again, we have projects planned from landscaping to construction. God has blessed us with a number of groups that will help clean up and improve the looks of the property.

We have started clearing the land for the Siloam Family Center and we are hoping to begin the construction soon. This building will consist of our new office space, kitchen, fellowship hall, library and bunkrooms. In building this, we will free up two more homes for missionaries. This will also offer a more suitable place to use for overnight housing. God has already done some great things in the planning stages of the project and we are waiting to see what He has in store for us in the future.

Pray that God would keep us all healthy and give us the strength we need to accomplish what He has for us to do in the coming months. Also, please pray for our work groups this year, as many of them will travel many miles to come give of their time.

May God bless each of you this coming year and may you feel the excitement of being busy for Christ.

Thank you...thank you!

- *Butch and Judy Trinidad* for the office desk.
- *Mr. & Mrs. Larry Warren* for the ceiling fans, sink and mailboxes.
- *Dick and Claudia Burlingham* for the lawn mower.
- *Michael Teague* for use of the lawn aerator.
- *Mr. & Mrs. Bill Newell* for the freezer.
- *Jack and Lisa Culbertson* for the bunk bed and mattress.
- *Standard Furniture Manufacturing* for the furniture.
- *John Reynolds* for the chairs.
- *Everyone who housed and fed us during our trips to Michigan and Tennessee* – thank you! You were all so gracious to us and we had such great times of fellowship.



Macie Joy in her "going home" outfit, leaving the hospital at 3 days old.

Dear Coffee Club Members,

Well, I told you all I would let you know when our grandbaby came. Well she is here!!! She was born on March 20 in the evening, weighing 8 lb. 4 oz. and 21 inches long! She looks just like her daddy, with her mommy's nose! We are so happy that she is healthy and beautiful (I'm not prejudiced at all!) and we are already trying to do what we can to spoil her! Mike and Abbey are so proud! The Lord was so gracious to bring her safely into the world. Abbey had a rough time during labor, and ended up having a c-section. But she has recovered really quickly, for which we are thankful.



We are so thankful, too, for God's hand of protection on Larry when he had his heart catheterization on March 27th. (See what happens when you become a grandpa!) He had been having some pain, and went to the doctor. They admitted him to the hospital and decided to check him over. The heart cath showed three minor blockages, and the doctors are

sure they can regulate that with medication. So, he is recovering and getting used to the new medicine. Please continue to pray for him.

My dad has had a pretty rough month, too. He was having some weak spells, and then fell one evening and broke some ribs. So, he has been slowly gaining strength. Please pray that he will be able to get back up and start doing the things he loves to do again.

We are so thankful for the Lord's provision for us and for the ministry as a whole. We have a new coffee club member to welcome, Barbara Goodrich. We are so glad that she has joined us. Would you consider becoming a coffee club member, and helping us continue to provide these home for missionary families from around the world? Our costs have increased greatly over the past year and your gifts would make a difference to us and the missionaries who come to stay here. Even a one-year commitment would be a wonderful contribution. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining with us.

Again, thank you, we love you, and God bless you all.

Your "CoffeeMate," — *Joyce George*

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