



SILOAM MISSIONARY HOMES

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Dear Friends of Siloam,

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. I hope this letter will encourage you and also let you know how to pray for us.

Since the beginning of Siloam Missionary Homes, we have seen God do what we saw as impossible. The Lord has greatly blessed each of us. We have grown at an unbelievable rate. Actually, we have grown faster than our monthly income level has. When the economy began to slide, we noticed a decrease in our 'special gifts.' The word "downsize" seems to be something we are hearing on a daily basis. It's like a red light flashing into the night. We as a board also believe that the Lord has a reason for everything. The scripture tells us that God is in control. He did not start something to not finish it! The Bible says, *"He that has begun a good work in you shall finish it unto the day of Christ Jesus."* We rest in that. The board of directors has met a couple of times in the past several months to discuss the downtrend in the economy and the finances of Siloam Missionary Homes.


First, we made the decision to suspend the MK home for a year because of cost and also enrollment was way down. When the plans for the MK's with Word of Life never materialized, we knew we had to downsize quickly because this part of the ministry was causing a real strain financially. We also wanted to make sure we could use the MK home for missionaries. With the building being so large, it was perfect for large families. And as God would we have it, we received a call from a family with six children needing such a place. They will be moving in a couple of weeks.

Second, I requested that the board suspend my retirement program. It was also during this meeting that we decided to move our house parents into a smaller home on the property. But the economy has forced us to once again to look for ways to cut back. The only other alternative was to let a staff family go. It is with great regret that we are losing Ronnie and Tammie Isley. They have been such a great help here at Siloam.

We see how the Lord continues to work at Siloam Missionary Homes. In spite of our human efforts, the Lord has a plan. Ronnie has been, and continues to work full time for Nabisco and Tammie has gotten a job working for a local Christian school. Please pray for them that they will find a home. This has been a very difficult time for all of us.

We hope this letter will help you better understand some of the changes going on here at Siloam. SMH is solid as a ministry and we believe that with these adjustments, we will continue to move ahead to minister to the missionaries. God is able! If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. God bless you all.

Because of Christ,


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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