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SILOAM FAMILY CENTER UPDATE

WOW! It is coming along! On February 17th the insulation was completed and the drywall goes up the week of March 1st. The exterior soffit and trim have also been completed. Al, Richard and I have been laying out the landscaping. It is exciting to see what the Lord is doing!

We need painters. Let me rephrase that – we need willing workers to help get this Center done. If you like to stain, paint, trim, stencil, etc., give us a call, we have a job for you.

Please pray for safety and all the work being done here at Siloam Missionary Homes.



The Family Center is going to be a blessing to all of us at Siloam Missionary Homes.



Steve Wooten works to put up the soffit on the exterior of the building.



IT'S LOOKIN' GOOD!"

BEYOND CIRCUMSTANCES *by Larry George*

The Lord is so good! Are you like me, allowing circumstances to dictate how you feel? At times, circumstances control what we do.

Last Sunday was one of those days. I woke excited about the day. We were going to our home church for the morning service, where I could just sit and observe the service and soak it in like a sponge. I was scheduled to speak that evening in a supporting church.

I got out of bed and felt cold. When I turned up the heat, I realized that the furnace was not working. *"Great! Call the maintenance man! What's this going to cost?"* I thought to myself. My next move was to turn on the CD player to listen to some praise music, which we usually do on Sunday mornings to help prepare our hearts for church. Well, the

CD player wouldn't work! But, I quickly found out it was my own fault, I had double stacked a CD! Then, the vacuum quit working... by this time, I wasn't in the mood for church or worship. My thoughts were, *"What's the use?"* I allowed circumstances to dictate my day and how I felt. Jesus gave us so many examples in the Bible of circumstances that to us would have been out of our control. The feeding of the 5,000; the daily criticism by the religious leaders of His day who always tried to twist what He was doing to make Him look bad. Yet, He went about His Father's business.

On a daily basis, I must bring all of my circumstances to the throne of the Lord, just as the Apostle Paul did and also instructed his fellow believers to do. Philippians 3:13 & 14, *"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things*

which are behind (to me, circumstances) and reaching forth unto those things which are before." I praise the Lord for circumstances. I know it's easy to say when things are going well. But it keeps me looking to Him, our wonderful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Family Center is past the half-way point toward completion. The cost of the project is a lot more than we had anticipated, but I realize this is all part of God's plan. We look daily for the Lord to provide, knowing He will lay the need on people's hearts. It is exciting, although frightening, at times. But then, who does it all belong to? Him!

Please pray that God will continue to lay the Family Center on the hearts of His people, as we press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

TIME TO SPRUCE UP FOR SPRING!

By Richard Burlingham Jr., Director of Maintenance



Al & Lois Mitchell work to clean up trees and limbs in the Isley House yard.

Once again spring is just around the corner and it is time to begin thinking about planting flowers, cleaning up the yards, and mowing. Ahhh, the smell of fresh cut grass. This also gets me thinking about getting the equipment in running order. Our poor old Kubota needs a few repairs before we'll be able to use it again, but it has served us well, being used week after week over the rough terrain of

Snow Camp. The thought of warm sunshine gets me excited to be able to get back outside and work without being bundled up in multi-layered clothing.

This winter has been a busy one for us. We have been working on the Family Center and are looking forward to the completion so we can begin using it. We are busy now trying to get the soffit and metal put up and are ready for the sheetrock to go up. It's real easy for us to get so focused on having enough money to finish the building to where we try to figure things out for ourselves

instead of relying on God to meet those needs. It's great to see God working when

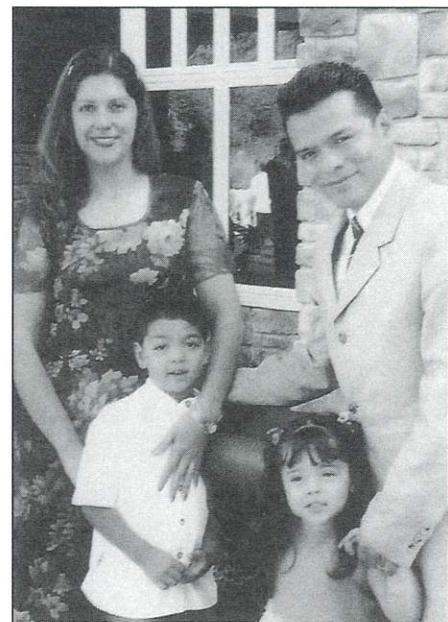
we get down to very little money and He gives us just what we need when we need it. We are continually hearing of people who are willing to help out in areas just as we approach the time we have a need in that area. God Is Good! We need to just remember what God's word says in Philippians 4:19 *"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."*

These special gifts were given in honor of or in loving memory of:

GIVEN BY:	James and Ann Hamby
IN MEMORY OF:	Jack and Grace Fenton
GIVEN BY:	Jerry and Mary Porter
IN HONOR OF:	Larry and Joyce George
GIVEN BY:	Nelson and Cindi Straughn
IN MEMORY OF:	Jean Lane
GIVEN BY:	Whitney, Emily & Caleb Biggers
IN HONOR OF:	M.B. and Zelda Lewis
GIVEN BY:	Jim Collins
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IN HONOR OF:	Kaye Johnson Teague
GIVEN BY:	Grandma & Grandpa Stutzman
IN HONOR OF:	Karisa Stutzman and Mike Estleman
GIVEN BY:	Betty Jo Sickler
IN MEMORY OF:	Margarett Filling

A Note From A Missionary Family

By Martin & Sylvia Garcia, missionaries to Australia



We are reminded of a tremendous verse in the Psalm 100:4, "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise, be thankful unto Him and bless His name." We are so grateful to our God, who is our Creator, Sustainer, Provider, Protector and Savior. In the past few months, visiting the US, we have experienced many of His blessings. Traveling many miles, visiting different churches and meeting people that love God has given us a greater appreciation of God's character.

Siloam Missionary Homes has been an answer to prayer for my family and I. The Godly example of the staff has inspired our faith, seeing the provision of the Lord for these homes. I truly believe that the Lord has blessed this ministry because of the faith and commitment of these wonderful people.

THANK YOU...THANK YOU!

- *Pastor and Tina Majors* for the bedroom suite and desk.
- *Mr. & Mrs. Ed Harris* and *Mr. & Mrs. James Pierce* for the porch swings and chairs
- *Pat Jordan* for the desk.
- *Pat Jones* for the dresser and other items.
- *Paul and Ruth Walker* for the clothing.
- *Wayne and Virginia Hinson* for the books for our new library.
- *Tommy King* for the Pocket PC Phone.
- *DeGe, Inc.* for the lintels for the Family Center.
- *Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hair* for the Christmas tree and decorations.
- *Charles and Lisa Harris* for the Christmas decorations.
- *Marsha Perry* for the dining room table, chairs and hutch.
- *Carol Fray* for the Christmas decorations.
- *Barbara Woodson* for the Christmas tree.
- *Lindly Mills, Inc.* for the flour, sugar, grits and other food.
- *Carl Kincaid* for the books.

Needs List	Summer Projects
• Paint	<i>Call Richard for details</i>
• Carpet	• Landscaping
• Tile	• Fencing

Dear Coffee Club Members,



Last Saturday, I sat in the middle of a group of people and we were asked by the speaker, "How many of you love your job?" A lot of them laughed, but I could easily have raised my hand and responded with a definite "I DO!"

I wish you could come spend a day with me and see what I see. Just a few minutes ago, I walked out to the mail box at the road to get today's mail, and two little missionary kids followed me out and back. Christy is a three-year old girl who loves to play "dress up" and she had on her little ballerina outfit with sparkling pink high heel play shoes. Her eyes just danced as she and her sister waited for me to go through the mail to see if any of it was for their family. What an exceptional privilege it is to know these missionary families. How I thank the Lord for allowing me to be part of a place like this, and yes, I do love my job!

As far as my own family is concerned, Rachel is getting ready to spread her wings once again and fly – to Brazil! She has accepted an offer from Aclia, an English speaking Christian school in Manaus, Brazil, to teach second grade during the 2004-2005 school year. She plans to leave for Brazil in July and will be there for about 11 months. She is excited and a little nervous about this adventure, but is convinced that is where the Lord is directing her. There is a lot of paperwork that needs to be completed to get her Brazilian passport and documents to teach there, so please pray for her. She also needs to raise about \$500 a month support, so please keep that in your prayers as well.

Abbey, Mike and Macie are doing great. Abbey is a terrific mom and stays busy with Macie, who is almost a year old already! How times flies. She is walking all over the place and jabbers constantly now. What a joy it is to have them close by so we can enjoy being grandparents. Mike has been busy with work and has been a tremendous help to Larry with planning our new display and logo. I thank the Lord every day for my wonderful family!

Thank the Lord, we have some new coffee club members to welcome – Juanita Stone, Brenda Warren, and Jim and Janet Foster. How thankful we are to each of you who so faithfully support us each month. We pray the Lord will richly bless you and will meet every one of your needs. He is so Faithful!

Your "CoffeeMate," — Joyce George

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

☐ \$15

☐ \$25

☐ \$50

☐ Other \$ (Please send my Coffee Club cup.)

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☐ Family Center

☐ Larry & Joyce George salary

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