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MISSIONARIES WEAR MANY HATS

By Larry George, President

Once heard my mother-in-law, Dorothy, tell me a story about an encounter she had years ago, when they were preparing to go to Brazil for the first time. Wilbur was speaking in a church and telling the people about their burden to reach the Brazilians. After the service, a well intentioned woman told Dorothy that she should take up knitting. She said, "This would give you something to do besides sit under a tree and pray for the people." Mrs. Abbey graciously thanked the lady. This story brings about a chuckle in all of us. We know how busy these families are.

This morning I was sitting at my desk thinking about the missionary families here. I looked out my window and watched a missionary mom teaching her children their science class. It is interesting to see how many different roles a missionary mom takes. This morning she is a schoolteacher to her children. Later she is mom. Tonight she is also a wife. She is also a missionary wife, and an encourager. Soon she will be returning to South Africa where she will help in the areas of ministry. Wow! Kind of overwhelming at times... isn't it? Then there's dad... he's a dad, a husband, a minister and sometimes other things. When a missionary family comes home on furlough, they are tired. Joyce and I have had the wonderful opportunity of visiting some of these families on the field. From our prospective, it looked like they were always working – taking



Missionary Mom, Joanne Peacocke, teaches her children, Megan & Christy

a person to the doctor; helping a family in need, buying food for this person, this lady is sick, this man had died, they need clothing...the missionaries were running all the time. When they hit the states, they have to travel and visit their

churches and missions conferences, etc. What an exciting and busy life.

I thank the Lord for Siloam Missionary Homes. This is such a needed oasis for these servants of the Lord. The Lord tells us of the importance of resting and taking time with Him. Over an over in scripture, we see the Lord getting away to a quiet place. Thank you, dear friend, for being a part of this wonderful place. God has so blessed the families here and I know He has blessed you. Last week, Joyce booked a family for 2009 – can you believe it?!

In closing I would like to say you are greatly appreciated and such an encouragement to us. Each day we pray for the Lord to provide the needs for today, and each night I thank the Lord for the needs He met. God is faithful! Over the past 12 years God has met every need.



Daniel and Joshua Peacocke, follow along the science lesson with their sisters

GOD'S PERFECT PLAN

By Richard Burlingham Jr., Director of Maintenance

Have you ever wanted things to go the way YOU wanted them to go? I think we all have at some point in our lives. In the construction of the new family center I have felt that way many times. Most of the time the way we want is not the way God has planned. I have been reading in the book of Joshua where the Israelites marched around Jericho. God told them to march around the city once a day for six days and seven times on the seventh day. On the seventh time they were to stop and give a loud shout. The Israelites did what God commanded them to do and God gave them victory over the city. I can't help to think about what some of us would do if God commanded us to do something as precise as that today. I can

just imagine that after the second or third time around that I would be thinking "Joshua your crazy, I'm tired and I'm going to scream at this wall right now!" The people of Israel didn't do that and God rewarded them for it. If we wait on God and follow His word he WILL reward us. I have seen it time and time again on this building. We want so badly to be able to start using it that sometimes we try to make things happen in our time, not God's. He continues to bless through our waiting by sending the right people along to do just the right jobs. And the best part is I don't have to stand there and scream at the walls!! We praise God that the building is almost complete and we can see the end in sight. *God Is Good!!*

SILOAM FAMILY CENTER UPDATE



WE ARE GETTING CLOSER EVERY DAY!

I pray by the time this newsletter reaches you we are in the Family Center. For those of you that get our Speed Bumps e-mail, you have been able to track our progress. We have called the last phase of the project our "Victory Journey". It has been an exciting journey just to see what happens each day. We were in hopes to be in the building by May 15th, but this wasn't the Lord's time. In each step of the way, God provides different people and different means. It's hard not to get side tracked and do things a different way, making it our time table. The carpet was to be laid

today, but because of time they will start in the morning. Please pray as we finish this building. We want the Lord to get all the glory and in His time not ours.

If you would like to receive our e-mails contact us at silomh@bellsouth.net and we will put you on the list. Keep praying.

Summer Projects

If you or your church would like to do a work project here. Give us a call... "many hands make light work..." and keep the cost down

Thanks to everyone who has given various items to make Siloam Missionary Homes a nice place for all of the missionary families.



Some of our missionaries hold up a package of ground beef and say "thank you" to Roselawn Mennonite Church for their generosity.

- **Pastor Ernest Beck** for the books, Sunday School materials and linens.
- **Roselawn Mennonite Church** for the ground beef.
- **Alvin & Martha Miller** for bringing the ground beef from Roselawn.
- **John Thomas** for the metal shelves for the storage rooms in the Family Center
- **Jan Cheek** for the living room furniture.
- **James & Ann Hamby** for the typewriter, table and wall ornament
- **Ben & Faye Freshwater** for the food for the pantry.
- **James & Jean Hendrick** for the vehicle and the food for the pantry.
- **Pat Jordan** for the Tupperware and kitchen items.
- **Jay Martin** for the refrigerator.
- **House of Fara** for the molding for the Family Center.
- **Pastor David & Cindy Jackson** for the place mats, napkins, and table cloths.
- **Pastor & Mrs. Tommy Love** for the carpet.
- **Mark & Maggie Dejournette** for the clothes
- **Charles and Lisa Harris** for the clothes
- **Jeannie Moody** for the dining room table and chairs
- **Bruce Wheeler** for the Cat 5E Cable for the Family Center
- **Maple Grove Church** for all of the pantry food and shampoos, etc.
- **Tom & Doris Johns and family** for bringing the food from Maple Grove.
- **Homeschooler group** for planting the bulbs

RECENT EVENTS AROUND SILOAM



On Good Friday, Jennifer Burlingham planned an Easter Egg hunt for all of the children here at SMH (we have 19 children here right now!). She hid eggs in one of our playground areas for the younger children and then did a scavenger hunt for the older ones to participate in. It was a great time of fun watching the excitement as they found eggs filled with candy. A time of fellowship for the parents after the hunt made it a great time for all.



Above left: Our daughter, Abbey, helping our grandbaby, Macie, with her first Easter egg hunt. **Above:** Erica Isley, Terri Morris and Miriam Wolfe help some of the children find the eggs in the playground. **Left:** Tom Johns with Collin Burlingham and Karina Wolfe.



It is always sad to say goodbye to the missionary families as they leave to return to their mission field. Martin and Sylvia and their two children were a blessing to us during their stay here at Siloam. We have since heard from them that they arrived safely back in Australia.

A group of homeschoolers came out in March to plant over 100 bulbs all over our property. Kool aid and cookies when the work was done made for an enjoyable time of getting to know them a little better. The flowers will be a beautiful addition to our landscaping next spring.



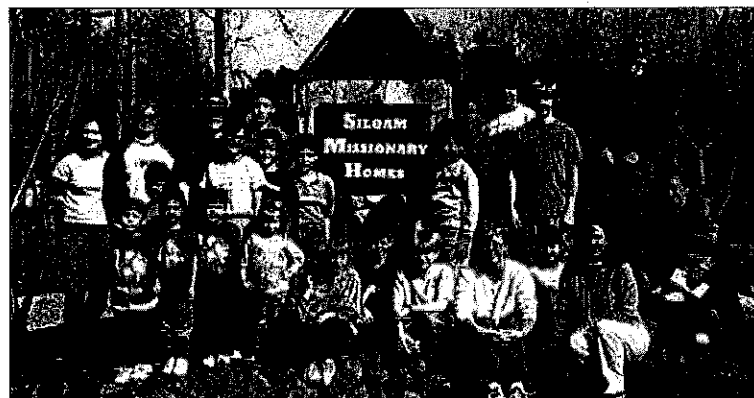
Missionaries gathering around a meal and a time of fellowship as we wish Martin and Sylvia Garcia (missionaries to Australia) goodbye.



Homeschoolers planting bulbs.



David Morris, Erica Isley, Terri & Sarah Morris talking during our goodbye dinner.



The large group made the project go quickly.

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

GIVEN BY:

Paul and Ruth Walker

IN MEMORY OF:

William Ellis Walker

GIVEN BY:

Marjorie Mowry Rice

IN MEMORY OF: *John Rice*

GIVEN BY: *Kim Cox*

IN MEMORY OF: *Rev. Denver Stone*

GIVEN BY: *Doris Foster*

IN HONOR OF: *Polly Quakenbush*

GIVEN BY:

Thomas and Carol Yandells

IN MEMORIAL OF: *Their business*

A Note from a Missionary Mom

By Dan & Linda Jennett, missionaries with New Tribes Mission

Wow! What a huge blessing it was to have these two weeks with you. It was a very special time for each one of us. We can't express how grateful we were to have such a nice home to relax in and have it very, very nice.

God has used you daily in our lives as we stayed here. We do believe in what God is having you do here is a real part of reaching the lost for Jesus Christ. The joy of praying for the missionary families, giving them a wonderful home to relax in and get refreshed and hit the field again.

We came in exhausted from the field. I, for one, was so overwhelmed for the love that Siloam Missionary Homes offered us. A home to have for a period of time. It has shown us that you care for your missionary co-workers! Continue to go forward to make this place high quality, comfortable, relaxing and a place that we will come back to. We will pray for you as you continue to serve here.

Be encouraged, God is worth serving. Thanks for everything!

Dear Coffee Club Members,

I got so involved in typing up everyone else's articles for the newsletter that I forgot to write my own! I guess my ever increasing age is catching up with me!

Rachel is excited as she counts down to her departure date of July 14, when she will be leaving for Brazil for about 10 months. As I mentioned in our last newsletter, she will be teaching 5th and 6th grade students in an American school in Manaus, a city of about 1.5 million people. Thankfully, she will be on the same property as my sister and her husband, John and Rebecca Hawkins, so they can look out for her. The Lord has been so gracious to provide the funds for me to accompany her on her trip and to help her get settled. I will be gone for about 15 days with her. Of course, I always love going "home" to Brazil!

Abbey and Mike are doing well. This week, they are on a long-overdue vacation in Florida. Of course, they took Macie with them - I offered to keep her for them... But they didn't like that idea! Before they left, I had to give them the usual "grandmotherly advice." "Make sure to put sun-screen on her... don't let her play too close to the ocean... be careful..." What would they do without me???

Thank you for your faithful support each month. Without it, it would be impossible for us to continue providing homes for these wonderful missionary families. Would you consider joining our Coffee Club and joining hands with us?

God bless you,
Your "Coffeemate,"
Joyce George



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