



# Siloam Missionary Homes

*"providing housing to missionaries for a lifetime..."*

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## SACRIFICE TO SUCCEED *by Larry George, President*

*"I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."* Rom. 12:1

We praise the Lord for new missionary families now living on the Siloam campus. Many of them are raising their support for the first time to go to the field. I have had the wonderful opportunity to talk one on one with these families. Many would not have been able to leave their jobs to begin deputation were it not for these homes.

Over the next several months you are going to see this theme, "Sacrifice to Succeed" interwoven in our correspondence to you. We are praying that this year the Lord will raise 50 new faith partners to join hands with us – sacrificially, financially and as prayer warriors – praying for God's hedge of protection around Siloam Missionary Homes. Won't you stand with us?

## It was a very Merry Christmas at Siloam Missionary Homes!

How we thank the Lord for all of you sharing with us for our special Christmas project. The outpouring of God's people made it possible for us to provide a wonderful dinner for the adults and guests, and a pizza party and gifts for the missionary children. We also praise the Lord for providing an air hockey table, a new computer and ending the year in the black. Praise the Lord! Thank you for being a part of a Christmas we will remember.



**December started with a delicious meal and great time of fellowship for the missionaries, board of directors and other guests.**



**Sarah Morris helping Megan Peacocke decorate her gingerbread house**



**Missionary kids gather around the Christmas tree before opening presents at their party.**

## Hospitality Committee

We have a new committee that is responsible for keeping up with furnishings and decorations in each home. Some of the items we need are listed below.

Our linens for the homes are getting worn and our towels look raggy. For more details, please help us by contacting the Siloam office. Take a new clothes basket, decorate it, set it in church and have the ladies help provide new sheets and towels for the missionary homes. With 20 children and 24 adults this will be a great blessing!

- 48 Twin sheet sets for the homes
- 24 Queen sheet sets for the houses
- 48 Blankets for twin
- 12 blankets queen beds

We prefer white linens for the homes, which makes it easier to match up sets.

### Notes from our missionaries:

*"Thank you for working it out for us to stay another year. Thank you for all the work you've done to make Siloam special for all the people here."* — MEGAN PEACOCKE

*"Thank you all! We were so glad to have a place of our own for a little while. One week in the last 12 alone as a family – how refreshing! You are doing a special work for our Lord and His kingdom. May our Father bless you abundantly with joy and peace and every spiritual blessing in Christ."* — MIKE RUDD

# ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!

The New Year is off and running. It seems like the older I get, the faster time goes. Wasn't it just last week that 2004 began? Most people look at the New Year as a clean slate. I need more exercise, and this year I'll start working out. Sound familiar? It's already mid January. I looked at the exercise equipment, dusted it off, plugged it in and yes it works!! But it won't do anything for me unless I get on the machine.

Two thousand four was an eventful year for us. Our daughter Rachel went to Brazil and taught a semester in a missionary Christian school. Mike and Abbey went through many trials, including their

home burning. She is scheduled to have a new baby January 25. Our son-in-law, Mike, surrendered into the ministry. He and Abbey, along with our grandchildren, will be leaving for Word of Life two weeks after the baby is born.

We praise the Lord that although living in His will is not always easy, it's God's way of shaping our lives. God is in control and I know He will continue to shape us into the vessels He wants us to be.

We are very optimistic and excited about 2005. We are asking you to pray each day that the Lord will put a hedge of protection around this ministry, our staff, and the missionary families. Pray that we

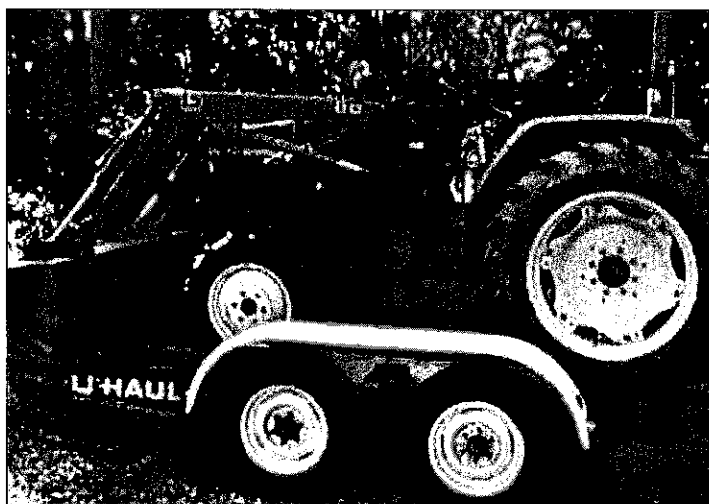
would keep from being discouraged and can be and encouragement to them. Also pray for Joyce and me as we travel to update and share the ministry. Pray for me as I work on getting my masters in pastoral counseling.

My life verses that I pray will encourage you today: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your paths."*

— Proverbs 3:5-6

We love you and thank the Lord for you. May God bless you this year as He continues to shape our lives as we serve Him. Yours for Jesus, *Larry George, President*

## NEVER A DULL MOMENT



**Collin sitting on the John Deere tractor that was donated. What an answer to prayer!**

I was recently asked how I felt as I quit my job in Michigan and prepared to go into the ministry here at Siloam. I told them that I was petrified! Not that I wasn't sure that this is what God wanted us to do, but fear of the unknown. I was most nervous about finding things to keep me busy and earning my keep. I told them that my fears were quickly eased as I moved down and found myself with never a dull moment.

I thought many times before we moved "How much work can there possibly be?" I never run out of things to do. This summer we finished the Siloam Family center and quickly went into work groups. Since the workgroups have left, we have converted the old fellowship hall into a nice 2-bedroom apartment, prepared several houses for new families to move in, and started preparing for work groups this summer. Wow, time flies! Our current project is the conversion of the old office into a 1-bedroom apartment. This will bring our number of homes on the mission property to 12. With more and more houses being added, I will never have to worry again about finding something to keep me busy. Isn't it neat how God takes care of us and calms our fears?

### **Unit F/B Stanton building:**

Many thanks to Haw River Christian Church and the Stanton family, along with other folks for helping remodel our old fellowship hall into a two bedroom apartment. It is now home to the MacFadyens, who are enjoying this beautiful new home.

### **Summer projects**

It's that time of year again to plan your work project at Siloam Missionary Homes. This year's theme is U plus Jesus = a Difference. We have many projects and the dates are filling up quickly. Call and request information ASAP.

### **Retreats / Seminars**

Our Family Center is available for retreats, seminars, and more. Call the office today

and ask for information. Plan your spring or fall retreat now.

### **Unit C – Reverend Stanley Building A Work in Progress**

This building was used as our office building for many years. It is now a work in progress. We are remodeling this into a one-bedroom apartment. This project is being headed up by Mrs. Denise Forbis. The apartment is a small 24x24 building. We are in need of purchasing a gas range, a washer and dryer and would like to put in a laminated floor, like pergo. A water heater, shower and kitchen cabinets have already been donated. If you would like help in this project, please contact our office for details.



**Teens from Apple's Chapel Church beginning the remodeling project**

## HE HAS BEEN FAITHFUL *By Abbey Rich*

**D**ad asked me to write an article about what the Lord is doing in our lives. This past year has been a whirlwind! It began with a head-on collision totaling our new van. I had Macie and Collin with me and thankfully, we were all okay. We had 2 more accidents involving deer that messed up our new van. Then, we had a devastating miscarriage. We looked at our lives and said, "Lord, what are we doing wrong?" You see, we have been praying since before we were married that the Lord would use us somehow. We didn't know how we could be used, but we were willing to allow the Lord to show us. So far, we felt like we weren't doing anything right at all! It seemed like we've had no relief from one trial to the next – not able to recover from one while in the midst of another. Then, on October 2nd, Mike and I woke to our security system going off – our home was on fire! Thankfully, Macie (our daughter) was staying with my parents for our anniversary. A minute or two later, we were able to get out of the house unharmed with only our pajamas and our bed quilt. As we stood for what seemed like hours watching our home, van and truck burn, so many emotions went through our minds. Of course, pictures of us dating, getting married and our daughter would be gone as well as sentimental wedding pieces, and family heirlooms. As we stood there watching the firefighters work so hard, I held my stomach, praying that our unborn son would be okay, too. Our families, neighbors, and friends showed up and stood with us. Although it was a sickening feeling to realize everything we owned and had been so proud of was gone and we were completely homeless, I remember feeling such a peace in my heart knowing that the Lord was with us and was taking care of us.

It amazed us that within hours, people from our church and community had already brought us clothing, money and necessities –

even a vehicle! I remember putting the money in my mom's cabinet with her dishes because we no longer owned a wallet! We spent the next week or so on the phone with our creditors, trips to Wal-Mart to get things we needed, and trying to pull our family back together from this last tragedy.

When we realized that from gifts from so many people, we were completely debt free, we started looking at the whole picture. Was this the way the Lord was going to use us? Was this the way we could serve Him? Through these past months, we have realized how many missionaries have felt. I have lived with missionaries my whole life, yet never completely understood some of the trials they have gone through to serve the Lord. To feel homeless with my family – like there's no place to go. To not have everything we once picked out so lovingly and Mike had worked so hard to pay for.

We have decided to go to school at Word of Life Bible Institute in New York for a year or so at the end of February after our son, Preston, is born. We will soon understand more of what missionaries face in the coming year (going to a "foreign" place, new pediatricians, babysitters, grocery stores, and a new church). I wonder if Macie will make new friends since we'll be leaving her best friend, Collin. I wonder how I'll survive without my parents always being a mile down the road, and leaving our friends and other family members. I know it will be a difficult change for us; however, how can we look at the past year and turn down this opportunity to follow Him?

*He has been faithful* to us to provide everything we need! We are excited to see how He's going to provide for us in our next step. Please pray for us in this time of transition! And a BIG thank you for all of you that have helped us out!!

## MEMORIALS

*In loving memory of:*

**Larry Stout**

*Given by*

Milton and Bobbie Willets;  
Lois Boswell; Graham Animal Hospital  
"Papa's boys – Jon and Brandon"

*In loving memory of:*

**Joe and Lois Edwards**

*Given by* Henry and Ira Edwards

*In loving memory of:*

**Stephen and Ruby Everette**

*Given by* Henry and Ira Edwards

*In honor of:*

**JR Church workers, SS workers &  
Awana workers at Factoryville Bible Church**

*Given by*

Cody, Caleb and Connor Henckel

*In loving memory of:*

**Dave Johns**

*Given by*

Roger and Rose Miller  
Darin and Wanita Bender;  
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Tracie Duff and Fishers  
Walter and Rebecca Glick  
Steven and Debra Johns  
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## Board News

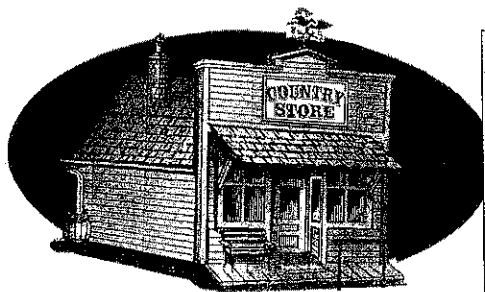
Siloam missionary homes board of director's met on January 8th for our annual board meeting. The 2005 budget was approved. We thanked both Tom DeYoung of Faith Fellowship Church who served as a trustee and Mr. Ray Evans of New Covenant Fellowship who served as project manager over the Family Center. We also thanked Mrs. Dreama Stout of Bethel Baptist for serving the past several years as treasurer. Dreama will remain on the board and will

become chairperson of the newly created Hospitality Committee. Mr. Ray Soyars of Apple's Chapel, McLeansville, NC was voted in as the new treasurer. Ray, a CPA who works for Piedmont Chemical, has served for the past two years on the financial committee of the mission and has been an advisor. Mr. Ed Parrish, a member of Riverside Baptist Church was voted on as assistant treasurer. Mr. Parrish is vice president of CCB Bank in Graham, NC. Mr. Tom Johns, a member of Maple Grove Church Topeka, IN was voted on as trustee.

The board agenda this year is to work on ways to pay down the mission debt on the new building and work with Larry and Joyce on different programs to help the missionary families. The board approved Larry George, President, to get his masters in pastoral counseling. We were excited to see the year end in the black and praise the Lord for all that He is doing.

*A financial report for 2004 is available upon written request.*





## Dad's General Store

About two years ago we built an 8x10 storage building and created a food pantry for the missionary families. The shelves were soon stocked because of the generous support of churches and friends. We told the missionary families that this food was for them. I remember one missionary lady told me she called her mom and said, "Mom, you won't believe this, but I'm shopping at Siloam and the food is free!" The exciting thing is the pantry has never run out. Now the mission has grown, and the pantry is not big enough for more than one person a time. While building the family center, David Wall, a dear brother in the Lord, suggested adding a little main street next to the chapel. With that in mind, I asked Danny Thomas to design a 16x20 general store from 1862 to put the food into. Tom and Doris Johns, youth leaders from Maple Grove Church in Topeka, Indiana have been coming to Siloam for the past 4 summers to do work projects with their teens. When Tom Johns' father passed away, his family wanted to a way to remember his life. Tom looked at the general store idea and wanted to help build it. Calls were made and a group was put together in their hometown to build this building. We will go to Indiana and dedicate this to the Lord and thank the people of Topeka. Then they will disassemble it and bring it to Siloam this summer. Recently, we had the area cleared and dirt hauled in for the foundation. Please pray for this project and the lives that will be touched.

## Thank You's

We'd like to say "thanks" to all who have given various things to help us make Siloam Missionary Homes a beautiful, comfortable and enjoyable place for missionary families to live.

## Dear Coffee Club Members,



Every time I turn around there seems to be something new going on in our lives. This year, 2005, will be no exception. Already we have seen things changing – the Lord promises to always be at work in our lives. Scripture tells us that "He who began a good work in us will complete it." How thankful I am that He has everything under control. The ladies here at Siloam are meeting each Thursday morning for a time of Bible study and fellowship. The book we are currently studying together is "Calm My Anxious Heart" by Linda Dillow. Through the study, together we are learning how to give all our circumstances, feelings and needs to the Lord. How blessed we are to have a God who controls all that happens in our lives and sifts it through His precious loving hands.

Rachel is now home from her mission trip of teaching in Brazil, where the Lord taught her many valuable lessons. She has been spending the past few weeks getting settled back into life here in the US. The Lord has provided a job and given her a roommate to share the expenses of an apartment in Burlington, just about 20 miles from us. She is glad to be home, and is already busy in her church. We are thankful to have her close by again. Please pray for her as she begins a new phase of her life.

By the time this letter gets published and into your hands, we will have a grandson. (Of course, we will have his picture for our next newsletter ☺) We look forward to sharing the joy of this new life. But then, as the letter from Abbey tells, Mike, Abbey, Macie and Preston will be packing up and heading up to Word of Life Bible Institute in Schroon Lake, NY. Mike has always had a desire to get Bible training and has diligently sought the Lord's leading. After the fire, the Lord began to open doors for them and on February 11th, they will head north. We will miss them desperately, but are trusting the Lord for everything they will need in their lives. Please pray for them as they make the transitions – new baby, new home, new lives.

We have three new coffee club members to welcome: Torrey and Amanda Roach, Brad and Sherry Martin and Annie Green. Thanks to all who give so sacrificially to help us make these homes for missionaries a reality.

God bless you,  
Your "Coffeemate,"  
Joyce George

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