



Siloam Missionary Homes

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

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During one of our Thursday ladies' Bible studies, we were treated to an authentic "English Tea" by two of our missionary ladies

Gifts given in Honor or Memory

Given by Rev. Lawrence and Lois Bratton in loving memory of Mabel Bratton

Given by Roger and Jackie Longwell in honor of Pastor Jackson

Given by Bradley Forbis in honor of his mother, Denise Forbis

Given by Alison Forbis in honor of her mother, Denise Forbis

Given by Ralph and Esther Cummings in honor of Mary Helen Elliott

Given by Ralph and Esther Cummings in loving memory of Nezzie McCauley

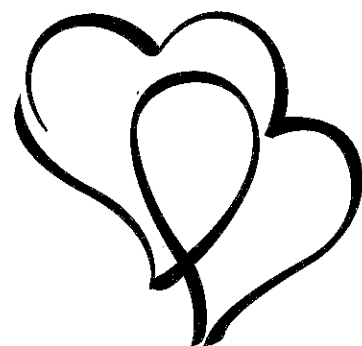
Given by Town and Country Mobile Home Owners Assoc in memory of David Johns

FROM MY HEART TO YOURS! *By Larry George, President*

I was just looking at the last newsletter. A lot has happened here since February. With sad hearts we had to say good-bye to Al and Lois, our winter staff, who migrated back to Michigan for the summer. We have had several families move in over the past several months. Like Motel Six, "we keep the lights on."

It is always exciting to see how the Lord provides. Writing this later is easier than when it happened. In one week, we had to replace a washer, repair a dryer and replace a water heater. I started to panic - my first thought was, "What next?" Have you had days like that? I know things wear out, but it is supposed to happen

when we expect it, not in the middle of the night! In His still small voice, the Lord said to me, "Larry, talk to me." I quickly realized at that moment the peace that God can give. Then in my Bible reading the next day, I read about the joy of serving Him. Praise the Lord, we didn't have to change out the second dryer - it was just a switch. Hallelujah! Once again, this reminds me that it belongs to Him. The joy of serving the Lord and realizing the peace He gives in the time of storm can never be taken for granted. Daily I have to go to Him in prayer, and ask for guidance and for peace. Siloam's theme for the year is still ringing in my ears. **"Sacrifice to Succeed."** It is easy at times to preach it, but to live it is a different story. My strength has to be in Him and Him alone.



Phil 4: 4-7 *"Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*

Writing this letter, it is hard to believe the year is about half over. We will soon start our work projects for the summer, and then before you know it, it'll be fall. We need to slow down and smell the roses.

Joyce and I will be leaving for Indiana this weekend to celebrate the completion of Dad's Country Store. We are so excited to see the finished product of all the hard work the group from Topeka did for our missionary families. They will be loading it on to a truck and bringing it here to Siloam Missionary Homes in July and it will become our new food pantry. It will be a great time in the Lord.

I would like to thank all of you dear friends for praying for me and this ministry. I realize the more I grow in the Lord, the more I need Him. Thank you for being a part of our lives and for your sacrificial giving in so many different ways - through your labor, cards of encouragement, gifts and prayers. We are all a part of this magnificent work. Romans tells us we are all servants to Him. Each of you is a link in the chain to help provide homes for missionaries. Our hearts are filled with gratitude.

May God continue to bless you, friend, as we serve our blessed Lord together. We would love to have you visit us and see first hand what God is doing. Please continue to keep us in your daily prayers. May our Lord always receive all the honor and glory.

A TIME FOR FAMILY

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:1

This passage of scripture came to my mind as I was preparing to write this article. Spring is upon us and summer is quickly approaching. In the South, we like sweet fellowship and sweet iced tea! I enjoy this time of year because we are able to get out of the house and enjoy volleyball and other forms of recreation. One form of exercise is mowing the lawn – and with 22 acres to mow, we do get our exercise!

I would like to thank all of you that gave towards the spring project. I hope you planted the sunflower seeds we sent you. While talking to my mom, she said that she had planted the seeds and they are now 6" high! I hope the flowers will encourage you to pray for us.

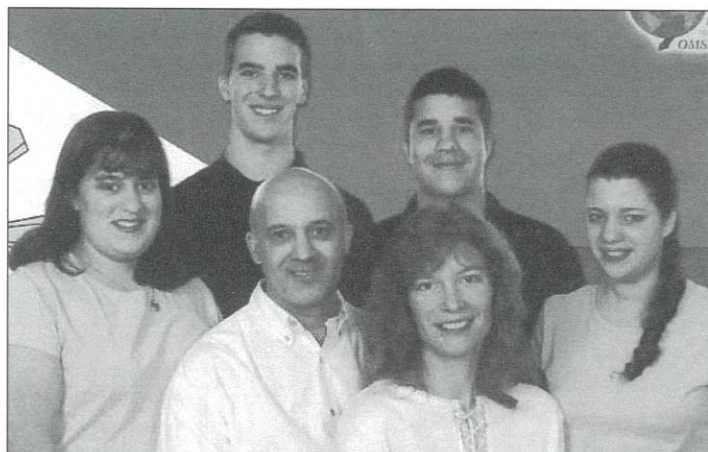
Last night we had a going away party for Carl and Heidi Walton and their family who are heading to the Philippines. After a special cookout at the Burlingham's, we sat around the table and talked. Afterwards, several of the families went down to play volleyball. As I sat there watching and listening to the missionaries, it encouraged my heart to see them spending time together, praising the Lord for what He is doing in each of their lives. This was a great time of blessing to them and to us.

Speaking of encouragement – the remodeling project for the Reverend Stanley Building is coming together. It has been exciting to see God work in this.

The other day, Joyce was telling me about a missionary family that came to Siloam after spending several years overseas. They were mentally and physically tired to a point that they were ready to just quit. After spending several months here, they started packing to return to the field. The day came for them to say "good-bye." The missionary mom told Joyce as they were leaving, "I am ready now to go back." Praise God for this place! I stand in awe at what God is doing. Siloam Missionary Homes is not only giving these folks a home, but also a place for families to share prayer requests, get encouragement and to rest.

Please remember to pray for us and that we might be an encouragement to the missionary families. That you, dear friend, for being a part.

Larry George, President



"Thank you so much for a lovely dinner the other evening – but even more especially, thank you for being obedient, cheerful servants of God! May He truly bless you in this ministry with much joy. We will keep you in our prayers."

With love and grateful hearts,
Carl, Heidi, Tiffany and Nathanael Walton.

"Monday night volleyball games are a fun time for all of the families here at Siloam"



LOCAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Growth brings added responsibilities here at Siloam. We believe there are many of you who would be willing to become involved in an exciting ministry. We are looking for people who would be willing to volunteer their time and talents to serve at SMH. Some of the areas of ministry opportunities are cooking, helping in the office, weeding flower beds, setting tables for special dinner events, etc.

If you are interested in volunteering one time or on a regular basis, please contact the Siloam office at 376-8200. We will be having a special luncheon on Saturday, June 25th to talk to you and explain in more detail. Come join us and see how God will bless.

Thanks to everyone who has given clothing, furniture and other items to us. You are a blessing.

Siloam Missionary Homes Annual PIG PIC'N
Friday August 12, from 6-8 pm

Squire Parsons and the Original Master's Quartet in Concert.

No charge to attend, but a love offering will be taken.

Please bring a lawn chair.

For more information call 336-376-8200

FRESH & NEW

I love spring time. New flowers blooming, the smell of fresh cut grass, birds singing, just being able to go outside without putting on a bulky coat. Spring time also means getting ready for summer work groups. I am excited to have several groups that have been here in the past returning and that we will see old friends again. I'm also excited about meeting a couple of new churches and making new friends. We have several projects planned for the summer that I think will help give the mission a fresh, new look.

We are also looking forward to having new help this summer. Over the summer we will have a young man from Indiana come and work with us. He will help me keep the lawns mowed, help with the workgroups, and help me with maintenance issues that come up. What makes it even more exciting is that he came here 2 summers as part of a work group and felt God calling him to give his summer for mission work. That's what one of our goals is for these groups and it's exciting each year to hear of someone out of a group that has decided to turn their lives over to God and say "Here I am God, use me."

Please pray for these groups as they come and serve this summer. Pray for them as they travel, work, and meet the missionaries here that they will be open to God's calling. Also that they would leave here refreshed and renewed spiritually, willing to serve God wherever He calls.

Richard Burlingham Jr.
Director of Maintenance



Edgewood Baptist Church teens spent a Saturday tearing out an old front porch floor and getting it ready for a new concrete floor



Haw River Christian Church Sparks and leaders spent a day building a new landscaping wall and then planting beautiful flowers at our entrance way



Osceola Baptist Church teens came out and dug and poured footers to get ready for "Dad's Country Store"



Bethel Baptist Church teens weeded and put new mulch in the flower garden around the Burden Love Chapel



LETTERS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

"We want to express our thanks to you for all the work you have done in preparing Unit E for us to live there this summer. Thank you for caring and sharing as you faithfully serve Him here at Siloam. We are enjoying this home." Our love in Christ,

Ted and Kay Cripe

"Just a quick note to thank you for all you have done for us since we have been at Siloam and for your ministry over all. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and thoroughness in your ministry to us. It is very evident that much time and consideration has gone into Siloam being a haven for missionaries. Thank you for the extra blessings you have provided for us (the pantry, books, jeans, and clothing). We are truly grateful for your labor of love for the Lord and His servants. May God bless you as you have been a blessing to us!"

Charlie, Bo, Caleb and Abigail Frink

Top left: Once a month we have a carry in dinner in the fellowship hall for all of the missionary families. It is a wonderful time for all of us to get to know each other better.

Bottom left: Pastor Jackson playing a game of air hockey with some of the missionary kids during one of our missionary fellowships



Dear Coffee Club Members,

So much has happened since our last newsletter that it is going to be hard to fit it all in! We are so grateful to be busy in the Lord's work. We meet fantastic people all the time and enjoy sweet fellowship with missionaries and church people. Our lives would be so empty without the Lord and the work that He has called us to do!



Preston Michael Rich

First of all, I have to take a minute to brag on and show you a picture of our new grandson, Preston Michael Rich. He was born on January 25th, weighing 8 lbs. 7 oz. He is a beautiful baby, although at 4 months old now, he still has not figured out that he is supposed to SLEEP at night! Probably many of you can relate! ? We miss him and his big sister, Macie Joy, while they are with Mommy and Daddy at Word of Life Bible Institute in upstate New York. Occasionally, we talk to Mike and Abbey over the "web cam" and Macie usually asks us if we are going to come to her house today. We look forward to spending some special time with them this summer.

Activities here in the Family Center keep us all busy – church retreats, dinners, Saturday work groups, weekly Bible studies with the missionary men and missionary ladies and a monthly fellowship with all of the missionary families here at Siloam. Most precious are the times when (speaking for the women) we can get together, share a time in God's Word and then lift our prayer requests to the Lord. It is wonderful to be able to share the bond of being in ministry and the challenges that face us – some who are raising their support to go to the mission field for the first time; some who have come back from the field and need a time of rest; some who have college age kids they are leaving behind; and it goes on and on. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness and love.

We would like to welcome one new coffee club member – Pat Jordan. Thanks to all of you who so faithfully support us. Without you it would be difficult to continue this ministry.

God bless each of you.

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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Please designate my one time gift for:

DONATION FOR (check appropriate box):

☐ Richard & Jennifer Burlingham salary

☐ Family Center

☐ Larry & Joyce George salary

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Please charge my credit card: ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa

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All gifts are tax deductible and receipts will be mailed at year's end, unless otherwise requested.