

The Miracle of Christmas...

Merry Christmas! All of us, whether young or old, remember the classic Christmas movies. "The Miracle on 34th St." was a great one. "It's A Wonderful Life" is actually my favorite. I have several of these movies on my shelf and at Christmas time, I watch them with my grandchildren.

This year as I sit at my computer writing you, I am looking at a photo of Rebecca Phillips, our little miracle baby. Many of you may have followed the e-mails and letters about this little girl. She is the daughter of Dale and Carmen Phillips, missionaries living here at SMH. A few weeks ago, Rebecca underwent open heart surgery at Duke University in Durham, NC. All of the missionaries at Siloam and Christians around the world prayed for her. It was truly a miracle! The surgery went perfectly and took only 1/2 the time expected. She is now at home with mom and dad and doing wonderfully.

As we sat in the hospital with the Phillips during surgery, Joyce, Mike, Abbey and I tried to comfort them and prayed with them. After the doctor told us the surgery was successful and she was being moved into recovery, we headed home. On the way home, we talked about what ministry is and how important it is to be with the missionaries in time of crisis. After all, we are

brothers and sisters in Christ. Our ministry is about families, housing, encouragement and being there for them. A house is just a structure. It takes family and friends that love each other to make it a home. God has, once again, put us on our knees. This time it was for Rebecca. Next time, it could be for you.

How we thank the Lord for the wonderful privilege that you have given to us to serve here at Siloam Missionary Homes. We consider it an honor to be a part, and we never take for granted your prayers and sacrificial giving. Each day we thank the Lord for you and for another day to serve Him.

Hebrews 6:10, "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love that ye have shown toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

Christmas is a time to reflect on the birth of our Lord Jesus. It is because of this wonderful gift that we share it with the world.

Each year, we take a special Christmas offering. This year, your tax deductible gift will help us provide a Christmas party for the missionary families and staff, as well as the ongoing ministry of Siloam.

On behalf of the families here and our board of directors, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God continue to bless each of you as we continue serving the Lord through missionary housing.

Mevu Christmas and Happy New Year!

Lavry & Joyce George Mike & Abbey Rich