



Siloam Missionary Homes

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

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14 Years of Blessings "Bless the little children..."

Saturday, January 21st we met as a board of directors. It was our 14th annual board meeting. Preparing for the meeting, I was overwhelmed with the things God had done here last year. We praised the Lord together because of the Lord's blessings. Siloam Missionary Homes provided housing for over 21 families. With the labor and support of God's people, he provided 3 1/2 additional acres of property with a two bedroom mobile home. We remodeled the old office and the old fellowship hall to create two additional homes. We praise the Lord for "Dad's Country Store," which provides a wonderful food pantry. God laid it on the hearts of his people to fill the pantry to overflowing. God is so good!

We praise the Lord that this month we started a Bible Institute for ongoing education for the missionaries and staff. Joyce has continued her Beth Moore Bible study with the ladies and I meet each morning with the men for prayer in the library.

Matt. 14:17-21, And they (the disciples) said to him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass and He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples. And the disciples gave to the multitudes. So, they all ate and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

We serve an awesome God! Daily I see God's provision. It doesn't make economical sense when you see the budget and the needs here. But, like the Bible says, "they all ate and were filled." Not some, but ALL!

Siloam means "to be sent." Our prayer is that the missionary families will leave refreshed, renewed, and encouraged in the Lord, reaching to the ends of the earth to those that have never heard the gospel. We can't send them back hungry and discouraged. This year, we

...for of such is the Kingdom of God"

One of the things that was given in abundance in the food that came in is candy. Boxes of it! Well, it didn't take the kids at Siloam (you know, we have about 20 of them!) long to find it. It is not unusual for us to see one of them coming out of Dad's Country Store with something in their hands...and we don't have to wonder what it is!

At our last missionary fellowship night, Larry mentioned to the parents that we were seeing that happen, and that they might want to know that the kids were getting into the candy and that we would prefer that the kids stay out of the store unless the parents sent them.

The next day, Larry stood at the office window and watched as Rebecca Teboe came out of the store with a bag, and his first thought was, "I guess they didn't hear what I said last night about keeping the kids out of the store." A few minutes later, Rebecca came through the Family Center. A little irritated, Larry said,

praise the Lord that we are sending back missionary families to New Zealand, China, Zimbabwe, Singapore, and other countries — refreshed and ready.

Thank you dear family, for helping us. Like the little boy who offered what he had — 5 loaves and 2 fishes — what is little in man's eyes is God's provision. Each morning we meet and share the needs of the day — food, housing, sickness, travel safety. Each night as Joyce and I lay down to sleep, we thank the Lord for



Rebecca Teboe standing outside the store

"Have you been shopping?" Rebecca looked up at Larry with a smile and said, "Yes, mom sent me to the store for some macaroni and cheese. While I was in there, I thought I'd pick out something special for my daddy." Beaming, she showed him her prize.

Larry's heart was pricked as he realized what a blessing this store is to these families — not just the parents, but to the children as well.

providing for today. He is able to do abundantly above all that we can ask or think. He is so amazing!

May God bless you today, our brothers and sisters in Christ. Lift us up in prayer. Pray that God will burden all of our hearts for the missionary families here at SMH. The "fields are white unto harvest." Help us send them back, refreshed, renewed and ready to serve.

Larry George, President

Busy! Busy! Dreadfully Busy!

When I think of these past few months, a VeggieTales song (my kids' CD) comes to mind! It says, "Busy, busy, dreadfully busy! Much, much to busy for you..." I wonder in this holiday season, if this was the underlying tone in my heart. Many days, I had to stop baking, wipe my hands on my apron (or my pants if I didn't have an apron on) and take a "time out" to sit with my kids and play for a few minutes! Going from a stay-at-home mom to a staff wife here at Siloam has been quite the challenge. Some days it is hard to balance what I need to be doing and what can wait until tomorrow!

Our Christmas dinners were a success this year! Mike got especially good at making his homemade 'potato soup'...and we all gained weight from the chocolate and key lime pies! We enjoyed all of the groups we had, some new faces and some old friends.

We said our sad "good-bye's" to Richard,

Jennifer and Collin. It was especially hard on Macie, our 2-1/2 year old, to say good-bye to a playmate she's always had around - almost daily at times. We certainly miss their friendship, laughter and tremendous help they brought to us as friends and co-workers.

As I look back on this past year, I'm shocked that our little boy, Preston, will be a year old this month and Macie is almost 3! We are expecting David to arrive sometime in May as our final addition to the Rich family. Talk about busy!

We hope that you will be able to make it out to one of our conferences or dinners this year as we have many planned. You not only will enjoy the fellowship of your group, a good meal, and maybe a good speaker, but our goal is that you will become more informed and involved in Siloam. May God bless you this New Year!

by Abbey Rich, Family Center Hostess

MANNA FROM HEAVEN...

"Therefore, do not worry, saying what shall we eat? Or what shall we drink? Or what shall we wear?..."



Praise the Lord, our pantry is full!

The week before Christmas, we received a telephone call from Kevin Nichols saying that he was on his way from Maine to Siloam with over 5,000 pounds of food for Dad's Country Store. Since we had not had the opportunity to insulate and put walls inside the store since it was built in July, we quickly got the inside walls finished to get ready for the food. When Kevin arrived, staff and some of the missionaries put the food away in the pantry. What a blessing it was to see all that God had provided for the 13 missionary families and staff here at Siloam. Everything from candy, cereal, soup, diapers...We stand in awe at the goodness, faithfulness and provision of God! Thanks to each of you who has given to make our pantry a success. It is truly like "Manna from Heaven!"



Christian Bible Fellowship came out in October and installed a new heat and air unit into one of our homes. What a blessing for the missionary family who moved into that house to have a warm place this winter. We are so grateful to the church, Crabbe Services and those individuals who came out and did the work. God bless you all.

CHRISTMAS AT SILOAM MISSIONARY HOMES

Christmas at SMH is always an exciting time. All of our MK's thought so, too, when they arrived in the fellowship hall and saw all of the gifts that had been given to them. Several church groups and individuals provided presents for each of the missionary children living at Siloam this year. Bikes, dolls, clothes, games, toys were all accepted with huge smiles and many "thank you's." Thank you to each one who helped make this Christmas a special time for these families.



Timmy Teboe showing off his new ball



Rebecca and Megan Teboe opening gifts



The MK's sit around the Christmas tree

Siloam Missionary Homes' FAMILY CONFERENCE CENTER

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven." Ecc. 3:1

In ministering to the missionaries and to the saints, Siloam Missionary Homes is excited to present our 2006 retreat and conference schedule. Each program, workshop and retreat is designed to help you grow as a Christian and be encouraged in the Lord. Our guest speakers hearts' desire is to bring honor and glory to our Lord Jesus. Call us today, space is limited.

Calendar of Special Events for 2006

Friday, February 10, 2006, 7 – 9 p.m.

"A Moment in Time" – Valentine's Banquet

Guest speaker, singer and song writer, Pastor Sammy Frye will inspire you as you are challenged to trust God even in the valleys of your lives. Pastor Frye has been married for 23 years and has three children. He serves as youth pastor at Yates Thagard Baptist Church in Carthage, NC. As a singer/songwriter, he has done four recordings and also speaks at camps, conferences and churches as his schedule permits.

Friday and Saturday, March 3-4, 2006

"Burning the Candle at Both Ends" – Couples' Retreat

Guest speaker, Pastor David Jackson, will share the difficulties we face as families when we "Burn the Candle at Both Ends." Pastor Jackson has been married for 29 years and has two sons. He is the pastor of Freedom Baptist Church in Goldsboro, NC. He is described as a man of passion who deeply loves God's Word and His people.

Friday and Saturday, April 21-22, 2006

"Make A Difference Every Day" – 3 hour workshops

"Is it your mom and dad's turn to depend on you?" Author Karen Mulder will encourage you to as you learn to do acts of kindness through her book "The Compassionate Congregation." Karen, mother of 2 and grandmother of 8 will share some of her own experiences as a caregiver. Join us either Friday evening or Saturday morning for a 3 hour workshop.

Saturday, May 6, 2006

"Our Little Girl Becomes a Lady" – ladies' luncheon

Ease back into the past – the year is 1860 – with prizes for the most authentic era dress. Author, Margaret Jensen will be with us, speaking about her newest book, "The Mending Basket," (stitching hope when life unravels).

Friday, August 11, 2006

Annual pig pic'n

Singer / songwriter Squire Parsons will be here to share a message in song. Good food and fellowship as we celebrate God's faithfulness here at Siloam Missionary Homes.

All of these events are available for you to come and participate in. Please call for more details, pricing and to make reservations at 336-376-8200.

SENIORS IN ACTION

Looking for folks 50 and up

Hey, folks, Joyce and I have two grandkids with number three on the way. We have at last reached the **age of opportunity – 50!** I realize our society thinks that when you reach 50, it's time to call in the National Guard. The younger guys and marketers think we need to dye our hair, stay trim, wear the new trends and act like we're 20. Well "bologna!" I'll put all of us over the age of fifty against the rest of the country. We don't sit in rocking chairs, lay in bed in the morning, and we don't sit and watch the world go by. We continue to support the economy, still account for 1/2 of the work force! We are busy people.

After all, Moses was still hiking at 80 – Abraham and Sarah were having children! Read your Bible – we're still kids! Therefore, I am declaring a revolution. Yes, it is time to stand up and be noticed.

Come and join us on the third Thursday of every month. We are looking for the young at heart – Seniors in Action! We are looking for volunteers – lots of volunteers to help us here at Siloam. This group of seniors will be headed up by Jack and Louise Hensley. We need yard workers, ushers for special events, rocking grandmas, seamstresses, tree planters, wood workers – anything you would like to do.

Come enjoy lunch and see how you can be involved. Remember, **"today is the first day of the rest of your life."** Make it count!

For more information, call
336-376-8200.

It's Coffee Time!

When you think of the aroma of coffee, what comes to mind? (Larry thinks of Starbucks!) When I smell coffee, I think of comfort, of taking a break, but most of all, I think of home.



Put yourself in this missionary mother's place. You've just returned from the mission field after several years of giving of yourself - emotionally, physically, mentally, and spiritually. You're exhausted! The year ahead is uncertain for many reasons.

"Where will my kids go to school? What are the latest fashions? What is the newest gadget? How much have things changed since we were here last time? Most of all, WHERE WILL WE STAY?"

With the high cost of everything, I realize how hard it is just to make ends meet. But, the question still invades my mind, "What can I do to help?" If I would give up one cup of coffee (or whatever you enjoy) each day, I could help these missionaries enjoy what I take for granted.

Would you be willing to do this along with me? For just a \$15 per month tax-deductible donation (or, you set an amount), you can help make a missionary family comfortable at Siloam Missionary Homes. You don't have to commit to a specific amount or time. That is between you and the Lord.

We began the Coffee Club back in 1992 and have been amazed to watch God use this to help keep this ministry going. Coffee Club income is used to offset general operating expenses. Larry and I have been Coffee Club members since the beginning. As a family, we have added to this through the years and like a faith promise, have watched God provide. Jesus thought even the smallest gift was worth mentioning - like the widow's mite. The Coffee Club is a special way to be involved.

I encourage you to pray about becoming a Coffee Club member, so you can help us continue to provide homes for missionary families. Please fill out the information and return it to us. God bless you.

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Dear Coffee Club Members,

Time is going by so quickly. Someone told me the other day that the older you get, the faster it goes. Well, I must be getting almost ancient!! I am trying to learn to slow down and enjoy each day with its surprises (especially with 2 beautiful grandkids around!)☺, joys and even the struggles.



We have chosen the theme "For Everything There is a Season" from the book of Ecclesiastes for this year. We have some wonderful seminars and speakers lined up for this year and I am looking forward to the advice they have to offer us!

One of the seasons we have just gone through is saying goodbye to Richard, Jennifer and Collin Burlingham, who have been on staff with us for 3 1/2 years. One of the things about this ministry has been the constant movement of people - they come into our lives and then are gone. We can never thank the Burlingham's or the Lord enough for the time we had them here. They were wonderful co-workers and are still very special friends. We miss them, but also pray that the Lord will bless them as they have moved on in their lives.

In this issue, we have featured the Coffee Club. Please pray and ask the Lord if He would have you join with us on a regular basis to help support this ministry. We are thankful for one new Coffee Club member since our last newsletter - Travis and Melissa Holt.

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

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