



Siloam Missionary Homes

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

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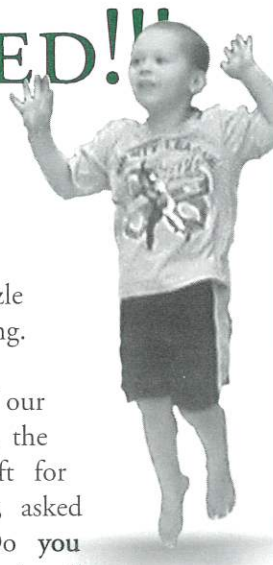
OVER A YEAR AGO, a fast food restaurant donated a playground to us for the missionary kids at Siloam. The pieces sat untouched for months, as we needed volunteers and funds to pour a cement slab, assemble the pieces (it was like putting a jigsaw puzzle together!), put up a fence, install protective netting and flooring.



The son of one of our missionary families, the Peacocke's, who left for Zimbabwe in May, asked before leaving, "Do you think the playground will

be finished when we come on furlough in four years?????" Well, the answer is finally "YES! It is finished!."

We would like to thank the churches and individuals who helped us get this play area for the children up and running. As you can see, the kids love it!



Letter from a Missionary

Dear SMH,

My wife and I and our two little boys had a great time at the pig pic'n last week. It was very interesting to see the work and the wonderful progress you are making. What a much needed ministry!

Now, my wife and I are switching directions and are missionary candidates with Greater Europe Mission. We will attend Candidate Orientation in October and then will begin deputation in November.

Once we get heavily into deputation, our needs may change. I have read your web site and will be certain to contact you again in the future if we feel God might use Siloam to help provide temporary housing for us. Really, it is amazing that until last week, we did not know Siloam existed. But, we really enjoyed meeting some of your families and there was definitely a sweet spirit about the place.

I was wondering if there is currently a long waiting list for housing and how far ahead is good to apply for a home? Thanks for all you are doing for missionary families.

Tim Palmer, Holly Springs, NC

15TH ANNIVERSARY Pig Pic'n

Our annual pig pic'n was a wonderful time of celebration as area choirs and special groups provided an evening of special music under the big top. The celebration was finished out by music by the Wilmington Celebration Choir and a final challenge by Pastor David Jackson.



"Committed"

Dear Friends,

GREETINGS, in the name of the Lord Jesus. It is hard to believe that we have been celebrating 15 years as a ministry. I remember the very first correspondence we received back in 1992. It was a check for \$25.00 and a note from my neighbor back in Mendon, Michigan where I grew up. Miss Will was my third grade teacher and a wonderful friend. As a child, I would wander over to her house with my brothers and sisters and sit on the grass. She would run inside the house and get us cookies. She loved the Lord and always wanted to know everything that was going on in the George household. Of course being one of nine children, we always had something going on. Years passed and I grew up. Miss Will has long since gone home to be with the Lord. I praise the Lord for such a wonderful childhood memory, and dear saints like her.

Through the years, we have met many people like Miss Will - always displaying an act of kindness and encouraging us. For this, I am so grateful. God has truly blessed this ministry and us. It has been our privilege to help missionaries with housing and watch the Lord work. Hundreds of missionaries have been helped through the years and have had a wonderful place to call home. This could not have been possible without you - your prayers, sweat and tears, and your financial support. For this, we are so appreciative and thank the Lord for you. Even tonight as I write this letter to you, I had a missionary stop in to see me. He was discouraged about his support and concerned about the future. I tried to encourage him and wanted him to know I would be praying for them. There have been many times this past year where missionaries have been behind in their support and were not able to pay their utilities. Because of you, we were able to pay the payment on time.

On September 21, 2007, I shared with a group of people how Siloam started, where we are today, and our plans for the future. I would like to also share this with you. I believe if I am asking you to commit to Siloam Missionary Homes, our board of directors also commits ourselves to the Lord and to you, our partners in ministry.



OUR COMMITMENT

I praise the Lord for allowing me this wonderful opportunity to take the vision of Siloam Missionary Homes and plant it in the hearts of God's people.

We commit to finishing well. Jesus said in 1 Tim 3:15 that "He which has begun a good work in you will finish it unto the day of Christ Jesus." God has called all of us to "go into all the world and preach the gospel."

Therefore, **we commit** the vision God has laid on my life is a life time calling.

We commit to labor for Him here at Siloam Missionary Homes until He calls me home.

We are committed that Siloam Missionary Homes will always remain evangelical, and independent of the swaying to the whims of this world.

Our commitment is to remain true to the Gospel, and the leading of the Holy Spirit, and following our calling through Hebrews 6:10 as a guide for this ministry, "to labor in love."

Our commitment is to daily pray for and teach Mike Rich, Director of Siloam Missionary Homes, as my father and father-in-law taught me, to fulfill the vision God has laid before me.

Our commitment is that we never forget what our vision is. "To encourage the discouraged, and to serve the missionary family."

Our commitment is that Siloam Missionary Homes will always be used for its intended purpose.

Our commitment is to always use Godly counsel and follow the Lord's leading through a dedicated board of directors.

OUR VISION

"Committed Partners"

God has laid on our hearts through much prayer and seeking his face, to pray that 1,000 people would give \$1,000.00.

This will allow us to:

- pay off the current mortgage
- pave the property
- replace an aging mobile home
- build a game room
- build a large workshop.

"A Dollar-A-Day"

We also are praying that God will add 611 people to our coffee club this year to give \$1.00 a day. This will met our budget for next year.

There will always be a need for more housing, and we will add homes as God provides. I am committed and I need your commitment. Ask God today how He can use you, as we commit ourselves to providing housing for missionaries.

May God continue to bless each of you. Thank you for allowing us to serve.

Larry George, President

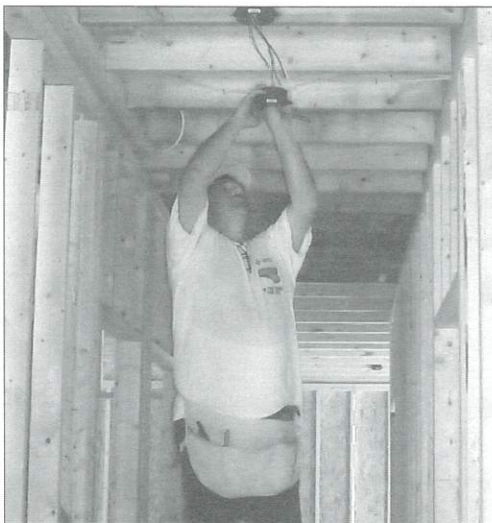
PROGRESS ON NEW MISSIONARY HOME



Grove Park Baptist Church putting on the floor



November 2007: sheetrock hung, ready for paint



King Electric donated the labor and installed the rough electrical work



Apples Chapel Church doing the shingles



New Covenant Fellowship installed siding on new house

OTHER PROJECTS AROUND SILOAM THIS SUMMER



Bethel UMC youth painted fences



Ladies from Shoreline Baptist Church brought food for Dad's Country Store



ABOVE: Mars Hill Baptist Church youth worked at entrance way to clean up, plant flowers, and spread mulch.

LEFT AND FAR LEFT: Apple's Chapel Church youth came out on a Saturday in July to play games and have hot dogs around the campfire with the missionary kids



Dear Coffee Club Members,

We have been so blessed to celebrate 15 years of ministry here at Siloam.

Just last week, we were giving a visitor a tour around the property and he made the comment, "You must really be excited to see and remember all that the Lord has done here over the past 15 years."

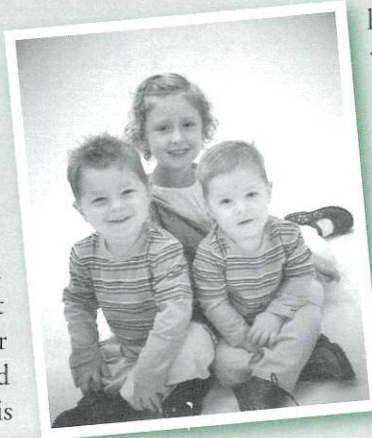
Just a few minutes ago, I took my camera out to the entrance way to take a picture. As I stepped along the gravel road that I have walked on so many times, I tried to look around and see the wonder of what God has done here through new eyes. Living here, we become accustomed to what we see. I remember the first days as we prayed for God's guidance to find the property that He wanted us to have. Saturdays spent chopping down trees and clearing the land for our first duplex. The day the bulldozer came and cleared out the road – what a miracle that was! Our very first missionary family...and then another house, another family...and another....

God has blessed so many people through the homes and village setting that He has provided here at Siloam. As you pray for us, ask God to make us encouragers and friends to these families. We are so blessed to be part of this special ministry.

Mike, Abbey and our three grandkids continue to be a blessing to us as we work side by side here at Siloam. There is no greater joy in my life than to know that God is using my kids for His glory. Macie has started 4 year old pre-school and is enjoying her time learning new things and having new friends. She is growing up too fast! Preston (two) and David (one) are "all boy" and are becoming best buddies while sis is away at school. We are so grateful that God has enabled us to be a part of their every day lives.

Rachel is still living in Mebane with her friends, and works at a preschool for

special needs kids. Please pray that the Lord will give her opportunities to be a witness for Him. Also, pray that He will help her with some health needs she has. She twisted her knee a couple of weeks ago, and it has been giving her a lot of trouble.



We are looking for 611 people who would be willing to partner with us at \$1 per day, to help us meet our monthly budget. Would you prayerfully consider

coming along side us in this? Thank you so much for standing with us financially and prayerfully. We appreciate every single gift that you sacrificially give to keep this ministry going.

God bless you.

Your "Coffeemate," Joyce George

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By Crossroads Baptist Church
in honor of Rev. Ken and Sandy Hopkins

By Jim and Anna Murray
in memory of Mollie Acker

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in memory of Susan O. Lisetza

By Mildred Overman SS Class
in memory of Sara Duncan King

By Siloam Missionary Homes
in memory of Lucy Allison Mitchell

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.)

One Time Gift \$ _____

Please designate my one time gift for:

DONATION FOR (check appropriate box):

☐ Family Center ☐ Larry & Joyce George salary ☐ Mike & Abbey Rich salary

☐ General Fund ☐ (specify project) _____

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