



# Siloam Missionary Homes

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

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## SILOAM MISSIONARY HOMES *By Larry George, President* *...A Place Missionaries Call Home*



Winter finally arrived in Snow Camp in the form of a beautiful white blanket of snow covering the grass and trees. With less than an inch on the ground, all of the missionary kids gathered on the side of a hill with their hats, boots, gloves and sleds. What a fun day to play together, laugh, throw snow balls and enjoy playmates.

Siloam Missionary Homes is not just a house for these families – **it is home.** We provide these wonderful people a community where they can let their kids be kids, feel safe in their surroundings and get the encouragement they need for continuing on in ministry.

### 15 YEARS OF PRAISE

New Year's is a time of new beginnings. Personally, I am a goal-oriented person. New Year's means setting new goals for myself. On New Year's Eve we make promises. For some, it's to lose weight. For others it is giving something up. Maybe, it is spending quality time with the family, reading our Bibles through in a year. You name it, everyone usually thinks of something. Some people do not like to make a New Year's resolution because they know they won't keep it. Joyce and I decided to join the local gym. We figured if we had to pay for it

we would go. You know "the guilt thing." We had great intentions. My thought was if we would run on a treadmill everyday, we could get into shape. So I set up this great routine. I was so excited. I bought a headset. I could watch Fox News while I was running. I got new shoes, sweats, and really looked the part. The first day I decided to run — ok, so I walked fast for 30 minutes. I had to keep focus and hang onto the side rails of the treadmill to keep from falling. I went home, ate supper, watched TV, ate ice cream and went to bed. It was a great routine, I thought, but one big problem, I was not getting into shape. I had to cut out the extra food and work to get in shape. Well...I have not been to the gym this week. But I did cut out on the ice cream. I know you can all relate to my story. Everything we do requires discipline in effort to succeed. My time spent with the Lord has to be disciplined. The Bible says to study to show thyself approved unto Him. Spending time in prayer and Bible study conditions us to service for Him. I'll keep you updated on our progress at the gym.

Another milestone that January has brought is Siloam Missionary Home's celebrating its **15th anniversary.** Wow! To see everything God has done is a still

a real miracle in the making. Siloam has provided housing for hundreds of missionary families. This was because of folks like you helping us meet that need. Who would have thought, back in 1993 when we broke ground for the first duplex, that we would have seen God do so much? Last Saturday, we unveiled the plans for future development. Over the next several months, we will be sharing all of this with you. This year one of the major building projects will be the building the WMU House to replace one of the singlewide mobile homes. Our goal is to complete this in March of next year. We have many smaller projects that we would love to involve you in. We continue to update the homes. For instance, we need to purchase DVD recorders to replace VCR's. We also anticipate adding internet to all the houses. We would also like to add sidewalks. These are just a few of the things planned. I would like to encourage you to get involved with us this year. Keep us in your prayers. Join the coffee club. Call and let us help you plan a project for your church. By partnering together, we can accomplish great things this year for the Lord. Well, dear friend it is time to close. It's prayer meeting night so I can't go to the gym... ?

# The Red Wagon

By Abbey Rich, Family Center Hostess

**W**ow! What a Christmas we were blessed with here at Siloam! We had so many churches from "here to there" shower each missionary child and several of our adults with Christmas presents. Where once there were empty places under the tree, presents filled our living rooms!

We began our Christmas season with our missionary kids' roller skating party. We had so much fun watching each child put on their skates and roll (or fall) around the rink. Even the youngest, less than two years old, was trying. We had a pizza break, where we surprised the children with a "red wagon" full of dollar bills, given by a couple of supporting churches. Each child was able to count out their portion, excited at having their own "Christmas money."

We also had days when local churches delivered gifts or food for the families. It's always amazing to see our "red wagons" full at Christmas time here at Siloam. Thanks to everyone for making our Christmas so special!



## Notes From Missionary Families

*Dear Siloam Homes,  
We were so blessed to be able to stay at Siloam Missionary Homes while we were attending the missions conference at Bethel Baptist Church in Graham. Thank you for providing such a wonderful and relaxing place to stay. We were impressed with the quality of your facilities. God is truly blessing your ministry. Again, thank you for having the vision to start such a wonderful and needful ministry. Our prayers are with you.*

*Jason and Jenny Kenney, missionaries to Chile*

*Thanks so much for your care of missionaries, both in the long term and short. Our stay was lovely.*

*Matthew & Simone McKinney, missionaries to Brazil*



## WMU House Update

**T**he sound of bulldozers and the smell of fresh moved dirt is familiar here at Siloam Missionary Homes. We have spent the last month preparing the area to the right of the entrance for the next missionary home. Today the area is ready for seeding.



The Mt. Zion "Women in Missions" (*the WMU*) is celebrating its 100-year anniversary in missions. In celebration, they contacted us about building a missionary home for Siloam. We are excited to see how God is working. This home will be approximately 2700 sq. ft. and will accommodate large missionary families.

Groundbreaking is scheduled for Sunday, March 25th. We would love for you to come that day. Call us or see our website for more details.

It is exciting to see this new project under way. Please pray for us as we continue to raise funds and gather volunteers to build this home.

# 2006 Reflections and Thanks from the Director

By Mike Rich, Director



**Central Baptist Church generously brought groceries out to stock the shelves of Dad's Country Store.**



**A group of guys from Community Baptist Church in Siler City came out and helped us paint a home for a new family moving in.**



**Osceola Baptist Senior Group spent the day touring Siloam, having lunch and brought food items for the store.**

**I** get excited thinking of all the activities and projects that were started and finished here at Siloam this past year. Things such as the addition onto unit L, that it would better accommodate a larger family; the quick response to clean up the fire in unit F/B; the remodel and addition of a bathroom in unit F/B; clearing of the property behind units A, B, and C to correct a drainage problem; the new deck and hand railing onto unit C and around B; the water softener systems; the installation and landscaping of the waterfall in the Family Center court-

yard; and so many other projects and events that went on around here in 2006. All of these things enhance the quality of living for those that call Siloam home for a short time.

But what excites me more that anything is the fact that so many of you wonderful folks have taken time out of your busy schedules to help us out with the talents and skills that God has so richly blessed you with. I'd just like to say *thank you*. From the bottom of my heart on behalf of everyone here, and everyone that will

ever pass through, "THANK YOU!" There is no possible way that we could have done any of this were it not for your willingness to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. My prayer for this coming year (2007) is that we all will be able to continue to glorify Him in all that we say, think, and do. Prov.16:3, "*Commit your work unto the Lord.*" May we always keep in mind that as long as we place Christ first in all that we do, there is nothing that is unattainable.

May the Lord's blessing be upon you.

## Christmas at Siloam

**C**hristmas is always a busy time at Siloam. We had a wonderful response from many of the local churches who used our Family Center for their Christmas parties. These dinners not only provide the church with a great environment for their party, but it also gives them the opportunity to see the ministry.

At lot of work went into decorating the grounds and the building to make the place a "winter wonderland." We would like to thank everyone who had a part in making Siloam a beautiful place for the missionary families to enjoy Christmas.

Once everything was hung with garland, lights and bows, the missionaries, board of directors and other guests gathered to celebrate an evening of food, fellowship and games.



**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**



**CHRISTMAS 2006**



### Dear Coffee Club Members,

We narrowly escaped an ice storm last night. We did get a little ice build up on the trees, which was pretty – from inside the warm house! Our biggest concern when these winter storms come is that we will loose power. So, Larry and Mike have to make sure that the generator is full of gas and that all of the missionaries know what to do in case the electricity goes off. We were so thankful when we woke up this morning with lights and the smell of fresh coffee in the kitchen!



## A GIFT THAT KEEPS GIVING

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
**LARRY MALLARD**

by *Ralph and Esther Cummings*

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
**MAXINE FRANKLIN**

by *Clarence Franklin and children*

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
**SUSAN OLIVER-LISETZA**

by *North Graham Baptist Church*

GIVEN IN HONOR OF  
**STEVE & BETH KENNEDY**  
by *ML and Carolyn Childress*

GIVEN IN HONOR OF  
**RICHARD & THERESA APPLE**  
by *Vickie Lambeth and Debra Morrison*

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
**HER MOTHER**  
by *Rebecca Glick*

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
**HARRY & ESTHER WELLONS**  
by *Betty Teague*

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF  
**DEWAYNE JOHNS**  
by the following:  
*Mike and Rose Kettlebar*  
*Sam & Brenda Patton*  
*Janet & Michelle Johns*  
*Tom & Doris Johns and family*  
*Dawn Hicks*



Last week, we did get a dusting of snow one night. By 7 a.m., several of the missionary kids were outside playing, making a snow man and having a snow ball fight – boys against girls! The snow melted away by early afternoon, but they sure had fun in it while it lasted.

This morning in my quiet time with the Lord, I read several of the Psalms. The theme of each of them was "Praise the Lord!" It was so good to be reminded that no matter what is going on in our lives and around us, we can praise Him because of His faithfulness and just because of who He is.

We are so thankful for a new coffee club member who has joined us since our last newsletter – Ms. Mary Ann Eskridge. We do not take lightly your generosity and commitment to support Siloam. We need each of you! And we pray for each of you often. Thank you for your prayers on our behalf, too.

God bless each of you.

Your "Coffeemate," *Joyce George*

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