

Siloam Missionary Homes

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

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"WE THANK THE LORD FOR YOU"

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know your labor is not in vain in the Lord. ~ Psalms 37:5

We thank the Lord for you and your generosity to give us a home. We praise the Lord for you today. Because of you, all of us have a warm place to live. God has truly blessed us and we pray that He will bless you. Some of the missionary families & Siloam staff are pictured below.



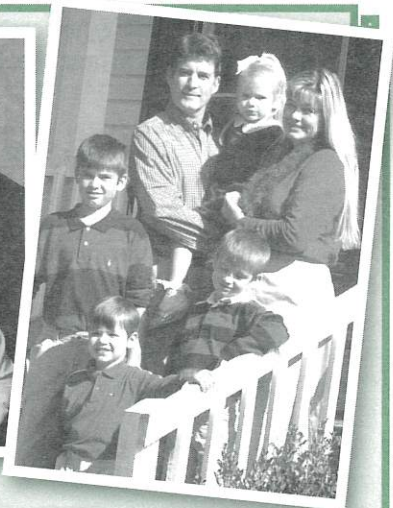
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Homes Schoolers Join Missionary Kids for Harvest Party



Clockwise from left: MK's & Homeschoolers on trolley ride; Pumpkin decorating contest; Visit to SMH chickens; Kids and parents visited missionaries at Siloam, to hear about their ministries.

The Reason and our Motivation ~ our Love for Him

Recently, in reading again John's Revelation of Jesus Christ, the message of the Lord to the church at Ephesus stood out in emphasizing love for the Lord. It would almost seem unnecessary to say a Christian must love Jesus Christ, but Jesus Himself declared that truth to the Ephesian Christians. The church at Ephesus (*Revelation 2:1-7*) was full of "good Christians." They worked hard and long for the Lord; they would not tolerate evil men or false apostles; and were steadfastly serving in the name of Jesus, all of which He commended. Yet, they practiced their Christianity without a strong love for the Lord Himself, and for this, He called them to repent. How many good Christians in Century 21 need to heed this same message? Love for the Lord through our faith in Him must be our reason and motivation for service in His name.

That kind of genuine love for the Lord is what I have seen in the missionaries I have met at Siloam Missionary Homes and is the basis of their response to His call to give themselves in missionary service. As pastor to the missionaries who stay at Siloam, I want to be an encouragement to them, but quite often, they are an encouragement to me. It strengthens my faith to see that through their various struggles, they persevere out of love for the

Lord and their desire to make Him known.

As one family of five headed overseas, the dad thought of the current economic crisis and spoke of how it refreshed his faith to be dependent only on the Lord to stir people's hearts to give to enable them to serve. He cannot work harder or take another job to earn more money in the country where the family will live, but must rely on what others give as the Lord provides a living through His people. Another couple was ready and eager to return to their mission field and did so only three weeks after the wife had open heart surgery. One couple perseveres after two traffic accidents within three months delayed their return to service overseas and surgery is in the near future. Others wait, trusting in the Lord's timing to provide their prayer and financial support while they keep on making contacts.

As I look at these few examples from the standpoint of my pastoral ministry to missionaries, it is evident that prayer is of first importance. It's good to be able to pray for the missionaries' needs in our men's prayer time each morning in the chapel at Siloam. To let the missionaries know that we are available for them, Betty and I enjoy visiting the new families who move in, taking them a "Welcome" basket and getting to know them as they begin

their stay here. I have enjoyed a fellowship dinner with the men at the Family Center and Betty recently hosted a luncheon for the women at our house. Having some one-on-one visits to talk about problems has also been meaningful. We are thankful for the opportunities that are continuing to develop in ministering to the missionaries who are giving their lives to minister to those who need the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We also want to minister to the churches that help to send the missionaries and to stimulate more churches to be involved in missions outreach. That's why Siloam Missionary Homes will invite area churches to join us here on Saturday, March 14, 2009 as we host a demonstration workshop on Planning and Conducting a Missions Conference/Celebration in Your Church. Look for more information coming soon and plan for your church to be a part. I am enthusiastic about helping to plan this vital event that will aid churches in their central task of obeying Christ's Great Commission.

As the seasons change so does our life. Transitioning into this new ministry at SMH has been a change that God has brought into our lives. The past few months have been filled with leaving a ministry of 37 years in one church, building and moving, trying to settle in to

We all are the Work of thy Hand

"But, now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay and You our potter; and all we are the work of Your hand." - ISAIAH 64:8

This passage of scripture has been such a blessing to me. I praise the Lord and thank Him for you today. All of you, as well as our staff, have been so blessed to have the wonderful privilege to serve missionaries by being part of Siloam. You are the instrument that God is using to help provide homes for missionaries. We are all co-laborers with Christ. Thank you, dear friend, for caring and for praying. Thank you for being sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit to help us give a home and food for 15 families.

Many families come here discouraged and heavy hearted. But, God is using this ministry to renew their hearts and give them a place to rest. I believe we stand in the gap for missions. The world says, "quit," but God says to "go!" He is not done with His work. God has promised to bless those who bless him. Just prior to returning to heaven, Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world." God has not changed, nor has He moved.

Looking at the front page of the newsletter, you can see the names and faces of the missionaries and our staff. You have been a vital part of their lives. God is using you on the front lines of the mission field as these families reach the world with the Gospel of Christ. It would be a tragedy for them not to have a place to call home, wouldn't it?

During this time of Thanksgiving, let us ask the Lord to renew our hearts and thank Him for allowing us to help these families.

- Larry George, President

new surroundings and new tasks. As we become more involved in the work here, Betty and I appreciate your prayers for the missionaries and staff at Siloam and for us personally. Like the missionaries, we

also depend on your prayer and financial support to supply our daily needs and to fulfill our ministry. Thank you so much for your support for the missionaries, the staff and for us through volunteering your

time and effort, your financial and various other gifts and thanks especially for your continued prayers.

- Milton Wilder, MH Pastoral Missionary Care



Please pray for the following needs of our Siloam Missionary Homes family:

- Martin and Silvia Garcia and three children in their extensive traveling schedule for raising support and reporting to supporters, for the Lord's protection and care and for the home schooling needs of the children
- Tim and Angie Jore and three children as they become accustomed to life in SE Asia and begin language learning
- Santiago and Jackie Olortegui as Santiago recovers from knee surgery, undergoes therapy and is unable to drive for six weeks
- John and Anna Millstead and two children as they adjust to the difficulty of John being away from the family to work in Texas for several months and Anna continues with ministry responsibilities
- Chris and Sara-Anne Caudle and two children as they settle into a new pastoral ministry and as the family continues to experience sorrow from the death of Sara-Anne's mother and grandmother in an automobile accident
- Paul and Marla Vermillion, with four children, to be faithful, humble, teachable, usable and available; for their VP of Translation Operations, Pe'er, and his wife Mimi, to have a healthy delivery and provide godly raising of their first child due at the end of November
- Curt and Sally Brown's son to soon find a job
- Henry and Sue Laparra and their eight children, as they continue to seek God's direction for their ministry
- Steve and Kristi Hoffman and their three children, for the continued favor of the Lord is raising their support

It's that time again... ALREADY!

I'm sure that as I am sitting here doing my "fridge calendar" for November, I'm not the only one shocked that it's that time of the year again ALREADY! It doesn't seem like it was but a few months ago that we were putting the Christmas tree away and it's time to pull it out of the storage!

We have so many blessings at Siloam every year- all year- but it seems that Christmas is a time of surprises, and Hallelujah moments! In the past, there have been individuals, Sunday school groups, churches etc. that have asked to "adopt" a child, family or a few families and get them special gifts from the families' wish list. We have begun to collect these lists from our 14 families. If you are interested in blessing any of the families in this way, please e-mail us or call and we'd love to get you a list!

Another way for you to get involved this Christmas is our dinners. We host special groups for dinner during December and January while we are still decorated for Christmas! We still have dates available. If your group of 15 or more is interested, please call, email or check our web site for these times. We'd love to have you come out. The meals include steak (\$15 per person) or chicken (\$13 per person), salad, veggie, potato, bread, dessert, drinks and soup if you'd like. This is a way that we can get you to come and see Siloam as well as help provide Christmas for our families!

Serving a "cup of cold water in His Name" to you,

Mike and Abbey Rich

Director & Family Center Hostess

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Dear Coffee Club Members,

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee." Isa.26:3



This verse has been brought to my attention twice already this morning, and it is only 8:30 a.m.! As I look at our calendar for the next two months, an overwhelmed feeling can steal over me – if I let it. But, God is faithful and has promised to give us a peaceful mind as we keep our mind on Him. Let me encourage you, too, to keep your mind focused on Christ as you head into this very busy season. He came into the world to give us peace – let's let Him!

In the month of October, four new families came to stay at Siloam, and one family left to return to the mission field. It was a busy month, getting the homes ready for the families. We have enjoyed getting to know these wonderful



Macie, Preston and David, bring so much joy into our lives.

people and their kids and hearing about their ministries. God is literally bringing people from the four corners of the world to Himself through the witness and hard work of missionaries. We are so grateful to be part of their efforts as we give them a place to rest, renew and then return.

We have a couple of new coffee club members – John Cook and Peggy Wright. All of you who faithfully give each month are such an encouragement to us. You are the hands of God, reaching the world through your generosity!

God bless you.

Your "Coffeemate," *Joyce George*

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