



Siloam Missionary Homes

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

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"A vision is a function of the heart prompted by the Holy Spirit"

*Delight thyself in the
Lord and He shall give thee
the desires of thine heart
~ Psalms 37:5*

We praise the Lord for the completion of house #13! It was an exciting moment to say, "It is finished!" We built this home in record time - about one year - and had a wonderful group of volunteers. We are so appreciative of Ken Carden, the contractor and all the people that made this home a reality. Mike Brooks and his family, with Mission Aviation Fellowship, was the first family to move in last week. They arrived here early on Saturday morning from a long trip overseas. They stayed here 4 years ago, and noted that the campus has changed. Because they were to arrive in the middle of the night, we put their name on the house so when they got here they would know where to stay. Mike's wife, Eve, said, "When we walked into the house we thought we were living in a home like the Better Homes and Gardens shows. If I had not seen our name on the door, I would have thought we were in the wrong house!" What a blessing, folks, to know how this has blessed a missionary family! It makes all the hard work well worth it. One of the greatest blessings is that the house is completely paid for. The Brookes are here until mid September and then we have another family coming. Thank you, dear friends, for loving us, and loving the missionary families.



WMU House Finished and Landscaped



Volunteers helped make beds, clean, and get the house ready for our first missionary family



Carolyn Christmas and Judy Atwater did a beautiful job heading up the decorating committee



Shown above: Dining room, upstairs bedroom and corner of living room.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

A Vision is Different from Ambition... It's Trusting in Him

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thy own understanding; in all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths. ~ PROVERBS 3:5&6

We have all watched in amazement as the cost of everything continues to climb. I think we all have sticker shock when it comes to buying food and gasoline. In December of last year, by faith the board of directors stepped out and put together the budget for 2008. We believe this was and still is God's will. We, like you, have been extra careful with the funds given to us and are stretching each dollar as far as it can go. I praise the Lord that in spite of the economy, God is still in control. He is not broke and knew way before Siloam was established that He would see us through. From day one, we always said we wanted our supporters to always know where we are. There is nothing to hide - Siloam Missionary Homes belongs to Him. We are his caretakers. The financial records are not placed here as a way to solicit, but so you can pray for us.

We want to be known as a ministry that seeks God's face. Our desire is to live for him daily and thank him each day for the provisions he has made for all of us. I wake up each morning as if it is Christmas, wondering how God will provide today. The budget is a guide, God mandates the work. God is able and proves himself over and over again. Thank you for allowing us the privilege of serving these families. My heart is not to increase the cost of housing, but to allow God to provide. Pray for our board too.

May God continue to fill you with his blessing. May we continue to partner together in reaching the world for Christ through Siloam Missionary Homes.

SILOAM MISSIONARY HOMES JANUARY - MAY BUDGET**

INCOME

Coffee Club	9,171.96
Debt Reduction.....	1,245.36
General Contributions	39,769.56
Maintenance	14,614.77
Retreats/Dinners	3,483.50
Salaries.....	6,675.00
Total Income.....	\$ 74,960.15

EXPENSES

Electric.....	4,144.97	Promotional	1,019.33
Insurance	4,862.71	Propane.....	3,534.13
Maintenance	10,965.85	Retreats/Dinners	1,972.69
Miscellaneous.....	3,636.39	Travel & Vehicle.....	2,774.77
Office	3,679.62	Interest Expense	8,526.22
Personnel	44,246.05	Payroll Taxes/Other ...	1,897.51
Phone.....	2,467.65	Total Expenses	\$ 93,727.89

** Income and Expense Report does not reflect special designated gifts. This is for our operating budget only.

BLESSED TO BLESS

I was doing my devotions this morning from My Daily Bread and it was talking about in Galatians 5 that we are given things from the Lord so that we may give and bless others. It has amazed me this month how many people have given to Siloam! The biggest blessing to us (my family) was that we were trying to figure out how we could afford gas in our van with Macie being in school. We began praying for a car and someone called Siloam and asked if anyone needed a car! What a blessing! When we picked up the car, the couple told us "you don't know what a blessing it is for us to give this to you!" I said "you don't know what a blessing it is to us!" How incredible! They truly are living out this principle. The car is in great condition and we love it! Our kids are so proud too of our new car! Praise the Lord!

The same principle rang true with people donating furniture this month! They have been blessed and have chosen to bless us with nice (matching) furniture. This touches the lives of our families at Siloam so much to see a nice home with matching furniture. We have had countless missionaries thank us for the nice home they have! Thank YOU for blessing us so that we may bless others!

Mike and Abbey Rich, Director and Family Center Hostess

NOTES FROM MISSIONARY FAMILIES

"I cannot express how comforting it is to me as a father and husband that there is a safe and beautiful place for us to transition off the field after 16 years. SMH is a shining star on the horizon for our family. Thank you and may God continue to bless you and your ministry."

— PC, missionary to Ghana

"I don't know if I officially thanked you, but I wanted to let you know that I very much appreciate all you have done and are doing for my family and even me specifically. I just finished some toast with some homemade pear butter on it from Dad's Country Store, and it was real good! Anyway, you can thank whoever made it and let me have it for free."

— MK, college age missionary kid

"We are all here (Hungary) now...things are getting easier each day...today's trip to the grocery store wasn't nearly as scary as last weeks and I actually came home with most of the items on my list. On the backs of the products they have four languages - Slovak, Polish, Hungarian and Czech. All too confusing. Needless to say, the food hasn't been great in our house lately. Two nights ago, I was up late with two of the kids, Justin and Carina, unpacking. So, we took a break and went to the kitchen to have a tasteless snack of something I found at the store. As we sat there, we talked about Dad's Country Store and how if we were at Siloam, we would walk down there right now and get a yummy cake. Justin and Carina both said, "Well, that's okay, because we will be back there in four years!" We sure loved our time there (at Siloam)."

— CP, missionary to Hungary

SPECIAL NEEDS ~ CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

We had to extend the septic system for one of our homes this month, which has been an unexpected cost. Please pray about how God could use you to meet this need.

SUMMER AT SILOAM MISSIONARY HOMES = WORK GROUPS! *Papa's Workshop*

"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6

Several Saturdays ago, Mike, Henry and I went to Reidsville, NC to pick up wood working equipment. These tools were donated to SMH by Ray Soyars' family. Ray's dad was the neighborhood car mechanic, bicycle repair man. The late Mr. Soyars was also a woodworker. According to Ray, his father enjoyed working with his hands. In our day he would be called "a man's man." He was a person who could figure out how to fix about anything he set his mind to.

Opening the garage door was like stepping back in time. Everything was still in its place, for the most part. Walking around the building, Ray would pick up a tool and tell us a story about something his dad had done with it. Even though we needed the equipment, I hated to dismantle the shop. I realized I was dismantling a part of Ray's memories of his dad. Over the top of Mr. Soyars' work bench was a hand made sign, which read Papa's Workshop."

After loading the truck, as I headed home, I started thinking about my dad. He, too, loved working with his hands. The greatest enjoyment both of these men would receive from their labor was the satisfaction of fixing something someone else was going to throw away. Their projects for family and friends required hours of work and could never be measured by money made.

In a generation of computer, high speed internet, and cell phones, we have lost something. Yes, we have taught our children to play soccer, to swim. We have given them video games and the latest gadgets. But, have we really taught them the basics? How to fix a car, change a tire, repair a broken bicycle? How about repair a broken kitchen drawer, or fix a leaky faucet? The Bible instructs us to train the younger generation. Today we are living longer, have more time than ever before. It gives granddads and grandmothers the awesome ability to teach the children and grandchildren. Once I heard someone say, "All we have is time." What a wonderful gift!

This summer we are using work groups to build a workshop – Papa's Workshop. This shop will fill a great need as our staff maintains the missionary homes and all the acres of lawns and woods. Our newest home is a tribute to Mike and Henry and the guys from Hines Chapel that took the red oak harvested off of our own property, stacked and dried it and cut it into boards for the woodwork on the house.

"For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. He taught me also, and said unto me; let thine heart retain my words; keep my commandments and live. Get wisdom, get understanding; forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth."

~ Prov 4:3-5



BCA youth helped clean up brush around the Siloam property



9th & 10th grade students from Burlington Christian Academy



Freedom Baptist Church Youth



Freedom Youth also pitched in to mow and weed eat.



Freedom Youth weeding around the Family Center.



One of the jobs for Freedom Youth was to paint the inside of one of the houses



The main project for Freedom Youth was to move lumber and brick to clean up and prepare the site where we will be constructing our new work shop.



Lee Cox, from BCA, was voted to receive the Christian Conduct Award for the best overall attitude of the group.



David Sheldon voted by Freedom Youth to receive the Christian Conduct Award



Missionary Kids playing together during Missionary Fellowship Supper.

ANNUAL PIG PIC'N SEPTEMBER 20, 2008

Mark you calendar and plan to join us for our annual pig pic'n and gospel sing on Saturday September 20, 2008. Area choirs will be providing our special music during the afternoon and evening.

Concessions will be available throughout the evening for purchase.

Please bring your own lawn chair and settle in for an afternoon of food, fellowship and blessing!

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Dear Coffee Club Members,



This week, the Bible Study for my SS Class at church centers on Mary, the mother of Jesus. During my devotions this morning, the study pointed out that one of Mary's strengths was her willingness to do whatever the Lord asked of her – no matter how it changed the circumstances of her life. The challenge is to trust the Lord, even when our circumstances change. This truth reminds me of the missionary families who come to Siloam for rest. So many times, they have their plans all laid out, and then unexpectedly, they have to change their plans. Please pray for your missionaries, as life's ups and downs affect them, just as they affect us on a daily basis.

Summer hasn't officially started yet, and still we have been busy with summer activities. Our first work group has already come and gone. We had a great week with them. The youth from Freedom Baptist Church came and worked hard, cleaning up the site that will soon (Lord willing) be our new work shop. They also dug in and helped paint one of our houses, helping us get it ready for another family coming in August. The week wasn't all work, though, as they had fun with water games, team challenges and s'mores around the camp fire. We were so encouraged to see a great group of teenagers who had a wonderful attitude and worked hard. We were blessed to have them here.

Our "family" continues to grow up. Macie graduated from 4 year old kindergarten and is enrolled at BCA for K5 next fall. Preston is a very active and enthusiastic 3 year old, and he loves details. He will probably be an accountant! David just turned 2 and thinks that any truck or tractor he sees is "daddy's tractor!" We are so blessed to have them close by and pray daily that God will use them in a mighty way. Mike and Abbey faithfully work hard along side us here, doing whatever they can to minister to the needs of the families. Rachel is working in Burlington and uses her spare time to care for stray animals that show up on her doorstep. She has an unusual love for animals and tries to help them whenever she can.

We have one new coffee club member to introduce – John and Nancy Seivers. We are so thankful for their willingness to get involved in helping us provide a home for missionary families. Would you prayerfully consider joining with us, too? Just a little from a lot of people makes a big difference in the lives of so many.

God bless you.

Your "Coffeemate," *Joyce George*

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☐ \$15 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ Other \$ (Please send my Coffee Club cup.)

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☐ Family Center ☐ General Fund ☐ (specify project) _____

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

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