

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matt. 28:19

Christmas is an exciting time for all of us here at Siloam Missionary Homes. We spent a Saturday recently decorating the lamp posts, the chapel and the Family Center. While driving around the campus the other evening, I could see the lit trees inside many of the missionaries' homes. Oh, to see the sparkle in the eyes of the missionary children's faces, and of course, all of the kids are praying for snow! Last year, at 4 a.m. one morning, I was awakened by the sound of the mk's outside yelling and shouting! It was snowing and they used anything they could find to sled with. This, to me, is one of the treasures we enjoy about living here at Siloam. We are giving them a Christmas party on December 5<sup>th</sup>. It is a wonderful time to reflect over the blessings of the year and to fellowship together. Many people and churches have given gifts to be distributed to the children.

I would like to thank you for the wonderful privilege of allowing our staff to minister to all of the missionary families that have stayed here over the past 17 years. Joyce and I could not do this by ourselves. It takes lots of prayer, bunches of volunteers, and yes, plenty of money to keep the lights burning. You have helped us in so many other ways. I cannot begin to praise the Lord enough or to thank you for helping finish Papa's Workshop, the fire pit gazebo, the entrance way, and remodeling 4 kitchens. We are so grateful for all of the clothing, furniture and food that you give, almost daily, to feed and clothe 14 families.

Yes, God is blessing us here at SMH! As you partner with us to provide homes for missionary families, we continue to send them forth – rested, renewed and ready to reach a lost and dying world for Jesus Christ – so one day "that all nations could celebrate Christmas."

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