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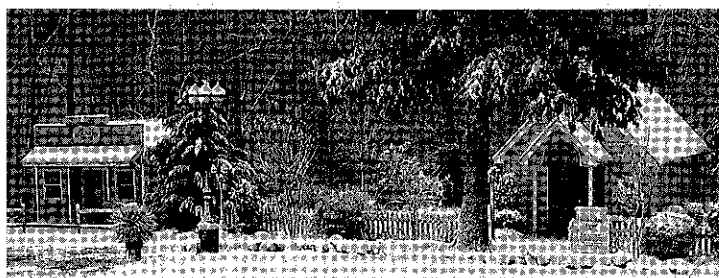
"And his raiment became shining, exceedingly white as snow"

This morning, we woke to a pleasant surprise. The trees and ground was covered with snow. It doesn't snow much here at Siloam Missionary Homes, but when it does, the kids and the parents have a ball. Local history tells us that while the British camped near the Cane Creek back in the 1700's, it snowed. One year later, as they were traveling, again they arrived at the same location to camp. One of the soldiers remarked as they were setting up camp that the place looked familiar. He then remembered that it looked familiar yet different because the last time they had stayed here, the ground was covered with snow. And that is how "Snow Camp" got its name.

Well, we praise the Lord for a "snow day." It really brought joy to the families. Some of the children came from tropical countries and haven't seen snow or much snow. Looking out the window, I see them running down the hill and chasing each other.

One of my favorite Bible verses is found in Mark 9:3 at the Mount of Transfiguration. "And his raiment became shining, exceedingly white as snow, as no fuller on earth can whiten them." In the New American Standard it says "as white as no launderer on earth can whiten them." What a blessing to know that one day we all will be dressed in white and that our sins will become whiter than snow.

It is wonderful how God used the snow to cover the brown leaves and dirt and make it a beautiful shining example of Him.



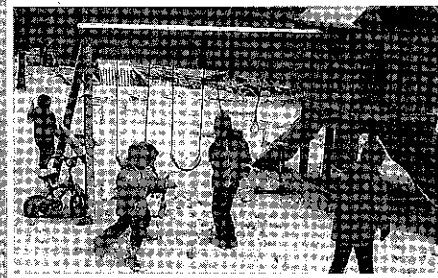
Dad's Country Store and the Burden Love Chapel



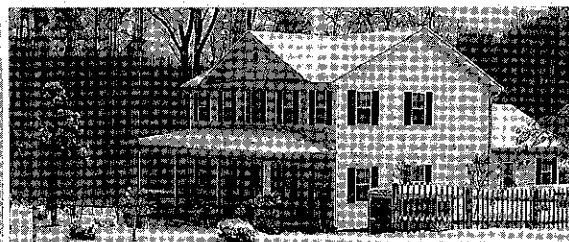
Hot chocolate with marshmallows!



Warming up with a tasty treat



Snow ball fight anyone?



One of our missionary homes, covered in snow



Missionary kids sledding behind one of our houses.

UPCOMING Mission Experience *at Siloam*

The third Saturday of each month has been set aside for our "missionary experience." The day begins at 8 a.m. and ends by 2 p.m. We will provide you a wonderful lunch. One Saturday per month, Henry and I are looking for volunteers to help us with various projects around Siloam. Taking care of 26 acres and 13 homes is a big undertaking, but with your help, we can keep things looking beautiful.

This month, we are putting up a fence along the property line. We need help to spread mulch around trees and shrubs. Also, below are listed a couple of projects we are working on. We are looking for people to help sponsor these much needed items. You can sponsor a whole project, or just a part. Every bit helps! Call me for more details.

- **Fence & Materials** \$ 1,000
- **Mulch** \$ 185 per truck load
- **Papa's Work Shop** - The roof trusses are up. We need volunteers to cut off the eaves, prepare the walls for the metal. The stone is here for the foundation, but we need help spreading it and getting it ready for the concrete.

Will you set aside a Saturday for A Missionary Experience and help us? The days are getting warmer and longer!

By Mike Rich, Director

My Desire

What is your desire as a person, a parent or a spouse? My desire as a person is to share the love of Jesus with others. As a spouse, my desire is to be the greatest cheerleader (encourager) for Mike that I can be. My desire as a mother is to train my children to love the Lord, serve Him in whatever He wants and also to love Siloam. As you probably know, I was once where my children are. I was a "child of Siloam" that spent a lot of my growing up years helping develop the property, speak and sing in your churches and eating hotdogs (a LOT of them) with volunteers. Other than hating hotdogs, I think my parents did a great job raising my sister and myself to love Siloam.



Abbey with Macie, Preston and David on Thanksgiving Day

I think it is critically important to involve my children in our ministry at Siloam so that they don't feel like their lives come second to our 'job'. They travel with us to other churches and many times if you come out to visit us, they will be helping me in the kitchen prepare the meals. I've been told several times that Macie mentioned to her Sunday School teachers in your churches that they should quit their job and come help us at the mission. What a great outlook so far that my children have with the ministry the Lord has called our family to!

What is your desire as a person, spouse and parent? My challenge to you is to involve your whole family in the ministry God has called you to whether it is to volunteer at Siloam, go overseas and help someone, or help in your local church. As we see families falling apart all over America, let's try to serve together and see God get the glory!

By Abbey Rich, Family Center Hostess

A Word from the Wilders

The first months of the New Year have involved us in a variety of activities. We have welcomed new missionaries to Siloam, said goodbye to others, listened to and prayed with some about special needs, helped prepare meals and hosted visiting church groups, including a special Valentine's dinner and movie night.

We have helped with the meals and program for the monthly Missionary Fellowship nights at the Family Center and had missionary families at our house for meals as well as for the monthly "Lunch at Betty's" for the women staff and missionaries. *(We've printed one of the recipes for you to try.)*

Although our primary focus is on ministering to the missionaries at SMH, we also want to minister to the churches. Milton has put together the Celebrating Missions conference (March 14) at Siloam to provide help for the missions outreach of participating churches. Please pray for the Lord to produce continuing spiritual fruit from this conference. Also as a service to churches, Milton is available to preach, as he has done several times, for area pastors who need to be away from their pulpit or for churches without a pastor.

We encourage you to use your gifts and skills to help care for the needs of missionaries – that is what you are doing when you volunteer to come and help at Siloam Missionary Homes. There are opportunities for all who will give a few hours, a half-day or longer *(we have overnight facilities!)* to work at SMH. You can also help through donations of food items for "Dad's Country Store" that helps supply missionaries' needs. We also accept money (!), but would truly like to have you come so we can fellowship together. You keep us going! Thank you so much.

GRAPE SALAD

1 cup sour cream 8 oz. cream cheese
1/2 cup sugar 1 tsp vanilla

Cream all together and fold in 6 cups of sweet, fresh, seedless grapes.

Topping:

1 cup brown sugar 1 cup chopped pecans
Mix topping together and sprinkle on top of the grapes.

God is Able — Are We?

Over the past year, I believe we have all gotten caught up in the economy. To be totally honest, I have, too. Siloam Missionary Homes was founded on faith. Over the years, one of my favorite Bible verses that I quote is Proverbs 24:27 *"Prepare thy work without, make it fit for thyself in the field, and afterward, build thine house."* The Lord told the disciples over and over in the New Testament, to go and that he would provide. He said, "Don't worry about tomorrow because tomorrow will take care of itself." I think we have gotten so wrapped up in the economy and forget that God has never changed. He is willing to do abundantly above all that we could ask or think. So, why do we worry?

My daughter, Abbey, was talking to one of her children the other day when I heard her say, "Go out and play and enjoy today, don't wish tomorrow away." Is the devil robbing us of the joy of today, having us always worrying about tomorrow? The Lord brought the passage from Proverbs back to my mind over and over again. Each day is a "faith walk." Whether what we are facing is financial, our health, or just driving our car, we don't know what tomorrow will bring, but we have today to serve Him and be thankful for another day.

I praise the Lord that He continues to provide on a daily basis. Every day, when the mail comes, it becomes "a hallelujah moment." Yes, it would be wonderful not to have to focus on the budget or wonder if we have enough today to pay the bills. But, I believe that is God's way of helping all of us to understand that every gift is from Him and that He is in control.

Listed here is our budget for 2009. We have trimmed everywhere we can. We want to be as transparent as we can be about the finances of the ministry and believe that it is important to share everything with you.

We have many ongoing projects here to keep the homes looking nice, and we have prepared a list "A Missionary Experience" for you to see. Our goal is to do these projects as God provides, and not borrowing any funds for them. Mike and Henry have planned work days and these work projects. Come work beside us and share the joy of serving at Siloam Missionary Homes.

Thank you, dear friends, for your continued prayers and support of this ministry and our families. May God continue to bless you as we serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

By Larry George, President

Siloam Missionary Homes Projected 2009 Budget

MONTHLY EXPENSES

Electric	907.00
Equipment.....	208.00
Insurance	1002.00
(Includes Key Man Insurance)	
Mortgage	2,883.00
Maintenance	2,238.00
Miscellaneous	183.00
Office	873.00
Personnel	10,136.00
Salaries include: Larry George; Mike Rich; Sandy Hopkins; Henry Hagood	
Phone.....	452.00
Promotiona	606.00
Propane.....	419.00
Rental storage building.....	110.00
Travel	94.00
Vehicle	364.00
Payroll Taxes.....	323.00
Hospitality.....	67.00
Taxes/other	75.00
TOTAL.....	\$20,940.00

In His Service, Pastor David Jackson, V.P. and CEO



Have you ever been seated in a mission's conference and the speaker shares his burden and shows a power point presentation? Your heart begins to beat a little faster and often tears drop as you ponder your own spiritual journey. For many missionaries, this is the story of how their missions call began. From there they often pursue education, at the same time praying for God's place of ministry to be revealed to their heart. They must choose a mission board, be accepted and then travel around

the country to raise support. Wow! It can be overwhelming and you've yet to reach the field. Once you are there, adjustments, adjustments, adjustments are made.

After several years on the field, there is a need to return to the States and raise more support and contact already supporting churches. You've sold all that you had just to go to the field. Where will you live? How will you get around? Can we find a doctor if we need one? Questions abound! That is where Siloam Missionary Homes comes in, we are there to help relieve

the stress, encourage them by beautiful housing and facilities, plus the joy of fellowshiping with other missionaries.

Your faithful support allows us at SMH to reach and care for missionaries who will go back and continue sharing the life changing message of Jesus Christ. Every dollar is seen as a blessing from God as we pass those blessings over to the needs of our missionaries.

That is why our missionaries are able to call Siloam "home." From the board of directors, we send our heartfelt gratitude for your generosity and continued support.



The third Tuesday of each month, all of the missionaries gather in the Family Center for food and fellowship – or fellowship and food, depending on who is talking. In February, we enjoyed a Mexican menu, complete with tacos, taco salad, chips and cheese, Spanish rice, and of course, lots of desserts! After our meal, the missionary kids were treated to a special program put on by Central Baptist Church from Oak Ridge, NC. They had music and stories and it was a blessing to see them having such a good time.

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Dear Coffee Club Members,

Spring is peeking out – even through the snow. Daffodils have begun to show their beautiful yellow faces and I am looking forward to warm weather! I know the snow is beautiful and the kids love it, but I would just as soon have it 80 degrees!



God has opened up a wonderful door of opportunity to Larry and me to share Siloam Missionary Homes with a large audience through the radio. For those of you who get our e-mail, you have been receiving a little each week about what the shows are about and reminded to go to our web site at 3:30 each Saturday afternoon and listen to our show online. We have had the special privilege to talk to missionaries about their experiences. Our desire is to make people across North Carolina more aware of missions and what goes on in the everyday lives of missionary families. I know you would be blessed to hear some of these testimonies.

We have new coffee club members, Maurice and Martha Weaver. We appreciate each of you so much who give to this ministry monthly. You are a blessing and an encouragement.

God bless you.

Your "Coffeemate," *Joyce George*



Siloam Missionary Homes is now able to receive your donation through an "Electronic Funds Transfer." This makes your monthly giving easier. Ask us how!

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 ☐ General Fund ☐ (specify project) _____

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Jackson".

Pastor David Jackson
Chairman

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