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18TH ANNUAL PIG PIC'N

Good food, good music and good fellowship all came together one evening in September to celebrate our 18th annual pig pic'n. Morning dawned with clouds and scattered drizzle. As our staff assembled under the big tent to talk about the final preparations, we joined hearts in prayer, asking the Lord to bless the day. We had done all we could do to prepare for this special evening, and we committed the outcome of the day – rain or shine – into His loving hands.

As guests began to arrive, we were in awe that even the weather could not keep them away. As we looked over the crowd, we estimated that about 900 people came to hear the special gospel groups, Called Out, The Harvesters, Janet Paschal and Sheltered. One of our missionaries, LaVerne Waugh, shared briefly about her ministry to feed and clothe children and adults in Zimbabwe. Folks opened their hearts and their wallets to give her a generous offering of over \$800 to help her with ministry expenses.

We praise the Lord for the support of all those who came out to help us celebrate this special evening. The \$12,000 love offering that was received during the event and by the generosity of sponsors will help with the ongoing cost to continue to provide homes for missionary families. We want to thank all who volunteered their time and talents to the Lord to make our Pig Pic'n a blessing. Most of all, we praise the Lord for His faithfulness and for the opportunity to serve Him here. Without Him, there would be no reason to celebrate. To Him be all the glory!

LaVerne Waugh, missionary to Zimbabwe.



Clowns, Bruce Wheeler (past board member) & Willie, entertained the kids with balloons and face painting.



Called Out.



BBQ, beans and slaw, tea and dessert is always a big part of a great evening.

In spite of the drizzle, we had a great crowd.



THE GREAT COMMISSION...WHOSE JOB IS IT?

I praise the Lord for the wonderful privilege God has given us to serve Him here at Siloam Missionary Homes. Of course, like you we are commanded by our Lord and Savior to go and serve. This week, in my devotions, the Lord is showing me my responsibilities as a follower of Christ. In Acts 1:8, Jesus said that He would give us the Holy Spirit and that we will have the power to reach the world. Now this is where we get deceived. The scripture clearly says, *"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."* – Acts 1:8. He did not say that we are to start and do just one area, and then move on once this is complete. He said all areas at the same time. Reach the world! How can we do that? By working through the Holy Spirit and allowing Him to direct us in our daily walk with Him.

Several years ago while planning the next phase of housing, our board of directors formed a committee to come

up with plans to expand. We currently have 26 acres here with 13 homes, and have reached our capacity. We are making preparations to build two new homes next year. One would give us an additional home and the other would replace an existing trailer. As I write this, Mike is working on the house plans and we are meeting with inspectors to see what we have to do.

As we were working on future development several years ago, we knew we were landlocked and could not grow in either direction unless the property came up for sale. The people on both sides of us had every intention of living out their lives on their land. Now, just recently, I have been contacted by both parties and they both want to sell their land to Siloam! We believe that God is opening doors for us to expand. Would you consider partnering with us so that we can purchase these properties? The board of directors is working on this expansion and we will keep you informed over the next several months.

God has given us tools to reach the world. It is truly all of our responsibilities to make this happen.

But, I need your help. Like the Apostle Paul said in I Cor. 15:58, *"Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."*

The Great Commission is a job for all of us. My question to you is, "How can we be used to reach the most people as quickly as possible?" I believe through Siloam Missionary Homes. We are not only providing homes and encouragement for missionaries to continue, but we are sending out and reaching the world. Please pray how God can use you to partner with us to reach the world while there is still time. Families are calling, families are ready to go, and we have to act now. Every hour we wait, people are perishing. We must go – this is not my command, it is God's.

Thank you, dear friend, for your prayers, your labor and your financial support. I look forward to hearing from you as we continue to partner together in reaching the world for Jesus Christ.

Larry George, *President*

SERVE TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord! It is truly incredible to see the amazing things that our Lord can do – how He can supply all of our needs abundantly. Every year, our board of directors gets together to go over the budget and upcoming projects for the months to come. This year, one of the priorities was to update one of the Coble Homes. We were hoping to do things such as replace the flooring with something that would be more maintenance free (*i.e.: tile the dining room, bathrooms and laundry room*). As time went on, the house became available for the next family to move in (*This is when we work on the houses to get ready for the next missionaries to come in.*) With the economy the way

it is, the funding for sprucing up the house just wasn't coming in. Unable to make the updates we hoped to make, we proceeded to begin patching the carpet, cleaning and painting. "Prepare thy work without..." (*Keep moving forward.*)

One afternoon, a gentleman came to Siloam who did not know us, nor did we know him. He began to tell us that he and his wife had seen our literature on the bulletin board at church and wanted to see first hand what Siloam was all about. He told us what he does for a living and asked if we had a need! To make a long story short, he said because the Lord has blessed in such a mighty way he felt moved to place porcelain tile throughout the entire house, replace the Formica counter tops

with granite and to add some depth (*as if that weren't enough!*) place hand laid tumbled marble as back splash in the kitchen!

This man and his wife have been used in a mighty way because they have been sensitive to the Lord. As of today, four of our homes here at Siloam have been done, and are beautiful! They have asked that we not mention their names, because it is not them but the Lord working through them. I would like to say, "Thank you from the board, staff, and all of the missionaries that will be able to enjoy the fruits of your labor for years to come. May the Lord Our God richly bless you and your family!"

— Mike Rich, *Director*

FROM OUR PASTOR'S HEART

Siloam Missionary Homes is "a place missionaries call home," but it is also like a headquarters or base of operations for the missionaries while they are here. From Siloam, they reach out through mail, email and phone contacts. They travel many hundreds, even thousands of miles to visit churches and individuals to seek prayer and financial support and to report to those who already partner with them in ministry. Missionaries have expressed thanks that they can leave for their travels knowing their home is safe while they are away and cared for and comfortable when they return.

During their stay at Siloam Missionary Homes, missionaries make many trips to and from their home here, but the

time comes for them to depart. It is not easy to say goodbye to those we have come to know, yet they must answer the calling of the Lord to begin or to resume their ministry on their field of service. However, we look forward to seeing many of the missionary families at their next home assignment because they have already reserved another place at SMH when they return.

Please pray for the needs of our missionary family. In the next few months, several missionary families will leave Siloam. New families will soon move in to make Siloam their home for a while. Some of the missionaries have met their support level while others still wait for their full support before they can return to the field. At

least one family will transition back into work in our country and is looking for the Lord's direction. Each one faces the future with trust and faith in our loving heavenly Father, following much as Abraham did when God called him to go or when Jesus sent out His disciples "into all the world." Like all of us at times, missionaries deal with uncertainty and the need for patience while waiting. If you would like to pray for a specific missionary family and their needs, please email me at siloamhmv@bellsouth.net and I will (*with their permission*) send you the information. If you have a need that we can pray for during our morning prayer time in the Chapel, please email me your request.

Milton Wilder, *Missionary Pastoral Care*

Please pray for me as I plan Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners and parties for the missionaries and their children. If you would like to **donate gifts** for the missionaries' children, please let me know. I will have a wish list from them from which you may choose. These families appreciate food and gifts during this season. We will have a **Christmas Party for the missionary children**. If you would like to do something for the families during November or December or help with the party, please contact us.

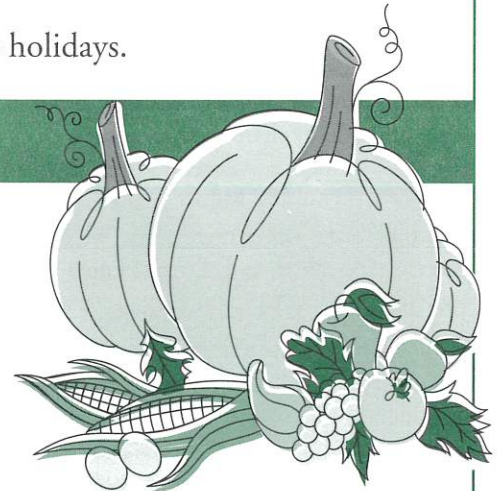
Here's an easy and tasty recipe for you to prepare and serve during the holidays.

PUMPKIN CRISP — Serves 8-10

- 1 (15 oz.) can pumpkin
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1 (18.25 oz) package yellow cake mix
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup butter, melted

Directions

Stir together first three ingredients. Pour into a lightly greased 13 x 9 inch baking dish. Sprinkle cake mix evenly over pumpkin mixture; sprinkle evenly with pecans. Drizzle butter evenly over pecans. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour or until golden brown. Remove from oven, and let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serve warm or at room temperature with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream, if desired.



~ By Betty Wilder,
Missionary Pastoral Care



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Paying Down the Debt

We praise the Lord that even with the recession that is going on, He has blessed us tremendously. This year, through two very generous donors, He has provided \$150,000 for us to pay down the debt of the ministry. Our goal is to completely pay off the mortgage balance of \$315,000 by the end of the year. Please pray with us about this goal.



Some of you may be aware that we are now doing a weekly radio show, "A Place Missionaries Call Home." Until recently, you had to listen while it was broadcasting on Saturday afternoons at 3:30. Well, now you can listen anytime. Simply log onto our website at www.siloamhomes.org, and click on the button "Listen to past shows" on the right side of the screen under the radio information. That will take you to the place where you can click onto one of our past radio shows and hear the testimonies of missionaries from all over the world as they share their ministries. Recently, we were privileged to interview my mother, Dorothy Abbey, as she talked about life as a pioneer missionary. We hope you will take the time to listen! I know you will be blessed.

We are excited that this new outreach has a listening audience of about 25,000 people each week! Since January, Siloam Missionary Homes has had over 260,000 hits on our website! We are so grateful to the Lord for letting us be vessels to challenge so many to get involved in and better understand missions!

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Dear Coffee Club Members,



I find myself saying over and over "I can't believe fall is here already!" Where in the world does time go? Every day I watch my three grandkids, Macie, Preston and David, as they are growing, learning and changing and I am amazed. Just the other day, we were at a soccer game with the kids. As I watched them running after and kicking the ball, my mind wandered back to the days when Larry and I used to go and sit in the cold and watch our girls play. And now my girls are grown women themselves. It is a reminder to me to treasure each day while they are young and how important it is to pray for them and walk a consistent Christian walk before them.

When you think of the aroma of coffee, what comes to mind? When I smell coffee, I think of comfort, of taking a break, but most of all, I think of home.

Put yourself in this missionary mother's place; You've just returned from the mission field after years of giving of yourself: emotionally, physically, mentally, and even spiritually. You're exhausted! The year ahead is uncertain for many reasons. "Where will my kids go to school? What are the latest fashions? What is the newest gadget? How much have things changed since we were here last time? Most of all, when we travel, WHERE WILL WE STAY?"

These thoughts have crossed my mind as we have discussed with so many missionaries the need of providing temporary housing. I realize with the high cost of trying to provide for our own families, how expensive it is just to make ends meet.

So, I thought, "What could I do to help?" If I would give up one cup of coffee (or whatever you enjoy drinking) per day, I could help these missionaries enjoy what I take for granted.

Would you be willing to do this along with me? For just \$30 per month (\$1 per day) donation, you can help make a missionary family comfortable at Siloam Missionary Homes. Your contributions are tax deductible.

For joining the "Coffee Club" I would like to send you a coffee cup, along with our newsletter, so every time you drink a cup of coffee, you will remember to pray for us at Siloam, and for the missionaries staying with us.

God bless each of 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.)

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Please designate my one time gift for: _____

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☐ Milton & Betty Wilder support

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