

# Siloam Missionary Homes

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## Worship Through Service

Many times when I speak to people, I express my desire to walk as closely to the Lord as possible. I do try to apply Eph.6:18 at all times. *"Praying always with all prayer and supplication."* Actually, that's what brought me to this place in life. The Lord makes it clear in the Word that we are to worship Him. If we don't, He'll make the rocks cry out. But what else? Thankfully, for us as believers who have trusted in Christ as Savior, we can rest assured that we have everlasting life. So our salvation is not based on works. If you are like me, I love the Lord. He has done so much for me in all aspects. That motivates me to do as much for Him as possible. That He might use me in whatever way He can. I want to be a willing vessel. He has blessed each one of us with different gifts and talents. Would it not

be wasteful and/or slothful to cast those gifts to the side with the thought of saying "I" don't have the time, or "I" am too tired, or using some other excuse that seems to be so easy for us to find. There is so much for us to do in the service to which the Lord has called us to, "Go ye therefore." I had a professor who said, "Your talk talks and your walk walks, but does your talk walk?" I'd like to say, "Your service serves and your worship worships, but does your service worship?" How about let's stop talking about going down to Siloam and helping and actually come on down! Come worship the Lord with us, using the skills and talents the Lord has given to you.

James 1:22 - *"But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only"*

~ Mike D. Rich, Director



Apple's Chapel Church roofing Papa's Workshop



Central Baptist Church planting flowers at entrance



Grace Reformed Church spreading mulch

## Rejoice Evermore...Pray Without Ceasing...In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thess. 5:16-18

A few weeks ago, I had a doctor appointment. While going over my medical records, my doctor asked me how I was doing. He asked the question because he could see the anxiety on my face. "Well, to tell you the truth, doctor," I said, "I'm exhausted. Worried about the economy, the missionary families are struggling financially and at night when I go home, I turn on the news to more bad news." My doctor then looked at me and said, "Well, quit watching the news!" After I left his office, I felt much better, but then I realized his solution for anxiety was to avoid reality (of course, turning off the news did help!). God and His Word is the only cure for our fears. The Bible says, "Come unto me all ye who are weary and I will give you rest."

I thank the Lord that every morning, Monday through Friday, Milton leads us in prayer in the chapel. Each and every day I can find hundreds of excuses for not being there, but

the fact is that I need to pour out my heart to God and seek His face. Yes, we are all going through tough times financially. Each day is a struggle to keep the missionary houses going. I could spend hours worrying or complaining.

A number of years ago, I was traveling to Michigan to visit my parents. My future brother-in-law, Scott, was going with me to visit my sister, and we were not watching the road signs while talking. After a few hours, I realized that I did not recognize the surroundings and saw ahead of me a sign that said, "Welcome to Tennessee." I could have cried when I realized we had taken a wrong turn and we were now two hours out of our way! I took the exit and turned around. Taking a deep breath, I turned the car the direction we needed to be going. Scott saw my reaction and trying to make me feel better said, "When I do things like this I like to try to think of 10 things that I am thankful for." I wish I could say it changed my attitude

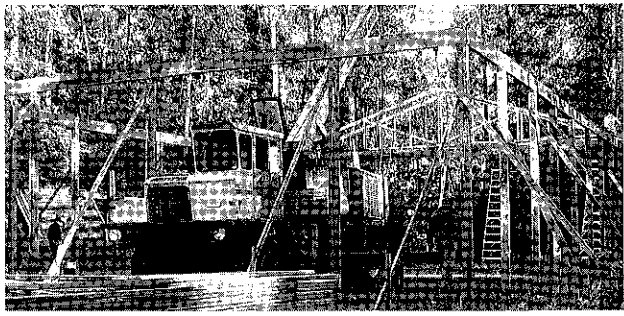
and everything was great. But, I have never forgotten that, and believe that God has used that situation to help me encourage others when they are discouraged.

I have a very good friend that I call when I feel the sky is falling. He always says to me, "Larry, you are so blessed – just look at what God is doing in your life!" Yes, we are all so blessed! We need to look around at what God is doing. God is good! I praise the Lord for you today, my friends. Daily I receive letters and phone calls – friends encouraging me in the Lord. Rejoice and be glad! While reading 1 Thess. this morning, I received encouragement and wanted to pass that encouragement on to you.

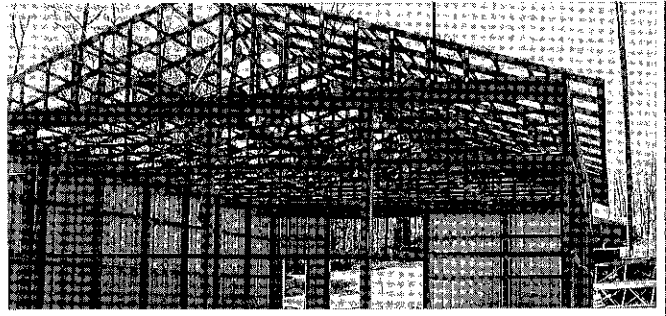
Be blessed, my friend and remember that I prayed for you. Can you name 10 things that you are thankful for?

~ Larry George, President





**Hines Chapel putting up roof trusses on Papa's Workshop**



**Hines Chapel putting metal walls on workshop**



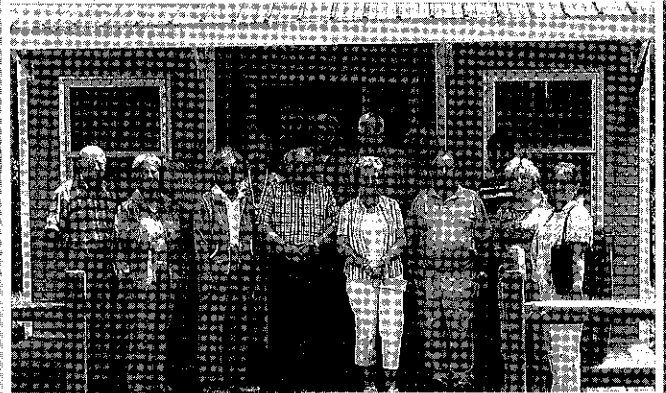
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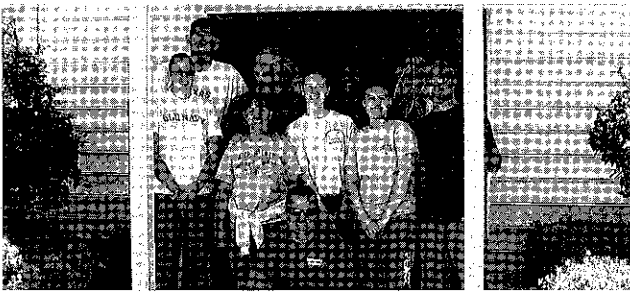
**Faith Baptist Church painting fences**



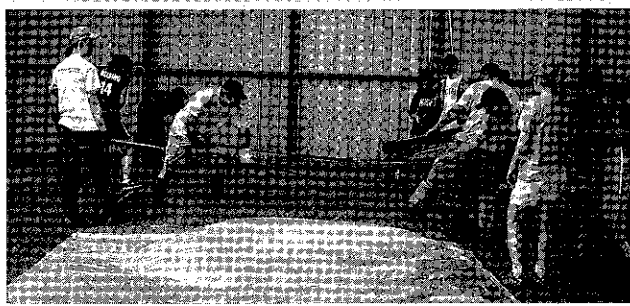
**Gospel of Christ Baptist Church painting fence**



**Long's Chapel Church came for a tour and lunch and brought with them food for Dad's Country Store**



**Crosslink Community Church helped spread mulch**



**Faith Baptist Church and 1st Baptist Gibsonville pouring cement floors for Papa's Workshop**



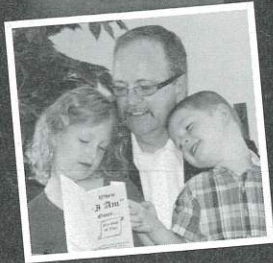
**Faith Baptist Church cleaning gutters in the rain**



**Fried crickets, anyone?**



## When I Am Gone... My Gift to You



If I were to ask you if you have in your possession a hand written letter to your children and spouse, how would you respond? How about a written letter about the day Jesus changed your life forever? With this thought in mind, I have written the "When I am Gone" packet.

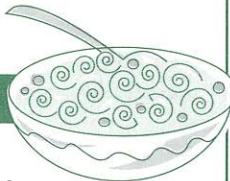
As a special thank you for your tax deductible gift to *Siloam Missionary Homes*, I would like to send you one of these packets, which have been assembled by missionaries. All of the proceeds from this project will go towards providing homes for missionary families. This packet, filled out in your own handwriting will be treasured by your family and friends for generations to come "after you are gone."

An enjoyable part of my ministry is "Lunch at Betty's," which I serve at our home once a month for the missionary women living at Siloam Missionary Homes. We have a good time of fellowship and sharing, laughing, sometimes a little crying, while we sit around the table to enjoy a meal together.

Here is a recent dish we enjoyed that you might like to prepare –

### BACON, LETTUCE & TOMATO PASTA SALAD

- 2 ounces corkscrew-shaped pasta
- 12 ounces bacon
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 3 medium ripe tomatoes, cut into chunks
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise or Miracle Whip
- 5 cups chopped romaine lettuce



#### Directions

Cook pasta in large pot of salted boiling water as label directs. Drain pasta, toss with the milk in large bowl and set aside. Cook bacon in frying pan over medium-high heat until crispy. Drain on paper towels. Remove all but 3 tablespoons of drippings from frying pan. Add tomatoes, thyme and oregano to the pan and toss until warmed through; season with salt and pepper. Chop bacon into small pieces, setting aside 1/4 cup for garnishing. Add remaining bacon and tomato mixture to bowl and toss with the pasta. Add the mayonnaise or Miracle Whip and sour cream to the pasta and mix until evenly combined. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add lettuce and toss again to coat. Garnish with parmesan cheese and remaining bacon and serve at room temperature. Makes four servings.

– By Betty Wilder, Missionary Pastoral Care

One of the enjoyable events at Siloam Missionary Homes is our monthly Missionary Fellowship.

This is an opportunity for our missionaries and staff to come together just to spend some time relaxing together, talking, sharing experiences, and getting to know one another. We want it to be encouraging and uplifting and from my observation, it is a great time of fellowship for everyone. I personally enjoy being with all the residents in this informal gathering, which includes eating, of course – an ice cream social, a cookout, covered dish, or some other delicious dinner. It is also a blessing that groups like the one from Central Baptist Church in Oakridge, NC, plan activities for the missionary kids to enjoy while the adults have their program.

Currently at our Missionary Fellowship, we are learning more about each other through a series we have titled, "Knowing Our 'Forever Family' at SMH." (Our "forever family," you know, is made up of all of us who are children of our Father with whom we will spend eternity!) Each month we spotlight one of our missionary families living here at Siloam, who give us an overview of their mission's ministry. We not only receive information about their work, but also fuel for prayer.

Learning about each other, learning from each other, building up each other and praying for each other in the family of God here at SMH is essential, just as it is in every part of the Church, the Body of Christ, wherever it is gathered.

Since you, who are brothers and sisters in Christ, are part of the family, we remind you that each morning, Monday-Friday, the staff and missionaries meet for a Men's Prayer Time in the Burden-Love Chapel. If you would like us to join with you in praying for a special need, please email your request to [mwilder7@juno.com](mailto:mwilder7@juno.com). Let us know how God answers.

– H. Milton Wilder, Missionary Pastoral Care

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## A Board Member's Perspective

I had never heard of Siloam Missionary Homes until I was in Graham, NC in late 2002 exploring where to build a retirement home after serving 32 years as a Southern Baptist Home Missionary in Ohio. On a Sunday night my wife and I attended the New Covenant Fellowship Church thinking we would hear the pastor speak. He was absent but had enlisted his friend, Larry George to speak that night. I enjoyed his message from one of my favorite Psalms (37) and in visiting after the service; Larry was very helpful in introducing us to an excellent local contractor. Since moving here in 2003, I have come to know first hand of the excellent ministry that Siloam Missionary Homes provide to missionaries and what an outstanding job they do "by faith" in stretching their donated resources to provide so much help and support to many worthy Christian missionaries. Come see for yourself and you will want to help and be a part of this dedicated team in providing "a place Missionaries call home!"

- Terrell Moore

*Terrell Moore currently serves on the board of directors of Siloam Missionary Homes. We thank the Lord for Terrell and the wisdom he gives to the board.*

### ATTENTION!!!

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5 - 8 p.m.

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## Dear Coffee Club Members,



As we have put this newsletter together, I am reminded of how awesome the Family of God is! Each of the pictures in this letter represents adults and young people who have been willing to come and share their time and labor with us. Without these wonderful volunteers, we could never provide such a beautiful place for missionaries to stay.

Working with each person gives so many blessings. I think of the groups who have come to paint the seemingly never ending fence that lines the entrance way to the property. Good attitudes, stories and songs have been shared making the time go by as paint has covered the marks time and weather have put on the fence. Food that has been brought and stacked on the shelves in Dad's Country store has fed hundreds of meals to our missionary families. Mulch has been spread, giving the property a well kept look, offering a testimony of excellence to those to pass by the Siloam property. God has given safety to those who have worked hours on Papas workshop, victory when prayers were offered up to get that heavy cement truck out of the mud, and gratefulness from our hearts as we see the workshop coming to completion.

So, enjoy the photos, and breathe a grateful prayer to our wonderful God for all that He has done here at Siloam Missionary Homes -- not only this spring and summer, but for the past 17 years!

God bless each of you!

Your "Coffeemate," Joyce George

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