



Where God Wants Me Is Where I Want To Be



A couple of months ago, I celebrated my 70th birthday. Thirty-three of those years have been invested in the ministry here at Siloam – to provide a place for missionaries to call home.

My journey in missions began for me even before I was born. My mom and dad went to the mission field of Brazil in 1951, working with tribal people who desperately needed to hear the message of the Gospel. During my middle and high school years I attended Puraquequara, a boarding school for missionary kids, but summers were spent with my parents, working with the Pacaas Novas Indians. I grew up swimming in the Amazon, fighting snakes on my way to the “outhouse,” playing basketball and soccer, teaching tribal people how to read and learning what it meant to be a missionary. I remember hearing the natives wail when one of their own passed away and the sweet sound of the same voices lifted in song during Sunday services that were held in the slat sided hut that served as a church. What a blessing and privilege to have grown up that way....I had no idea what God had in store for the rest of my life. But, in

His faithfulness, He was preparing me for the journey ahead.

As I grew into adulthood, I thought that I would return to the mission field of Brazil, but little did I know that God had another plan for me. Before God led us to start Siloam, I always felt an emptiness in my heart, especially when missionaries would come and speak in our church. My heart was bent toward missions and many times I questioned the Lord, asking “If I’m not to spend my life as a missionary, why do I have a restlessness in my heart that just doesn’t go away?” The answer to that question came when He laid it on our hearts to start Siloam Missionary Homes. My experience as a missionary kid gave me the understanding of what they go through when returning to the US for furlough and I am thankful that the restlessness went away when we stepped into God’s will for our lives.

Over the past few months, a new restlessness has begun to fill my heart, and God is leading me to a different chapter in my life. As I have read God’s Word and spent time in prayer, He has shown me that my time serving here at Siloam is complete. I never thought I would say those words – not in a million years. I’m sure you have experienced something similar when you were completely content in how your life was going – but then God started revealing a new plan for you. That is where I find myself right now and where God wants me is where I want to be.

A few weeks ago, my daily prayer was, “Lord, I believe *my time here is finished*, but I know that you are not finished *with me*. You have promised in your Word to give me a heart’s desire if I ask, and so I am

asking you to put a desire in me.” My daughter, Abbey, recently went on a mission trip with her church. After a conversation with her about the trip, a desire began to spring up in me. There is a great need among missionaries that we don’t necessarily see when they visit us in our churches. That is the need for encouragement, a listening ear, a friend who understands the challenges that they face and someone to just walk with them for a while. I believe that God is putting this on my heart and that He wants me to be that person for some of them.

I don’t have firm answers on where God is leading me or how this will all take form, but I am seeking His will for the next years of my life. I do believe that this will involve short-term mission trips. I am ready, I am excited, and I am trusting in His perfect plan for me. I know that missions is still where God wants me. Please pray with me as I seek His will. He is faithful and He will continue the work that He started in me. Praise the Lord, He is not done with me and *wherever He wants me is where I want to be*.

Joyce George

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The renovations for Unit GB are now complete!

I would like to say a HUGE “Thank you” to all who were involved in all of the work that had to be done. Thanks to all of you, the two bedroom home is once again ready to receive many missionary families for years to come.

We believe that one important aspect of family life is sitting around the dining room table, enjoying a meal while catching up with each

other’s lives. The dining room space was enlarged to make this a more enjoyable place for that to happen. Another big change was adding a beautiful master bathroom, complete with a double vanity, tiled shower and plenty of space. The renovations in this house have made it much more comfortable for the missionaries.

Our next project will be some

renovations in Unit C, our smallest, one-bedroom home. It needs new countertops, a new stove, dishwasher and refrigerator. We are trusting the Lord to provide the things that are needed, as well as the volunteers to help get the job done.

Thanks again to everyone who gives of their time, their resources, their skills to help us make this a place where missionaries are refreshed, renewed and blessed.

By John Williams,
Maintenance Director



BETTY'S RECIPE



This is a great recipe for Thanksgiving or Christmas. So many people have allergies to dairy and this cake has no dairy except in the glaze which you can substitute. It has all your fall flavors.

Pumpkin Bundt Cake:

- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1 tsp ground allspice
- 3/4 tsp kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2-1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 3 large eggs (at room temperature)
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 (15 oz.) can pumpkin puree (not pumpkin pie filling)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Generously grease 10 to 12 cup Bundt pan with baking spray.

Sift flour into bowl. Add spices, baking soda, baking powder, and salt, whisk to combine.

Whisk oil and sugar together in a separate bowl until combined. Whisk in eggs, one at a time, whisk well after each addition. Whisk in vanilla.

Add flour mixture and pumpkin puree alternately to sugar mixture, beginning and ending with the flour mixture, whisk after each addition (do not over mix). Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake in preheated oven 55 to 60 minutes. Let cool in pan for 10 minutes. Invert onto wire rack; remove pan and let cool completely for about 2 hours.

Glaze:

- 1/3 cup pure maple syrup
- 3 tbsp unsalted butter or plant butter
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 1 cup sifted powdered sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

Heat maple syrup, butter, cinnamon and salt in a medium saucepan over medium-low heat, stirring occasionally until butter is melted. Remove pan from heat; whisk in the powdered sugar and vanilla. Let cool until slightly thickened, 2 to 4 minutes. Spoon over cooled cake. If glaze begins to set before drizzling over cake, return to heat for a few seconds and whisk until smooth. May garnish with nuts, if desired.

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by Rock Creek AME Church

Celebrating a Godly Legacy

We are grateful for Joyce and her ministry at Siloam and are thrilled to give you, our faithful prayer warriors and supporters, an opportunity to say “Thank You” to Joyce for all her years of service at Siloam. We are exploring ways to allow her to continue to get direct support through Siloam Missionary Homes for her future ministry endeavors. We will share more details as they become available. But there are other ways you can show your appreciation and love for Joyce.

We will be hosting a drop-in reception at Siloam Missionary Homes on

Sunday, December 7 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will serve light refreshments and invite you to stop in and celebrate Joyce along with us.

If you are unable to attend in person but would like to share a memory, we are collecting short video messages and will assemble them together for her in her retirement. If you would like to participate, please go to <https://bit.ly/joycegeorge> and share a short memory or message for Joyce.

You may also share a gift of appreciation with Joyce, via cash or check. All gifts for Joyce should

be made payable directly to Joyce George and designated as a gift. You can drop them by the office, bring them to the reception, or mail them to PO Box 705, Snow Camp, NC 27349.

We hope that you will take advantage of these opportunities to express gratitude to Joyce for her years of service at Siloam and to wish her well as she moves into a new phase of ministry in obedience to God’s call on her life.

A New Path for Our Life’s Journey

If you’ve read Joyce’s newsletter article, you know that she is retiring from many fruitful years of service to the Lord at Siloam Missionary Homes, from being a co-founder in 1992 until now. You also note that she is not retiring from ministry or from involvement in missions as she contemplates and prays about how she will continue to serve.

That’s an example of how all of us should look toward the time of leaving our present job after many years—not retiring to the recliner, the golf course or travel and leisure—but seeking a new path along our journey of life as pilgrims and citizens of heaven. We are closer to entering that eternal “city” that we long for, the place Jesus has prepared for us, but in the meantime, how will we continue to serve Him in this world?

We don’t all serve the Lord in the same way, and that’s good, because He has given many different gifts, abilities and talents to many different individuals to use for Him to accomplish His purposes. We see that in the variety of ministries of the missionaries who stay at Siloam. As we get older, we find that we can’t “do what we used to do” and at times it’s frustrating, but let’s not despair because we can’t do everything, and know that we can do something. We can choose to make our life, especially what we call “the retirement years,” all about our self or about following Jesus and what He wants us to do.

The opportunities He gives us we may summarize as Pray, Give and Go; one, two or all three. Meditate on what is involved in each of those ways of serving our Lord and Savior. He will guide us if we are willing to serve Him.

Please pray for Betty and me as we make ourselves available in serving Siloam and caring for our missionary “guests” as the needs arise.

By H. Milton Wilder, *Missionary Pastoral Care*

From Generation to Generation

“Psalm 145:4 *“One generation shall commend your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.”*”

For the last eight years I have had the privilege of ministering alongside Joyce George and hearing wondrous stories of God’s provision for Siloam. Now I see her follow God’s leading, not to just retire and sit idly by, but to continue serving God by ministering to missionaries in other ways. Just as Moses passed on the mantle of responsibility to Joshua, so too the torch is being passed from one generation to the next here at Siloam.

The board and staff at Siloam recognize the tremendous heritage being passed on and are committed to continue

serving missionary families for many years to come. The mission has not changed as we will continue to provide housing and biblical hospitality for these families. We will build on the solid foundation that has been handed over to us and continue to do the work of the Lord. Our prayer is that Siloam Missionary Homes will continue to do His work and declare His mighty acts and be used to refresh and renew hundreds of new families for service in His ministry.

By Michael Gay, *President*



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We now have a volunteer database!

If you would like to be involved at Siloam in a hands-on way, please sign up, share with us your skills and interests, and we will notify you when new opportunities or projects are available. We currently have several needs already listed. Volunteering at Siloam is a way for you to directly participate in the healing, and sending ministry of Siloam.

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