

Siloam Ministries

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Dear Prayer Partners:

Years ago our heavenly Father had me walk across America, carrying a ball and chain and sharing that Jesus could set people free! He made me a voice calling the church to repentance and prayer.

Once again the Holy Spirit is moving upon Marilyn and me to help people to have encounters with Him and to become people of revival. In light of recent statements and actions by some Christian leaders, the Holy Spirit is moving upon me to help clarify a major spiritual principle for those who want to be people after His own heart. Jesus said in Matthew 6:33, **"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. . . "** There have been those who have said that God doesn't tell us how to vote. Others have endorsed those who are not godly. For those of us who want a deeper relationship with God, **everything must pass through the grid of "Am I seeking first God and His righteousness in this?"**

Many people don't seem to know the difference between what God allows us to do and what is His perfect will. **Just because God doesn't somehow put a stop to what we're doing, it doesn't mean that it's His perfect will or even that it's righteous.** We are not robots that can only do what the computer chip tells us to do. We are free moral agents that can decide to do right or wrong, seek first God and His kingdom, or not. We decide what we'll do. He won't force His will upon us.

Thus, it's our responsibility to find out from God how He wants us to vote, whom we are to marry, the job we are to do, whether or not we should retire, even with whom we should let our children play. All these decisions matter to us, and they matter to God. He wants to be part of our decisions.

Years ago, when our girls were young, Marilyn came to me, prompted by the Spirit, saying, "I don't think Nicole and Kari should ever be in these young boys' house. I told her to tell the girls that.

Two years later, the boyfriend of the mother of those boys killed his parents in a nearby town and held the mother and the boys hostage in that house. Our girls, who obeyed us, were not in the situation and were safe. We thank God for His guidance and protection! May you find the pleasure of seeking first His kingdom in all you do!



Siloam Ministries gave funds to help build this church on the far side of Kachanga Island. Standing next to Al in the blue dress is the head of the Osanidde mamas. (Oct. 2015)

UPCOMING SEMINAR IN CENTRAL OREGON. At our ministry elders' meeting, we felt the leading of the Lord to hold the **"Encountering God"** seminar in Central Oregon this summer. Many of you came to one or both of the complimentary dinners we held in years past to thank supporters and present the ministry to newcomers. We thought we'd do something similar, with a meal at a restaurant, only instead of talking about the ministry in general, we'd do the first session of the seminar following the meal. This would be on a Thursday, and the Friday and Saturday sessions would be held at a home.

The seminar is basically my testimony backed up by Scripture. For most of my life, I have struggled in my relationship to God and how I have perceived Him. There have been times when I've had breakthroughs that have really helped. But it wasn't until a few years ago that I began learning how to "take every thought captive"

(II Cor. 10:5) and how to overcome barriers in my thinking patterns and emotions that were hindering my relationship to God. I've been writing down what God has been giving me and trying to walk it out in my life. The seminar has grown out of this.

This seminar can help anyone, but it is particularly for people like me who struggle in their relationship to God and for those who know and want to help such people. **I believe that the greatest benefit for most people will not be in learning principles, but rather in allowing the Holy Spirit to touch them deeply and change them, both throughout the seminar and during the times when we wait on God and invite the Holy Spirit to come in great power. That is when chains are broken and captives are set free! Praise God!!**

If you live in Central Oregon, you'll receive an invitation with dates, times, and places when we have these details set up. There is no charge for the dinner. You may make a donation for the seminar if the Lord leads you to do so. We'd appreciate it very much if you'd fill out an evaluation and/or testimony form at the end of the seminar. We also hope you'll put us in touch with as many people as you can who might be willing to host a seminar. This can be anywhere in the U.S., as we'll set up as many trips as the Lord leads us to for conducting seminars. If you'd like to attend the dinner but not the seminar, feel free to do so.

SOULE'S FAMILY AND MINISTRY. We are very sad to have to tell you that Soule and Esther just lost their newborn daughter, Sarah Winner. She was born prematurely, lived for several weeks, but died of malaria and other infections. Please pray for Soule and Esther and for their children--Taylor, Angela, and Marilyn Abigail.

Soule has been working for some time with Lyn Westman of Mercy Ships, focusing mainly on bringing healing to those who have been traumatized. He sent this report on April 9, which we have edited: "The program Lyn initiated in 2006 in Liberia continues in seven countries. After 14 years of war, the Liberian government was facing the challenge of reconciliation throughout the nation. Many people were wounded and held captive by Satan through bitterness and thoughts of retaliation. The government asked Mercy Ships to help bring healing and reconciliation. Church leaders were among the participants being trained. As a result, some pastors became instruments of reconciliation, including ex-combatants who received Christ and decided to help the government in the process of reconciliation. Now the program continues in six other countries. I am helping with translation and also as Master Facilitator of the training. . . . This program is

bringing healing and restoration to participants wherever we have been." (NOTE: Siloam Ministries provides part of the living and ministry expenses of Soule and each of the other Team Ministers. We give them freedom to do whatever specific ministries God calls them to. They may also raise funds from other sources, but all live sacrificially. Many thanks to those of you who support Team Ministers!)

SILOAM MINISTRIES
FINANCIAL STATEMENT—2015

INCOME

From Individuals	\$32,477.00
From Churches and Other Ministries	3,870.48
From Businesses	3,845.00
Total Income	40,192.48
Add Beginning Balance (1-1-15)	22,949.96
Total Funds Available	63,142.44

EXPENSES

Gifts to Other Ministries	1,470.00
Team Ministry Support	10,216.00
Intercession Ministry	1,500.00
Orphans Ministry	9,650.00
Advertising—Africa Outreach	200.00
Outreach Supplies—Africa Outreach	4,104.00
Airfare—Africa Outreach	1,314.00
Lodging—Africa Outreach	120.76
Meals—Africa Outreach	464.72
Medical Expense—Africa Outreach	749.15
Other Transportation—Africa Outreach	380.00
Relief for Central African Republic	40.00
Salary—Al and Marilyn	4,911.95
Lodging—General	117.00
Truck Expense	4,438.00
Computer Repairs	37.50
Telephone	260.85
Office Expense	2,857.19
Printing and Postage	734.59
Travel Trailer Expense	1,351.77
Wiring Funds	297.79
Bookkeeping	600.00
Total Expenses	45,815.27
Ending Balance (12-31-15)	17,327.17

NEW ADDRESS. Praise the Lord! We now have property in both Crooked River Ranch, Oregon, and Alpine, Texas, where we can live in our fifth wheel legally! Our new address, to be used throughout the year, is:

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