

# Lighthouse Children's Homes

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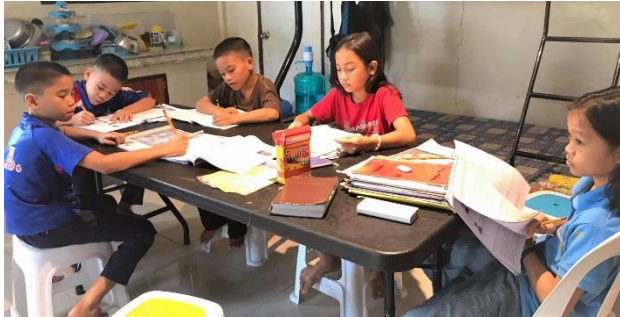
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## PHILIPPINES NEWS

The children are healthy and continually active. Along with daily devotions and doctrine lessons, they are also involved in choir, learning to play the piano, and numerous fun activities.



School is a bit different as they are doing their PACES "at home" supervised by church staff. Since they are still quarantined at the church building, they are in school with the Pastor's children which gives them playmates. They are thankful for your prayers which make them feel more secure knowing that you care about them.

After multiple flight cancellations, I finally was able to fly from the U.S.A. June 8<sup>th</sup> to Manila. After a week of quarantine, I flew to Cagayan De Oro airport - close to home. Upon arrival, I was taken to a rehabilitation center for a temperature check and blood test along with mouth and nose swabs. All came back negative, but I still had to do 14-days of quarantine along with the 2 brethren who picked me up at the airport. Thank you for praying about my return home and for the children.

**Chris and Victoria Hunter**

## PANAMA NEWS

We thank God for His care and faithfulness during this pandemic both in our lives, and in the Home. Our son, Alexander Jr., and his wife, Elsa, are overseeing the Home as Myrtha and I have been trapped in Costa Rica [Continued...](#)

## Panama News Continued

for 3 months due to closed borders. During this time Myrtha's 89-year-old father became ill, had a heart attack, and while hospitalized was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Thank God she had the opportunity to take care of him and to guide him spiritually. He accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior prior to his death May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The girls are doing well and continuing online classes as the schools remain closed. They are using their talent to make face masks, both for themselves and to share with members of the church congregation.



Churches in Panama were able to open June 7<sup>th</sup> but everyone must wear a mask as part of the sanitary measures. We thank you for your support and prayers on behalf of the girls; they are a blessing in these times.

**Alex and Myrtha Taylor**

## COSTA RICA NEWS

"Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." (Pro. 13:12) By this time we were hoping that our government would have allowed the churches to open. However, because of an increase in the number of new cases of Covid-19, they postponed the opening date until further notice. Therefore, we are joining our church family via Facebook on Sunday mornings and holding "in house" services at the Home on Sunday night and for midweek services. Recently Terry preached in Spanish a much-needed sermon entitled "God has a Purpose for your Life". We have seen that nothing can replace hearing God's Word preached in person. [Continued on other side...](#)

## RON'S SPOTLIGHT

THANK YOU for responding to the need in the Philippines. We now have the funds to start filling the new building with needy children. We look forward to providing a safe, and godly, environment for the children the Lord will send.

We just purchased Paces for the upcoming school year in Mexico. The cost for the 16 children was \$2,800. If you would like to help us with this expense, please mark your donation "Mexico Paces" and send it to the Mississippi office.

We have a short video showing the progress of the new building in Mexico available for viewing on our website, [www.lighthousechildren.com](http://www.lighthousechildren.com). I encourage you to watch what the Lord is doing.

**Ron Black**

### Costa Rica News continued from other side...

Angie is a young lady who has been in the Home for several years and has now taken on the responsibility as the oldest girl in the Home. For some time, she had been questioning her salvation. One night, in the middle of June, she came to understand the gospel and put her faith in Christ. On her own, she began to testify to others in the Home. We praise God for her decision.



**Terry and Sally Sanders**

### INDIA NEWS

All the children are safe and healthy. Due to an increase in Covid-19 positive cases the government ordered us to send all the children to their respective parents / guardians. So, the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June we had to send all the children, except for Swapna, back to "family." Swapna had no place to go and is staying with my family. The government instructed us that they will inform us of the guidelines and timing of when we can bring the children back to the Home. Until then our plan is to send monthly help for the children of the Home to their parents / guardians. Please pray for the situation and the children during this difficult time. Currently India is 4<sup>th</sup> in the world for the most positive cases of Covid-19.



On June 18th our former Home girl Bhavani (Keertana), who completed a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing, was married in a church in Rajahmundry. Pray for this couple as they start their life together as a new family. **Matthew Henry**

### MEXICO NEWS

For the last couple years, we have struggled to have enough space as the Home continued to grow. Gratefully the Lord is providing for that need and we have started constructing a new Home for the children. [Continued above...](#)

### Mexico News continued...

The Lord has already started using the construction project to get God's Word out. Each of the construction workers know they are working on a Christian Children's Home, and we pray with them before each workday. Please pray that we maintain a good testimony and that some of these workers can be reached with the gospel.

One day we had a special outing and took the children to the land and showed them where their new Home will be. They were/are extremely excited. We also held a special time of dedication (see photo on mailing label) for the land and the future building. We asked the Lord for protection, that the facilities would be used for His honor and glory, and as a help and blessing for the many needy kids of Mexico. Thank you so much for praying for these children!

**Jonathan and Laura Bryan**

### THAILAND NEWS

Like many of you, we too are ready for this quarantine to end. The boys were to begin their school year May 15<sup>th</sup> which has now been set for July 1st. The country is now partially open which means people can go to other cities but must wear masks when around other people. The first of June, Maureen took the boys to Nakhon Nayok for a short break and a change of pace. It has not been easy for her during this time of quarantine and my extended absence. We appreciate those of you who are praying for her and the boys. In the meantime, while they wait for school to resume, the boys have stayed busy learning how to cook new things, doing work outside in the yard/garden and enjoying ice cream.



I have not been able to return to Thailand yet. My ticket for July 2<sup>nd</sup> was changed to July 30<sup>th</sup>. Prayerfully by then the planes will be permitted in the country and it will no longer be necessary for a 14-day quarantine.

**Tim and Maureen Searles**



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