

# Lighthouse Children's Homes

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## MEXICO NEWS

We are currently in a greater lock down than we have been in the past due to the Covid virus. Although we do look for any opportunity to let the children out to "stretch their legs," it is difficult for some of them to be cooped up so much. Just yesterday we took 10 bicycles, that have gone unused for a year, to get the flat tires aired up, handles straightened out

and the chains oiled. Our plan is to find somewhere with few or no people to take the children to ride their bicycles and play. Sometimes we can go to the playground which brings smiles to their faces – yet hidden behind the mask. (see photo)



Please remember them in prayer as they persevere.

When we are privileged to finally move into the new Home, this should no longer be an issue. Hopefully, the construction will be completed soon, and we can move in. Thank you so much for your prayers and faithful support for all the children in the Homes here in Mexico.

**Jonathan and Laura Bryan**

## THAILAND NEWS

It is summer so the boys are currently out of school. Glah will be going into the 7<sup>th</sup> grade when school resumes which means he will be attending a different school than Tan. Both boys are busy tending to the various trees and plants of the garden along with their usual chores of helping around the Home. Many of the garden plants are in full production right now so they are also reaping a harvest.

Every day, Tim connects with the boys and continues to tutor *Continued above...*

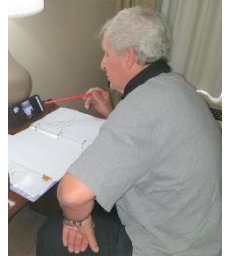
## THAILAND NEWS continued

them in Math, English, and Bible. Praise the Lord for technology.

At the end of April, God allowed us to spend some time with our children and grandchildren which we greatly enjoyed. Our visas have not been renewed so we continue to be in the United States. Please pray for God to grant us wisdom as we wait.

Thank you for investing in the lives of Glah and Tan.

**Tim and Maureen Searles**



## PHILIPPINES NEWS

Recently the children went out with the church during our Saturday church visitation distributing John and Romans along with gospel tracts in Don Carlos. *Picture on address panel.* Each of the children was placed in a group with a trained leader and by example are learning how to witness and win the lost to Christ. After the visitation program, they enjoyed a time of lunch and fellowship with the other church members. Now they look forward to this weekly event of reaching out to the lost.

The children so enjoyed an outing in Surigao, and we thank the Lord for granting all of us safety. They swam, played in the sand, collected seashells, watched stingrays and sharks. They saw big fish in the blue waters of the "Enchanted River" and rode in banana boats along with island hopping. It was a time of great fun with friends, and they made many first-time memories. Thank you to all who made it possible for them to go.

**Chris and Victoria Hunter**

It is my privilege to introduce one of several families that help to make the Lighthouse Children's Homes possible.

**Larry and Paula Neff** are the founders of the Lighthouse Children's Homes Ministry which began in 1978. God has used them to grow and expand the ministry which currently has 7 Homes around the world.

The Neffs have two adult daughters and divide their time between visiting the Homes overseas and traveling the US visiting churches and raising support. They are currently in the US and will be traveling to Indiana, North Carolina, Virginia, and Connecticut.

If you would be interested in having the Neffs in your Church, please call Brother Neff at (662) 582-3261.

**Thank you! Ron Black**



## PANAMA NEWS

We thank our good heavenly Father for His care and protection over us. None of the staff, nor young women of the Home, have fallen ill with Covid-19. We give glory to God!

Currently we are under less restrictions and are having services in person at the church. We are also able to have children's Sunday school classes, and the girls are so happy to be



back teaching. Our activities on the Reservation have also resumed. Recently, we were able to go up the mountain and celebrate the birth of Christ and distribute gifts to the children of several different churches, which we were not able to do in

December. We will also resume the Bible schools (VBS) in the different churches and our young ladies are preparing with enthusiasm. As the children are not attending school, we will have a great opportunity to teach the Word of God.

**Alex and Myrtha Taylor**

## COSTA RICA NEWS

Recently we were privileged to host guests for a week, Hunter Grills and his wife Laura. During their time here, we enjoyed lots of games, homemade pizza, and an outing to the mall. We also had daily separate devotions for the girls and boys which the couple had prepared. We thank the Lord for dear friends who invest their time to help our children in their spiritual walk with the Lord.

Easter week brought a break from school. We had several of the kids' favorite foods such as hamburgers, nachos, fish, ham, and a waffle and bacon breakfast. In addition, we made a trip to a different mall to play some video games, eat at Taco Bell, and enjoy custom-made snow cones. *Continued above...*

## COSTA RICA NEWS *continued*

Then at church on Sunday, we commemorated the resurrection of our Saviour, with special messages and songs.

With a generous offering, we bought new school uniforms. Like most of us, the children enjoy getting new clothes and look nice wearing them. We thank the Lord for how He provides daily.

**Terry and Sally Sanders**



## INDIA NEWS

The covid-19 situation is getting worse in India. The virus has spread like a wildfire as we have had general elections in parts of the country along with the regular religious functions and day to day business. While the government does not want to lock down the country, they have imposed a curfew during the night in an effort to control the spread. There is a shortage of oxygen in the hospitals, as well as medicines and Covid vaccines.

The end of April schools shut down for classes 1-9. Only 10<sup>th</sup> class, the highest class in high school, could continue but with limited class hours. We have 9 children in the Home who are in 10<sup>th</sup> class and are preparing to take their exams. While many states in India have cancelled these exams due to the virus, our state did not.

Kindly pray for the children. Everyone is keeping safe and continuing to serve the Lord. Recently the children sang a special song in the church.

**Matthew Henry**



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