

# Lighthouse Children's Homes

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*"Rescuing Storm-Tossed Lives for Christ Since 1978"*

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## ADMINISTRATIVE SPOTLIGHT – Ron Black

The annual Lighthouse Christmas Offering is our most significant fundraising effort. Each year, we send out folders, which hold \$5 in quarters, to individuals and churches throughout the US. A portion of this offering provides gifts, clothing, activities, and a special Christmas Dinner for the children in the Homes. The remaining funds help expand, as well as improve, the existing Lighthouse Homes. For some of our children, it will be their first Christian Christmas.



This year, we introduced a tithe-sized special offering envelope which can be used in place of, or along with, the regular coin folders which we have used for many

years. The envelope is a perfect size to insert a check or dollar bills.

If you want to participate in this effort, please contact our office at (662) 289-9629 or by email at office@lighthousechildren.com to request folders or special offering envelopes. You may also donate by sending your donation marked "Christmas Offering" to our office at PO BOX 730 - Kosciusko MS 39090. 📌

## INDIA - Matthew Henry

Our church had VBS the first part of October. This was a new event for most of the children in the Home. They learned new songs and heard many missionary stories along with new Bible stories. We continued a special Bible emphasis with them



through the remaining holiday season which ended October 25<sup>th</sup>. Most of them are trying to learn church and Sunday School songs, along with Sunday school lessons. Pray that they will come to know the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Rajesh and Daveedu have started their Bible college courses and are striving to learn all the doctrine of the Bible. Please pray along with us that they will learn well and be used in the ministry of the Lord in the coming days. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. God bless you. 📌

## COSTA RICA – Terry & Sally Sanders

In September, we made a trip to the States where Terry was able to preach in a couple of our supporting churches. Patricia Neff took care of the kids in our absence and had two special activities with them. The first one was Costa Rica's Children's Day on September 9th. Everyone went to Aunt Mayra's house for a delicious cookout, followed by movies and game time. The second activity was a celebration of Costa Rica's Independence Day on September 15th. At school, they spoke about freedom, sang patriotic songs, and then ate typical Costa Rican foods.



Our two youngest children of the Home had been asking questions for a while concerning salvation. Patricia dealt with them and felt they understood, and they trusted Christ. We rejoiced in their decision.

In October, we enjoyed a visit from the Blacks. Tara brought some new recipes that she shared with the older kids and helped with several meals. Ron invited the kids to the mall for a nice meal. The kids always enjoy spending time with them. 📌

## PANAMA - Alex & Myrtha Taylor

We are very happy for Marianela Carpintero, one of our former girls, who recently graduated from the university with a bachelor's degree in accounting. After many years of dedication and effort, she reached her goal. Marianela is grateful for all the support and prayers that she received which made this achievement possible. Usually when they get their degree, the government hires them to teach in a school on the Indian reservation. Please pray with us concerning God's will in the matter.



Marianela is also grateful for the church training and studies of the Bible which she received when she was in the Home. She looks forward to using that training as a children's Sunday school teacher. Pray for her as she moves forward in this new stage of her life. 📌

**Please continue to pray for Bro. Taylor's health and eyes.**

### **MEXICO GIRL'S - Jonathan & Laura Bryan**

Recently, we had been praying specifically concerning four children who left the Home unexpectedly. We cannot go into details because of the sensitivity of the story, but we were praying fervently. I am grateful to report that we serve a great God! The children have returned, are back in school, and growing.



It is a joy to see any of the children enjoying time together in a safe and healthy environment. Here is a picture of some of the children goofing around together.

The main desire of our heart is that each one of the children in our Home will grow in their love for the Lord. As God has been gracious to offer His plan of salvation to each and every one of us, we desire to offer God's grace to each one of these children. Thank you so much for faithfully praying and supporting these children each month. Someday, we will all meet together on the other side – what a great blessing that will be! 🙏

### **PHILIPPINES – Chris & Victoria Hunter**

First, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to you for lifting the Home up in your prayers and for your continual support in finances. The children are well fed, have shelter and clothing, and have received new school uniforms and shoes recently. God has been good to these precious children.



In September, the kids harvested peanuts and some vegetables from their garden. They enjoyed pulling and picking peanuts. After 4 months of WAITING, they finally got to eat of the fruit of their labors. They also attended the KJV Bible conference where they were taught about the importance of the Bible in our lives.

School has resumed, and they are staying busy with their studies. They leave for school at 7 in the morning and return at 4 in the afternoon. The children are having a great time and enjoying their studies with their new friends. 🙏

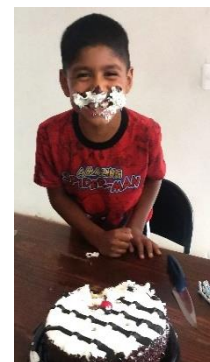
### **MEXICO BOY'S – Rafa & Yadira Ibarra – Dorm Parents**

We thank God for His provisions and for all who support this ministry financially and with prayers. On September the 7<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the birthday of Ismael, who turned seven, and then on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, we celebrated as Mateo turned four. They each received a t-shirt of their favorite superhero, we ate cake, and they had a very good time. We thank God they were very happy. At the end of September, we received two more children. Please keep them in your prayers as they have had a very difficult life. At their very young ages, they have had to work hard making bricks in the hot sun and the cold.



We started the month of October with the children singing a special at the missions' conference at the church.

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, Juan turned eleven years old, and God gave us the opportunity to make him special food and to buy him a special cake. A great time was enjoyed by all. We bid you farewell for the moment thanking you for sustaining this ministry with your prayers. 🙏



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