

Lighthouse Children's Homes

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"Rescuing Storm-Tossed Lives for Christ Since 1978"

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COSTA RICA NEWS

We are thanking the Lord for the many new friends we made this summer with the seven groups who visited the Home. Along with assisting in maintenance projects and mission out-reaches, they also treated the children to a meal at the mall, pizza several times, loads of ice cream and snacks, a trip to the amusement park, and lots of soccer games in the gym. We were especially blessed by their personal testimonies during the evening devotions.

Our most recent special activity took place on Costa Rica's Mother's Day, which is August 15th. We celebrated with a cookout, and Daniel was our grilling chef. Then the children presented Sally with several gifts, including a mug, chocolates, flowers, a pillow, and a beautiful afghan which was hand-made



by the 3 older girls. The older children who are grown and have left the Home, also planned a special evening for Sally which

included a dramatization of Pilgrim's Progress and a meal out.

Terry and Sally Sanders

MEXICO NEWS

We had a few different groups come to visit us this summer from the United States. They had a great burden for needy children and were a blessing to us in so many ways. We cannot begin to tell you how MUCH it encourages our children to see that they are loved.



of the famous Battle in Mexico with Poncho Villa.

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Every time visitors come from the States, we try to take them up to a steep hill called "la Bufa". It towers over our city and is the spot

MEXICO NEWS continued

Recently a few of our brave children climbed with us all the way to the top – what a view! (see photo above) We had a great time and thankfully no one was hurt.

We received 1 year old Dillion into the Home in July – he is adjusting well. Again, we thank you for making it possible to take in these children and try to be a blessing to them. Please continue to pray for us and the children as we attempt to show them the love of Christ.

Jonathan and Laura Bryan

INDIA NEWS

All 51 children are healthy and the new children have adjusted to their new environment. The children are growing in the Lord as they continue to learn Christian songs, read the Bible, and attend morning and evening devotions led by dorm parents. Most of the children have learned to behave nicely.

Mrs. Mary Gold, our previous dorm parent, is the new tutor who teaches during the evening hours for 8th – 12th grade.



Most of the children are making good grades and progressing well. We are thankful for her help and godly influence.

August 15th, our Independence Day, the teen children participated in a special one day youth retreat at our church. They had good singing, good activities and good preaching. Many rededicated their lives.

Continue to pray for the Home as we are getting more pressure from the government. They do not want any Christian Homes in India. They are trying to find faults to close us down. We need your prayers.

Matthew Henry

THAILAND NEWS

Sometimes we are confused and heavy of heart that we only have two children in the Home to minister to, even though we have a phenomenal facility. For a few months we've been praying about that. Well, God does not always answer prayers the way we expect. When Maureen returned from the States, where she had been recovering from a severe case of shingles, our granddaughter Dakota came for a visit. Tan and Glah went to school and told their schoolmates that an American girl was going to teach English. Immediately ten kids came, and since her departure, we have been teaching English, with a Bible club flavor, to twenty children from the school.

It is because of Tan and Glah that the Lord has increased our outreach to kids by ten times. How very interesting – we get a mindset that God is going to bless from a specific direction but inevitably the blessing comes from an unexpected source.



Tim and Maureen Searles

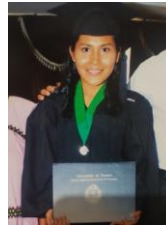
PANAMA NEWS

Testimony of Elsa – The first girl in our Home.

"I was 9 years old when our father left me and my 5 siblings. It was a difficult time as we were young and my mother did not have a stable job. As a little girl I desired to have a profession when I grew up. But that dream was shattered when I started junior high school and my mother said she could not send me to high school. Despite this, I worked hard and when I completed 9th grade in 2009 I received a scholarship.

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PANAMA NEWS continued



That same year my mom and I started attending church and were both saved. I met the Taylor family at Church. They took me in to the Home giving me a safe place to finish my studies. What a blessing - it changed my life forever. After high school, I went on to nursing school and graduated this June. Everything is for the grace and love of God. I am very grateful to God for this family and the Home ministry of the Panama Lighthouse."

Alex and Myrtha Taylor

PHILIPPINES NEWS

Recently the children, along with the other students, enjoyed their time together celebrating Nutrition Month. Jhewyn John participated in the Poster Making Contest



and won a prize of 30 pesos. Honney Let enjoyed her time helping her teacher in the booth to arrange the fruits and vegetables which had been brought. Greatchen had a great time and her class/teacher were the winners of the best booth. John Loyd and Hoemer also had lots of fun.

We celebrated Greatchen's 11th birthday on July 21st. That same day, the children joined the church activity of the "FEEDING PROGRAM" in Barangay Norte. They helped distribute slippers and arozz caldos (rice soup) to the children of that Barangay (neighborhood).

May those memories and happiness they encounter remain in their hearts as they continue to grow in God's ministry. Thanks to all the supporters for the financial help and prayers. **Chris and Victoria Hunter**

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