

Lighthouse Children's Homes

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“Rescuing Storm-Tossed Lives for Christ Since 1978”

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COSTA RICA NEWS

Sally’s mother – Janet McWatters – known to everyone as “Granny” recently celebrated her 97th birthday. She has lived



in Costa Rica at the Lighthouse for over 20 years. When she first came she helped in the school and listened to the children in their daily reading practice. She also kept their clothes mended and

buttons sewed on. These days the children love visiting with her in her room and helping her with anything she needs. She is a godly Christian lady and a blessing to all who know her.

On **Valentine’s Day** this year the staff decorated the dining area and served the children a picnic style meal – fried chicken,



potatoes, macaroni and cheese, corn on the cob & banana pudding. Plates were pie tins; food was served from aluminum buckets; dinner rolls were thrown through the air to the children (*a la* Lambert’s Restaurant “threw rolls” style). Daniel (our Bible College student) brought an excellent devotion on “What Does God’s Love Mean?” It

was a wonderful night.

We have just completed our **11th Annual Bible Conference**. Pastors and Missionaries from Costa Rica, Panama, Honduras, Mexico, the Dominican Republic and the United States were present. The purpose of the meeting is to encourage native pastors and give them a time of refreshment and spiritual renewal. For three days we had great challenging preaching and classes, uplifting music, delicious food and sweet fellowship. On the last night the Lighthouse children and young people sang “Thank You, Lord, For Your Blessings On Me.” It truly was a blessing to see the present population of the Home, along with former “kids” now out on their own, some married,

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some carrying their babies all joining together in this sweet song.



Thank you and God bless you for all you do to further the ministry of the Lighthouse.

Terry & Sally Sanders

INDIA NEWS

In January Brother Larry Neff came to visit the Home accompanied by Brother David Mora and Brother Andrés Mora from Costa Rica. The children enjoyed spending time with them. Bro. Neff took all the children to a local exhibition center (similar to an amusement park) where they rode many rides. It was a joy for all of them to be with Bro. Neff, David and Andrés; yet a very sorrowful occasion when it was time to say good - bye.

We had a banquet while the men were here. It was a great time of fellowship and enjoyed by all. Bro. Neff gave graduation gifts to eight of the children who had graduated



from high school, junior college, or earned a degree. We had a wonderful meal and a good message brought by Bro. David.

Matthew Henry

MEXICO NEWS

The work and ministry here is growing - and with growth comes a need for godly workers. God has been faithful in sending the right ones just when we need them. **Our newest addition is a young lady named Karina, and her 7-year-old son**

Rodrigo, whom we met at youth camp. She was gloriously saved about 5 years ago in a church in southern Mexico. Quickly she looked for ways to serve in her local church. One time after I had preached there, she shared with me that the Lord had laid on her heart to help in a children's home in any way possible. Praise the Lord!

To make a long story short, she now teaches in our Christian school

and helps us every day in the Girls' Home. We cannot express adequately what a sweet servant spirit she has. Karina has been such a great blessing to us. ***If anyone would like to send dedicated love offerings to her, please mail them to the office in MS (Lighthouse, PO Box 730, Kosciusko MS 39090).*** Make your check out to Lighthouse and in the memo write KARINA. As always, please do not cease to pray for us and the children here in the Homes in Mexico.

Jonathan & Laura Bryan



PANAMA NEWS

The second week of January a missionary team of about 30 people from Faith Baptist Church of Lagrange, GA, along with others from Iglesia Biblica Bautista of Cortés, Costa Rica, and the Costa Rica Lighthouse Home came down to visit and help us. While they were here, we held two Vacation Bible Schools during the day - one in the morning and one in the afternoon. In the evenings we had a Revival campaign at New Hope Baptist Church in San Felix. Our girls here at the Home actively participated by visiting from house to house inviting people to the Church, singing in the services and helping in the Vacation

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Bible Schools. We thank God that a total of 50 people accepted Christ as their Saviour in these three different activities. Thank you for your prayers and support that makes all this possible.

Alex and Mirtha Taylor



THAILAND NEWS

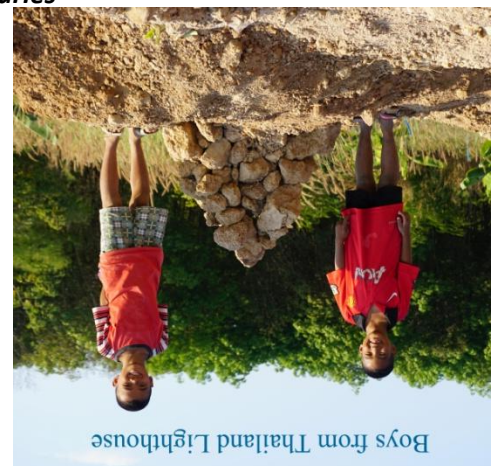
We are rejoicing that progress has been made concerning the land. We are awaiting the final surveying of parcels and issuing of a title. Recently I spoke with the Mayor of our small town, who is also the county commissioner. She is going to share with the other county Mayors about the Home and its purpose. This will be helpful when we are ready to bring in new children - which will be as soon as the land title is finalized. I am very grateful to see God putting things together.

The boys are doing well and do enjoy the farming, digging, planting, dirt and mud. For the most part they are two very happy kids. One of them is struggling with some things and we ask that you please pray for him.

On March 8th my son-in-law Mike Malcolm, an electrical contractor, will be here for three weeks to completely re-wire the home and some of the outlying buildings. His coming for this purpose will be a blessing as we have had a few issues lately with the wiring.

Thank you for your prayers and involvement in the ministry of the Home.

Tim and Maureen Searles



Boys from Thailand Lighthouse



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