

MISSION MOMENTS FOR KIDS – LAURA GRILLS

In the game of Simon Says, the goal is to follow the leader. When the leader says, “Simon Says”, you are to obey. As a Christian, our leader is Jesus, and we are to follow Him. Are we focused on following Him? He gave us the Bible to know how to follow Him. Do we read it? Do we know what it says so that we can better follow Jesus? The disciples were followers of Jesus. Luke 5:11 tells us *“And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.”* Do we have willing hearts to give up whatever He asks us to do, so that we can be a follower of Jesus? As we live our life to follow Jesus, we can be used of God to bring others to our Saviour. As missionary Jim Elliot said, “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.”

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Can you find these words in the puzzle? The words can go in any direction, they may share letters, or even cross over each other.

- leader
- focused
- Jesus
- Bible
- read
- better
- willing
- hearts
- used
- God
- follow
- forsook



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Ditto with his new friend Wilberth



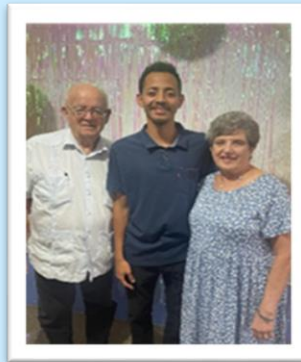
Prior to coming to the Lighthouse Home in Costa Rica, Wilberth was living with his aunt. When she began to have health issues, she sought a safe place for Wilberth to live. Through a local Pastor, his aunt learned about the Lighthouse Home. Wilberth was seven years old when he came to live at the Home and met his new friend Ditto.

Wilberth grew in the Lord and was saved at the age of ten. He graduated from high school at age nineteen. He attended Bible college for a year before COVID forced the school to close. For the past five years, Wilberth has been working full-time, helping a local church with music, translating, and working with the youth.

In January, Wilberth quit his full-time job. He now works at Bible Baptist Church in Loto and attends Bible College full-time. At the church, he helps with maintenance, teaches 7- and 8-year-old Sunday School class, and disciples three men. After college, Wilberth desires to pastor a church. Please pray for him as the Lord uses Wilberth to reach others.

To all those who invested their time, prayers, and finances into Wilberth, and the Homes, the return on your investment is great. Because of your faithfulness, your account will bear much fruit.

Photo to the right is Wilberth with the Founders of the Lighthouse Children’s Home – Larry & Paula Neff. Wilbert’s newfound friend, pictured above, went to glory July 2022.



Thank you

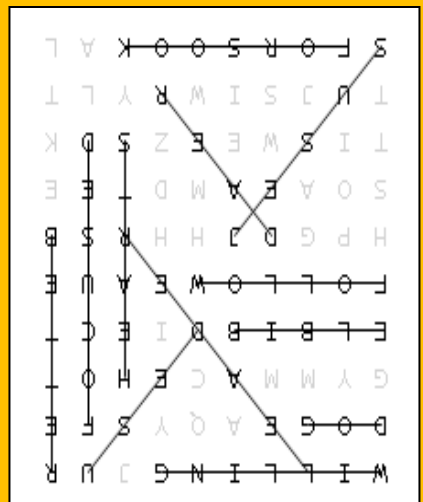
Thank you to all who participated in the Christmas Coin Folder Offering. Because of you, it was a tremendous success.

The children in the Homes were read the Christmas Story and then gifts were opened.

Visit our website or scan the QR code to watch a short video showing the children on Christmas morning. Please watch and see how the Lord used your gifts.



Mission Moment Puzzle Solution



INDIA - Matthew Henry Pinipi

Most of the children are doing fine. We have two children who are suffering with severe colds and cough, and two children with skin problems. The medical doctor has prescribed medications. Please pray for a full recovery. The remaining children are in good health and studying well for the big final exams, which are going to be in the first week of April. Our state and central government elections are usually scheduled in the month of April, so they want to finish the school year before the election. Most of the children received good grades during their half yearly exams.



They are also learning many new songs and Bible verses during Sunday School classes. Our church teachers are taking special interest toward our children. The first week of January the children sang during our big tent meetings (photo left) in Kakinada. Around 2,000 people attended these meetings.

We have new parents for the home, Mr. Nathan and Mrs. Kamala Priya. (back left & right of photo) Mrs. Mary Gold is still with us to teach the children during study hours. Thank you for your continual prayers and financial help and your encouraging letters to the children.



MYANMAR - Ben & Sarah Benard



There were many events at the beginning of our New Year for which we are thankful. We began the New Year with a new partnership with Lighthouse Children's Homes. We also were able to join a church family for a New Year's and birthday celebration where the children sang, Brother Daniel preached, and the host family served a meal. The next day the children were able to enjoy a day at a trampoline park, and after playing we all went out for ice crème.

In February, the children were able to meet five other missionaries. Three serving in Nepal, and two native Indian missionaries - including Brother Mathew Henry from the Lighthouse Home in India. We all made a short trip to some recently purchased property on which we will build the orphanage, and eventually move there. Brother Henry prayed to dedicate the land for the Lord's use.



Please pray for the children in the Home as some have not fully come to understand what it means to accept Christ. We also desire to accept a few more children in the Home; please pray the Lord guides us to the ones He has chosen. Thank you all for partnering with us. We look forward to seeing what all the Lord will do.

PHILIPPINES – Chris & Victoria Hunter

Most of the children made the Honor Roll for the second quarter. Just before classes resumed on January 8, they had the privilege of going on the Honor Roll outing at RR Family Resort. They had an amazing time and took pleasure in socializing, having fun, eating delectable food, and swimming. On that day, we also honored the birthdays of our Senior Pastor's daughter Cherish, and our Shantal.



The children also had a wonderful experience visiting Lake Pinamaloy. It was a great time of reflecting and taking in the beauty of the natural world, hearing the Word of God, and enjoying sports and company with coworkers and Bible College students.

Every Saturday, the children, along with our Bible College students, go soulwinning. They have shared a lot of joy together as they have reached out to the lost for Christ, handing out tracts, John and Romans, and sharing the redeeming gift of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We gave thanks to God for His blessings and express our appreciation for all the contributions, prayers, and labor that is put into this ministry.



COSTA RICA – Terry & Sally Sanders

A special thank you to Pastor Yancey and his group who purchased some much-needed small kitchen appliances during their recent visit. The kids also enjoyed pizza twice, which the group also bought.

January is a break from school, so the teens attended camp along with six or seven other churches. The theme for the week was "Integrity vs. Artificial Intelligence" and encouraged the teens to spend more time in God's Word and less time on social media. We rejoiced that there were eight teens who accepted Christ as their Saviour that week. The next week the younger children went to camp. During that time, the teens helped in a local V.B.S. with visitation, bus routes, helping in classes, and craft time. What a blessing to see their willingness to serve!

In February, we celebrated our annual friendship banquet. The theme was "God's Love". The dining room was decorated to remind us of Heaven and the wonders our Saviour has prepared for us. After a delicious meal, Brother Dean brought a challenge from God's Word.



MEXICO – Rafa & Yadira Ibarro –Dorm Parents



We thank the Creator for His faithfulness and for your prayers and financial support. January 27, Mauricio (right photo) turned ten years old. He had a great time at his birthday celebration. He ate his favorite food - "hamburgers" and received several gifts including a plane, since he likes them very much. On February 14, Jonah turned thirteen years old, and we had another birthday celebration. He was very eager to reach thirteen so he could attend the youth class in the church.



We are thankful to see God touching their hearts with the nightly devotions. The Lord is urging them to have changes in their life to be more dedicated to spiritual things. A devotional that really touched them was one about them being a book. The challenge was that they were like a book that talked about God. As they are a book, they are being "read" by unbelievers, so they should be a good testimony in their daily lives.

Ángel, who was a little behind in his schoolwork, is putting in more effort and improving a lot. Thank you for praying for him. As we say goodbye, we are thankful to God, and to you, for the blessings received.

MEXICO – Jonathan & Laura Bryan

We are situated right in the heart of Mexico, in the state of Zacatecas, a region known for its arid and dry climate. Despite this, our high altitude—about a mile and a half above sea level—makes for a unique environment. It is a blessing to minister to the children in this region.

Thank you for all your prayers on behalf of the boys and girls. The children continue to attend church regularly and recently had the opportunity to participate in a play at the church. Each one of them also joined in the choir, showcasing the remarkable singing talents we have among the children in our Home.



Additionally, the children eagerly assist during special days at the church, always looking for ways to serve and be of help. Please continue to keep each one of them in your prayers as they grow in their faith and service to God. Our hope is that they will be greatly used by the Lord now and in the future.