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### **ADMINISTRATIVE SPOTLIGHT – Ron Black**



*Thank You  
Terry & Sally  
For  
Your  
Faithfulness*

In 1989, Sally went to Costa Rica as a single missionary to teach in a Christian school – but the Lord had other plans. In 1989, Sally and Patricia began taking in children with the hope of helping a few. The next few years were difficult with little financial support. In 1992, Brother Neff and Sally met, and the Costa Rica Lighthouse Home was established.

During the last 35 years, Sally met and married Terry Sanders, raised several generations of children, and impacted many lives for Christ. In November, they stepped down as the Dorm Parents. They will spend their time traveling back and forth to the United States visiting churches.

On Thanksgiving Day, we honored them with a special time of remembrance. Several generations of children attended and testified how the Sanders had impacted their lives. On behalf of all the children that have come through the children's home, thank you for your faithfulness, and may God bless you.



### *Welcome – Cabrales Family*

We are delighted to introduce you to the new dorm parents in the Costa Rica Home. Pictured are Brother Rhandol & Sister Jorgeana (Nana) Cabrales with their two sons, Caleb (on left - age 15) and Josias (age 9). They are settled in, and the transition is going well. Please pray for them as they minister to the children of the Home.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD. Psalm 40:3



## Rhandal & Nana Cabrales – Costa Rica Dorm Parents



We began the month of October welcoming two new children into our family, Keyla 3 and Derian age 5. They filled our Home with joy and kept us on our toes with their imagination.

November started with five of the children taking the final state test to see if they could move to the next grade level. Praise the Lord, they passed. On the 28<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated Thanksgiving and had a great time with family and friends. Many of the older children, who had grown up in the Home, came to visit for that special day.

We now attend a church plant that is close to the Home. This change enables us to be active in soul-winning and the bus routes. Many of the kids are in discipleship classes and are also learning how to share the plan of salvation. This has helped in their spiritual growth. They are also participating in the church choir.

Please pray for one of the girls who has some doubt of her salvation. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your love, help, prayers, and financial support. "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." Phil. 1:3

## Chris & Victoria Hunter – Philippines

A recent highlight was the children's participation in the Intramurals. They always enjoy this annual event in which they can fellowship with other Christians. It is an exciting and eventful time filled with activities that build teamwork, character skills, as well as friendships.



After all that excitement, they spent some time in the garden learning the value of patience, care, and responsibility. The process of nurturing plants, from seed to harvest, is a beautiful reminder of how even small, but consistent efforts, can lead to meaningful growth in our spiritual life as well.

In November, they were busy preparing for the Youth Convention which took place in December. This event has a special place in their hearts as it serves as a time for spiritual renewal, learning, and fellowship.

On behalf of the children, we express our deepest gratitude for your love, support, and prayers. Together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of these children.

## Rafael & Maya Ibarra – Mexico Dorm Parents

This time of the year is one that the children like the most since we remember that Christ was born and died for our sins. Jonah, Joshua, and Ishmael like to help decorate the house and put up a tree. As we have really been focusing on what Christ did for us, they have been more kind to each other. They are enjoying the lessons of Christ's birth and are practicing a song that they will sing in church for the special Christmas potluck.



Thank you for sustaining this ministry with your prayers and support.

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There are 8 bees like this one -  hidden in the newsletter.

Search carefully and you will find all 8.



## Ben & Sara Bernard – Myanmar

We are so excited to be moving forward with the building project. The children pray every day for the progress of the building and eagerly wait to move in. When completed, the building will be a full three-story with separate boys' and girls' dorms, staff family living, and lower-level church auditorium and dining hall. We have kept close oversight of each detail to ensure the best possible standard is met. The second level slab has cured, and they are framing all the windows and doors in brick. The projected finish date is *April 2025*. Thank you for all the prayers and support that is making this possible.



Since November begins the holiday season with Thanksgiving, we introduced this new tradition to the kids in our English class. Mrs. Sara started this class to help the kids communicate and correspond with their sponsors. It has been a fun time practicing and connecting with each one. Thanks to all those who wrote personal letters to the kids. We print each one out and go over the letter with them so they can fully understand and then keep it in with their personal things. They are truly thankful and know it is a privilege to be in a safe, Christian home. 📖

**UPDATE ---- \$46, 879.00 has been given toward the \$65,000 needed for this project. Praise God!**

## Jonathan & Laura Bryan - Mexico



We are so thrilled to have the two Bible College girls come home after completing their first semester! It has been wonderful to see how much they have grown spiritually and academically during this time. What a blessing to see how the Lord is working in their lives. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication. Please continue to pray for Flor and Fabis during their next semester as they seek to follow God's will for their lives.

The children are full of excitement as Christmas approaches. They have been busy helping with decorations, practicing a special song for our church service, and preparing small gifts to exchange at church. We explain that although gifts are a blessing, the true meaning of Christmas is about the birth of our Savior.

This time of year reminds us of the many blessings God has given to us. We are grateful for His provisions and for the love and support from each of you who make this ministry possible. 📖

## Matthew Henry – India

The children are studying hard and will soon finish their half-year exams in schools. At the same time, they have been preparing for our annual Christmas meetings which are held nightly in the homes of our church members. Our children participate in these meetings and will also sing carols. They are also getting ready for the Sunday school competition in the church which includes Bible memorization, singing a song, and other competitions. We will be giving the children a new set of clothes on Christmas and New Year's Day. They look forward to this once-a-year event.



Our house mother, Mary Gold, is getting up in age. We are looking and praying for good suitable parents. Kindly pray that God will direct the right persons to us. Regretfully, we had to send three children back to their guardians due to their bad behavior. We tried hard to correct them, but they were not willing to be corrected.

We thank you for your love and concern towards these children. Please pray that God will raise a few men and women to do His work in India through the children of this Home. We all send Christmas wishes to all of you. 📖






My husband and I have a couple of bee hives. All year long, the bees are busy working to gather pollen to make honey. A couple of times a year, we get the frames from the hives and pull the honey out of the comb. The honey is so sweet and tastes delicious on biscuits or cornbread. In the Bible, we see that God’s Word is compared to honey. Psalm 119:103 says “How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”

As we begin a new year, the most important thing we can do is to read God’s Word to gather its sweet truths. Each day, we can see His sweet promises, character, and guidance. It’s good to begin each day in God’s Word. “O God, thou art My God; early will I seek thee: My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;” Psalm 63:1


Sometimes, having a chart or guideline to follow helps us to be able to read all of the Bible in one year. Reading portions of Psalms and Proverbs daily are good goals as well. We can also write down things that He teaches us to look back on and to share with others. Whatever tools or system we use, let’s purpose to read His Word every day.

“More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.” Psalm 19:10

At the bottom of page 2 there are two activities to go with this story. How many of the underlined words in the above story can you find by yourself in the hidden word puzzle? Did you see all the hiding bees? Go to [lighthousefun.club](http://lighthousefun.club) to see the answers, or use the QR code 



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