

# Lighthouse Children's Homes

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"Rescuing Storm-Tossed Lives for Christ Since 1978"

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## COSTA RICA NEWS

We just finished our annual February Bible Conference in Costa Rica for native pastors, their wives, and full time workers. The Lord blessed and we had a wonderful Conference. There was great preaching, great fellowship, delicious food and most importantly many people at the altar each service.



We had pastors and missionaries from several different countries this year. The last night we had over 160 in attendance. **Pastor Randall Parker** (Greenfield, IN), **Pastor Garvin Walls** (Oliver Springs, TN) and **Pastor Archie Emerson** (Johnston, RI) were our main speakers. Several other preachers spoke in the meeting including **Bro. Tommy Hensley** (Greenfield, IN) and **Bro. Aaron Hargis** (Pendleton, IN) taught the teen class. Our children sang and played their instruments, along with other special music.

At the Thursday night banquet when the kids sang "Thank You, Lord" they were joined by **former Lighthouse "kids"** and in some cases their children. What a blessing! Praise God we had a wonderful meeting, all those that attended the meeting went back to their place of service more encouraged and challenged to serve the Lord.

**Terry and Sally Sanders**

## MEXICO NEWS

The Lord continues to send us more needy girls and boys here in Mexico. We currently have 3 on a waiting list to enter the Home. The boys Home has been a blessing and we pray that we can be a help to other needy boys.

## MEXICO NEWS continued

Our desire is to raise each one of them to love and serve the Lord.



Please pray for Raul as he believes the Lord may be calling him to be a preacher. The other boys

are younger and have reached the point that they try to do everything themselves. We offer to help; but they are sure that they can get things done without our help. This reminds me of the Christians that try to get through life on their own strength and wisdom.

The children in both Homes were very excited to get the gifts for Christmas. A few of them had never celebrated Christmas in this way and it was very special. Above is a picture of the boys playing with some of their toys. Thank you so much for giving.

**Jonathan and Laura Bryan**

## INDIA NEWS

In January we had a medical camp which did dental check-ups for the children here at the Home. A few of them needed cleanings, but there were no serious teeth issues. This was a great blessing to the Home, and it was done free of charge. We are thankful that the children are doing fine, and the Lord is keeping them healthy.

All the students are gearing up for their final exams. The 10<sup>th</sup> class and intermediate (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>) classes had their exams during the first week of March. These exams are very important in determining their futures. Students in 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes will be tested

the first week of April. They are all studying well to secure good ranks to the best of their ability. Please keep them in prayer, and thank you for your faithful support. **Matthew Henry**

## LIGHTHOUSE LEADERSHIP TRANSITION



Since 1978, the Lord has grown the Lighthouse Ministry from a single Home in Mississippi to seven Homes located in Costa Rica, Panama, Mexico (2), India, Thailand, and the Philippines. All we can say is "TO GOD BE THE GLORY." On January 31, 2018, I stepped back from the leadership position of the Lighthouse Children's Homes. The Lord has led me to move Rev. Ronald Black into a co-leadership role. In the Lord's timing, Rev. Black will assume the full leadership of the Lighthouse Children's Homes. Paula and I will be available to help in any way we can.

Rev. Black and his wife, Tara, have been with the Lighthouse Children's Homes since August 2005, and have held every position within the Lighthouse Ministry. The Blacks are from Akron, Ohio, and are dedicated to growing the Lighthouse Children's Homes as the Lord leads. Please pray for the Lighthouse Homes and the Blacks during this time of transition.

If you would like to contact Rev. Black, please call him at (662) 582-4873 or email him at [ronblack0302@gmail.com](mailto:ronblack0302@gmail.com).

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## THAILAND NEWS

We are so thankful for what God did in 2017 for the Home. Foremost, we were able to solidify much of the paperwork on the property in Nong Khai, which was of great concern. Secondly, electrical issues were resolved as Mike, our son-in-law, has now completed running new wiring throughout the property. We are so thankful for those who helped pay for the supplies necessary to finish that job.

In December we were blessed to have our son-in-law and daughter, (Thomas & Marci) visit with our grand baby. They, along with the DeWalt family, also helped with other major projects at the Home. Thank you to all who came and helped on behalf of the children. Please pray for a house helper to assist us with the many duties of taking care of the children.

The children were certainly excited about Christmas and the things that were sent from the States. It was fun for them, and for us to watch them. When the "Christmas mail" came the end of January they had a blast! It is such a joy for them to receive mail from those who sponsor and pray for them. We certainly encourage you to send them a letter as the Lord leads. When sending mail please put the child's name C/O Lighthouse Home, P.O. Box 8, Umper Mueng, Jungwat Sangkhom 43160. It is a big deal for them to get a personal letter addressed to them.



We are blessed to be a part of their lives – thank you for what you do to make it possible. **Tim and Maureen Searles**

## PANAMA NEWS

In January and February there is no school for the girls, and we used that time to have Bible campaigns and Vacation Bible School in several churches on the Indian reserve. We thank God for the girls here at the Home because they have a very important part in these activities. They supported the evangelistic campaign at the Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza in San Felix by handing out invitations from house to house in the community. The girls rehearsed and sang special hymns during each night of the campaign. During the Vacation Bible Schools, they helped with the preparation of the materials,

## PANAMA NEWS continued



invited children, and taught classes. Most of them are excellent Sunday school teachers – what a blessing. We had an attendance of 430 children, and 45 accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their only and sufficient Saviour.

We thank God for the girls who love to serve and do it with enthusiasm and a good spirit. Thank you very much for your support that makes all this possible.

**Alex and Myrtha Taylor**

## PHILIPPINES NEWS

It is a great joy to share heartwarming news about the precious children here in the Home. **Jhewyn John, Joemyr, Honey, John Loyd and Greatchen** have been growing closer to each other and enjoying their new environment centered around daily preaching, singing, schooling, activities, sports, food, fellowship, and fun!

Our Church, Bible Baptist Church in Don Carlos, is praising God for the partnership that we have with the Lighthouse Children's Homes! These precious children have literally been taken off of the streets and have been given love, affection, and attention that they have never experienced before. Your prayers, letters, pictures, and love gifts are such an encouragement to these young minds who have been abused, discouraged, and abandoned. Your giving is a channel of GOD'S PERFECT LOVE to these who were once without hope. Each child is receiving a Bible based education and interacting with the children in our Christian academy. Their futures are brighter each day, and slowly they are starting to open up in conversation. All of this is because of your continual prayer and financial support. **Chris & Victoria Hunter**



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