

# Lighthouse Children's Homes

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"Rescuing Storm-Tossed Lives for Christ Since 1978"

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## COSTA RICA NEWS

Summertime always means visiting groups at the Home, and this year we had four during the months of June and July. June began with a group from Indiana that has visited several times before. Thank you to **Pastor Ricky Brown and Putnamville Baptist Church** for all the yard work, painting, etc. that they did. They were also able to spend lots of quality time with the kids, mostly in baseball and kickball games. Their last evening here they treated the kids to a meal at the mall which was followed by a time of roasted marshmallow s'mores here at the Home.



For Father's Day this year we decided to do something special and celebrated with a cookout on Saturday afternoon before Father's Day. Wilberth grilled the burgers and Mommy Sally made Daddy Terry's favorite potato salad. We had a Costa Rica favorite for desert - ice cream and jello mixed together. The next day at church we had a time of refreshments and fellowship in honor of the fathers. There were 62 in attendance including several first time visitors.

**Terry and Sally Sanders**

## MEXICO NEWS

We were thankful for the opportunity to take the older children to camp a couple months ago where some of them made specific decisions for the Lord. We see them continuing to keep those commitments which were made and working toward their set goals.

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## MEXICO NEWS continued

It is always a blessing to see spiritual growth, as well as the physical growth - which we are seeing in ALL the children.

Along with losing teeth and outgrowing clothes!

The children attend Christian school and are doing well in their studies. Recently after school we had a special



"Friday Family Night" where the children ate popcorn and got to stay up late watching cartoons. Recently the girls had a special treat of ice cream at the new Dairy Queen nearby and the boys anxiously wait for their turn.



Please continue to not only pray for the children but also for the workers. Specifically for God's wisdom on how to help these children, some of whom have learning difficulties and extra struggles for various reasons. Thanks again for all your support and prayers on their behalf.

**Jonathan and Laura Bryan**

## INDIA NEWS

The children returned to school June 12<sup>th</sup> and we are pleased to report that all children successfully graduated to the next grade. All of the nursing school graduates have temporary jobs in nearby hospitals. Even though summer is officially over, the temperatures remain high and we have received no rain.

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## NEFF RECEPTION



A reception for Larry and Paula Neff, Founders of the Lighthouse Children's Homes, was held at Good Shepherd Baptist Church on May 25<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful time of food and fellowship celebrating all the Lord has done through the Neff's. Thank you to all who sent cards, gifts and came to celebrate this special day.

## INDIA NEWS continued

I have started the process of “delinking” the children’s Home with the government. In this process I had to call the Home a *hostel*. We usually do not take any street children, nor any orphan, who does not have a guardian. Therefore, per the law, we do not come under the government child welfare committee. A few new children want to join our *hostel*, but I am waiting for finalization of the delink process. Currently, the government needs to give permission for us to enroll any more children in the Home, and I don’t want them to interfere in the admission process. Kindly pray for the delinking process which should be settled within two months.

**Mathew Henry**

## THAILAND NEWS

The boys are doing quite well playing their ukuleles as well as learning how to read music. They are also learning how to skillfully play the game of chess and continue to learn more Bible verses. Both boys have learned 50-60 verses since their arrival at the Home.



We recently made a difficult decision concerning where the boys would attend school. The school in our village is convenient, literally a two minute motorcycle ride. Yet that is probably all that is good about the school. This is unfortunate as we wanted to be a testimony and help here, where we live. The Home desperately wants to make a difference in the lives of these kids; consequently we made a decision to enroll them in a school that is about 15 miles away. Although that means the expense of round trip travel two times a day; it also means driving time invested with the boys talking about Bible stories and reviewing Bible verses. Thank you for your investment in the lives of two very special boys.

**Tim and Maureen Searles**

## PANAMA NEWS

We thank God for his grace, care and faithfulness during my medical emergency the end of May. After some exams because of chest pains and extreme tiredness **Continued above**

## PANAMA NEWS continued

the cardiologist told me that I had severe obstructions in the arteries of my heart. Plus it was functioning at only 10%, and I could have a heart attack at any moment - I needed stents put in immediately! In the Costa Rica health care system you usually have to wait several months for a procedure like this. God provided miraculously, and I was able to be treated quickly. I received 3 stents; other arteries were treated with medication to open them up; and one artery that was 100% blocked was opened by alternating paths. I returned to the Home two weeks afterward and I feel very good; thanks be to God. It is great to be back on the mission field serving again. I thank the Lord for my wife who accompanied me at all times and for those who took care of the Home in our absence.

**Alex and Myrtha Taylor**



## PHILIPPINES NEWS

The children were very excited to return to school June 10<sup>th</sup>. On the first day, they arrived early and attended devotionals with the church-school staff and Bible students. They liked it so well they have gone early ever since! They are all doing very well in their studies and Greatchen now helps the younger ones with homework.

The teachings of the dorm parents and church along with the discipline of school, is starting to bear much fruit. The children are doing a great job in assisting the dorm mother and have learned to communicate with her and to take heed of what she tells them to do. They also are being accountable for their things and are becoming more responsible. When they wake up in the morning they go straight outside and do their morning chores without being instructed to do so.



During the Municipal Holiday the children had fun playing and fellowshiping together in the yard at the Home. They anticipate the completion of the addition which will enable others

to come and learn of God’s love. **Chris and Victoria Hunter**



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