

Lighthouse Children's Homes

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"Rescuing Storm-Tossed Lives for Christ Since 1978"

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PANAMA NEWS

The girls continue their schoolwork through online classes, but not without difficulties. Between the 14 of them, there are many classes, tasks, and projects which require completion. That, combined with the very slow internet, has required some careful planning on their part. They take turns during the day, and part of the night, to be able to fulfill their responsibilities. Thankfully, we recently were able to get a computer and two phones which has helped the situation.

All of them participated in an international virtual camp, which was a great blessing. Some of them won in the memorization competition, and they enjoyed the Bible studies, dramas, and challenges. Despite being done at home - it was still fun. They are also preparing special songs which our son, Alex Junior, publishes on Facebook.

We thank God for His protection of our health, and the health of those at the Home. We appreciate your support and know that you also are going through difficult times.

Alex and Myrtha Taylor



COSTA RICA NEWS

Costa Rica celebrated Mother's Day on August 15th. The children made a nice breakfast of "huevos rancheros," fruit plate, and fried potatoes for us and gave Sally some of her favorite snacks as gifts. Later, Priscilla topped off the day with homemade cookies.



The boys, ages 11-14 years, recently gave short 5-10 minute devotionals during our midweek service. Although this was the first time for each of them to speak before a group, and they were very nervous, they all did a good job. The following week in Bible class, each of the girls shared a lesson from one of their favorite Bible stories. We discovered through this project that it made the children think about what their memory verses meant.

The strict lockdowns continue in Costa Rica. In August we were allowed to go to church one Sunday, but then the government again closed the churches because of rising numbers of Covid 19 cases. The Sunday we could assemble was very sad as everyone had to wear a mask and singing was not allowed. **Terry and Sally Sanders**

INDIA NEWS

Our state has the highest number of daily Covid cases in India. In our state, our district is at the top of the list, and our city of Kakinada is at the top of the district list. Praise God, despite this, all the children are doing fine at their native homes. I have assured all our children about their future, not to worry about the present situation, and asked them to keep safe. I have been helping all the children



monthly with their needs of physical and spiritual food.

The India government closed all children's homes. Originally, we were told the children could return when school resumed in August. Now we are told that could be after December. Our prayer is that they can return soon.

In the middle of August, Mary Gold's husband died, and she desires to return to the Home. In recent years, when she was with us, she was a good administrator. So, we are happy to have her return, but our present dorm parents would need a different job assignment. Kindly pray for this situation.

Matthew Henry

RON'S SPOTLIGHT

September is when we launch our annual **CHRISTMAS COIN FOLDER PROJECT**. The field representatives and I call over 1,870 churches asking them to participate. We then package and ship over 16,000 coin folders to participating churches and individuals. The churches then pass out the coin folders, collect them up, and send the funds back to us.



Each folder holds \$5 in quarters and the funds raised are used to provide gifts, new clothes, special activities, and a Christmas Dinner for the children. We also use a portion to help improve the existing Lighthouse Homes.



Please help us by filling folders at your church or by sending a donation to our office in Mississippi marked "Christmas Offering". Please contact our office at (662) 289-9629 if you have questions.

Ron Black

MEXICO NEWS

The middle of August, we again had opportunity to take the children out to where the building is being constructed. It was a real blessing to see how excited they were. I wish you could have seen them running around to see all the different rooms. The only place they were not very excited to see was the new schoolhouse.



They liked playing on the dirt mounds and walking around imagining how their rooms would be laid out in the future when finished. Lord willing, that will be November. See photo of boys standing in their future new Home.

Thankfully, it will give us room to double the number of children we now have, and the children will have plenty of space to play. The boy's Home will be on one side of the building and the girl's Home on the other side with the schoolhouse located in the middle. Thank you so much to all who have given financially and your many prayers for this great need in Zacatecas.

Jonathan and Laura Bryan

THAILAND NEWS

We are all doing fine, and the boys have returned to school. They are required to go on Saturdays to make up for lost school days. Both have made new friends, are doing well in their studies and say the school food is "delicious". They continue to be a blessing at the Home in helping to do whatever it is that needs doing, along with their daily chores. *Continued Above*



THAILAND NEWS continued

Meanwhile, we are waiting for the Thailand Embassy to allow Tim permission to reenter the country. The last bulletin they issued stated that *volunteers and those holding religious visas* are being denied. Both of our visas will expire October 16th. Please pray with us concerning this matter that God will grant us wisdom and direction for each step of this journey which is unknown to us - but NOT to Him.

Tim and Maureen Searles

PHILIPPINES NEWS

July 21st, Greatchen had a great time celebrating her 13th



birthday. Her friends and loved ones helped her enjoy the day with food and sweet fellowship together, marking another year of God's faithfulness in her life.

God has blessed the diligent study efforts of the children this past month, and they have excelled in

their schoolwork. We continue to see growth in their daily walk of life - a result of them yielding to their spiritual teaching. A couple of months ago, they planted some vegetables and now they are enjoying the fruit of their labor. They love eating freshly cooked vegetables from their own garden. Surely, it will help a lot to keep their bodies healthy - especially during this pandemic.

We are so grateful for our partnership with the Lighthouse Children's Home which grants opportunity for these precious souls to be taught, nurtured, and grow in God's Word. Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support.

Chris and Victoria Hunter

*It is time for Lighthouse Coin Folders!
Details under Ron's Spotlight.*

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