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PANAMA

We are pleased to announce that another girl has graduated from college - Edorcas. The following are her written words of thanks to those who have made such an achievement possible.



I thank you for the great opportunity you gave me when you received me into the Home. (I was orphaned by my father and my mother and had no one and no place to go.) I am happy for the support they gave me and very grateful for the opportunity it gave me to study. Above all for hearing the Gospel and coming to know Christ as my Saviour. Then being taught the

Bible and allowed to teach children in Sunday school. I thank God that He allowed me to finish my college studies and obtain a bachelor's degree in information technology. With this degree I can be a schoolteacher of Computer science. I am also grateful for those in the Home who became my family, gave me godly advice, and were always willing to help me in my spiritual life.

Alex & Myrtha Taylor

PHILIPPINES

March 9-11 the children went to Samal Island. The younger children enjoyed playing in the sand and water, while the older children went swimming. They all enjoyed fellowship and a fun time of food, games, and making memories. We also celebrated birthdays, and it was the first time ever that Leah had a birthday celebration which was a special time for her.

Recently, they visited a fire station where they learned fire safety, how to respond in the event of a fire, and had fun wearing a fire uniform.

I would like to share recent expressions from two children which indicate spiritual training is being heard. ***"I have learned in the book of Ruth that you have to stay in the will of God whatever circumstances shall come."***

The second, ***"Break the bad attitude, because your attitude will greatly impact your destiny."*** (Continued next column)



Always remember that we have hope even in the midst of failure; because failure is not final, so no matter what happens - look for good, and you will find it." To God be the glory, Great things HE hath done! **Chris & Victoria Hunter**

MEXICO

One of the biggest blessings of having all these children is being able to see them grow. Not only are they physically and mentally growing, but they are also growing spiritually. A lot of them have developed friendships with other children in the Home which I know will be lifelong friendships, even in adulthood. The other day, all the boys got together in the outside hallway and spent about four hours playing with "Legos", talking, and having fun. While this may seem like a small thing to some people, we know where these children came from. Most of them came here from some very difficult situations. It thrills our hearts to



see them play and enjoy their daily lives as they learn to grow closer to the Lord. Thank you so much for your faithful support and prayers on their behalf. **Jonathan & Laura Bryan**

INDIA

We have five children who just finished high school - 10th class. (See photo on label) In April, they wrote their final exams. In India, the grade they make in this class will decide their future course of study. Another senior girl, Nandini, is writing the 2nd year Intermediate college exams. The remaining children had their final exams in their respective classes at the end of April. All the children have studied hard. Kindly pray for them.

Most of the children's health is fine. Mrs. Mary Gold, mother of the Home, and two young Bible college students are taking care of the boys. We are looking for a family to take care of the children for the next academic year which starts the first week of June. Kindly pray that we will find a dedicated family. Thank you all for your prayers and financial support. **Matthew Henry**



SPOTLIGHT

“...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

James 5:16

People often ask how they might pray for the Lighthouse Children's Homes. Here are four areas to help guide you during your prayer time. Thank you for praying. **Ron Black**

Pray the children will have tender hearts. Pray they will give their hearts to the Lord and trust Him as their Saviour.

Pray for our staff who work with the children each day. Pray they show each child the love of Christ.

Pray for the physical safety of each Home. Ask the Lord to protect them from those who would harm or prevent the staff from doing their work.

Pray for the safety of our Field Representatives as they travel giving updates and raising awareness of the Lighthouse Ministries.

COSTA RICA

In March, we enjoyed a visit from one of the Lighthouse Field Representatives - Hunter Grills and his wife Laura. They brought a group of more than a dozen teens and adults for a week. The children were able to assist them in several ministry opportunities. These included passing out tracts, holding a youth activity, nightly devotions, and translating for Hunter as he preached in a local church. While here, the group also helped in the school and did some painting. The kids enjoyed activities with them such as a meal at the mall and a trip to Sky Zone.

In April, we were invited again to spend Easter weekend at a family revival camp. Terry preached five times during the three days, and we know of at least one person who was saved. Between services, the children competed in games and Bible memorization. Since the pastor was on furlough, Kevin translated the two messages on Friday and did a very good job. He is also now translating on Sunday evenings at our home church. **Terry & Sally Sanders**



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