

# Lighthouse Children's Homes

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## COSTA RICA NEWS

We have had some special things happen at the Home recently. Daniel is finishing up his Bible College studies (he came into the Home at age 9) and has already preached two evangelistic campaigns. In the campaign at our local church we had several first time visitors and at least two people who accepted Christ as their Savior. His ministry as a full time evangelist (the first we know of in Costa Rica) is C.A.S.A. (Central America Spiritual Awakening) Ministries.

Ericka has been with us from the age of two. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, she and Jacob Whitt were married in Chattanooga, TN. We pray God will bless their new life together. (A photo from the wedding will appear in our next newsletter.)

We had the first of several groups from the States that will be visiting for the next couple of months. We say a very special "thank you" to the combined group from New Testament Baptist Church in Medford, MA and those from State Line Baptist Church in Portsmouth, NH with Pastor and Mrs. John Barnes for their help in the school and with the grounds. We enjoyed hearing their testimonies and appreciate the good example they were for the children.

**Terry and Sally Sanders**



## MEXICO NEWS

We now have a total of 20 children in the two Homes - 15 girls and 5 boys. The new addition for housing the girls has been completed, beds put in place, and the girls have moved in. What a blessing! Thank you to all who gave to make this project possible – you have invested in some precious lives. Most of the children in our two Homes come from very difficult and sad situations. However, one of the joys of taking them in is seeing their immense joy in the little blessings of life. For instance - when we have a birthday party in the Home for one of the children, they think it's a big deal. The simplicity of a cake, small gifts, and sometimes a piñata fills them with anticipation and they will not let you forget that the date is getting close. We also let the birthday boy or girl pick their favorite meal for that day. *Continued above*

## MEXICO NEWS continued

Thank you again for making all this possible. Please do not cease in praying for the spiritual needs of each one of our boys and girls.



(Recent birthday party)

**Jonathan and Laura Bryan**

## INDIA NEWS

One week before Easter, we were blessed that Abinay, Satish (pictured here), Satya Kiran and Bhavana accepted the Lord as their Saviour. Along with that blessing was the joy of seeing them being individually counselled in the way of salvation by our Bible College students. Easter Sunday, three of them obeyed the Lord in Baptism. Satya Kiran's father asked him to wait. Kindly pray they will grow in the Lord.



All the children have now completed their final exams. First the high school and intermediate college students followed by the 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade students the end of April. One student wrote the exam for senior intermediate, and she passed the exam. Three students have written junior intermediate exams and all of them passed. Thank you to all who prayed for them concerning their exams which are very important to their futures.

Thank you for your continued financial support and prayers for these children in the Home. May God bless you.

**Matthew Henry**

## THAILAND NEWS

Our well ran dry. However, the kids are on a school break so the boys went to our house in Nakorn Nayok, and Ester (pictured here) is with her pastor and his wife for her cleft lip operation and recovery. The front of the house was caving in so we built a retaining wall to keep the dirt under the foundation. Maureen was stricken with shingles, spent time in the hospital and is recovering in the States. In the mix of all of that - I lost my passport while doing Visa work! Difficult times – but God is good!



We recently bought 40 chickens for their eggs, manure, and as a business venture for each of the children. Ultimately each of them will own several chickens, sell the eggs, pay the overhead and pocket the profit to put in their own account. Great opportunities of training for their futures.

Lord willing, when school resumes May 15<sup>th</sup>, the well will be producing and Ester with her new smile and the boys will be back at the Home. The children continue to grow spiritually and are doing well with their memorization of the Bible. We are seeing the God of Creation putting their lives together.

**Tim and Maureen Searles**

## PANAMA NEWS

We recently received three new girls into the Home for a total of 16 young ladies. The twins are in their last year of grade school, eight are in high school, and six are in college. One of the girls in college is studying to be a nurse, one a computer technician,

and the other four are studying accounting. They are doing very well, and we pray that they will continue to do so. Elsa, the first girl that we received in the Home, has finished nursing school and will be graduating in July.



## PANAMA NEWS continued

All of these girls come from the reservation where life is very hard. Most of the people live in huts with dirt floors, no electricity and no running water. They have to carry water to their houses and in the dry season sometimes walk 2 miles to find it. In order to study they may have to walk several hours to get to school.

Most of the girls in the Home have been abandoned by their fathers. They are very thankful that God has given them a place to live and learn about Him. They have grown spiritually and most are serving God teaching Sunday School classes. Please pray that God continues to work in each of these girls' lives.

We thank you very much for your prayers and support.

**Alex and Myrtha Taylor**

## PHILIPPINES NEWS

Praise be to God - the children are learning a new way of life! Instead of wandering the streets they are now getting an education. Rather than begging for food to ease the hunger pains they are daily enjoying nutritious meals. No more scaring of their minds from abuse and wicked people, but a life where they are experiencing the love of God through believers who daily minister to them. Gradually God is bringing beauty out of their lives and giving them hope where once there was only pain, despair, and hopelessness.

Recently both the boys and girls went shopping for some new clothes and shoes. For many of you this may seem like nothing, but for these children this was truly something new. The smiles on their faces spoke more than a thousand words. Slowly through the love of the house parents, Francisco and Leonora Cantos, and simple events such as shopping, the children are adjusting to a different way of life. We are excited to see what God will do through them in the future!

Thank you to all who are praying for and giving so that these precious children are no longer abandoned.

**Chris and Victoria Hunter**



Mexico Lighthouse Boys



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