

# Lighthouse Children's Homes

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## COSTA RICA NEWS



As always, November and December were very busy months here in Costa Rica. We had a beautiful Thanksgiving time with many former

Lighthouse kids coming and bringing their families, which gave us almost 60 people for the meal. Even though we had 3 turkeys, 2 hams, and 4 chickens, there were very few leftovers. The rest of November was spent preparing for our annual Christmas program. Rather than having a long drama this year, we simply quoted the Bible verses of the Christmas story, sang 3 songs, and played our instruments. Even that required lots of practice.

In December, 3 different groups visited the Home and had a party with the children sharing gifts and treats with them. In 2 churches, where we shared the program, they also gave the children gifts. Several of us participated in our church's Christmas cantata. Although our church is small, there was a good number of people there to enjoy the special music. Once again God has blessed us abundantly through the generosity of His people, and we say "thank you" to all.

**Terry and Sally Sanders**

## MEXICO NEWS

In November Bro. & Sis. Larry Neff visited with us and took the children to "many" places. They went to the park, rode a boat, went zip lining, and visited a museum where they did and saw many fascinating things. At the museum they especially enjoyed the robots, solar system display, and the air & water experiments. [Continued Above](#)

## MEXICO NEWS Continued

One outing was to a buffet where several children ate waffles for the first time. It was an enjoyable and memorable visit for all.



In December, the children attended a youth night with the church which is now meeting in their new

building. It was a good time of food, fellowship and fun, with Godly instruction from God's Word. This fellowship with other believers, and Godly worship helps to strengthen what we are teaching in the Home.

If you ever desire to come and visit the Home, we would open our doors to you and your family. Please continue to pray for each one of the children by name. Someday we will all see the fruits of your sacrificial giving. **Jonathan and Laura Bryan**

## INDIA NEWS

The children were busy both in school and in the church during the past 2 months. At school they had half year exams which they worked hard preparing for. This exam is important to the final grade at the end of the school year. In the Church we had the annual Christmas meetings in each member's house. Our children were a part of the singing choir of the Christmas carols. Each evening there were one or two meetings going on. We purchased two pairs of new clothes for all the children. One pair they received for Christmas and the other at New Year's. We had a Christmas service the Sunday before Christmas day where the children sang two specials. That service was followed by a special lunch which was enjoyed by all. [Continued on Back](#)

AS WE BEGIN 2020, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT DURING 2019. WE HAVE SEEN THE LORD BLESS IN MANY ASPECTS, BECAUSE OF YOUR FAITHFULNESS. MULTIPLE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN SAVED, SURRENDERED TO FULL-TIME MINISTRY, AND SOME HAVE GONE ON TO BIBLE COLLEGE. AS WE BEGIN THIS NEW YEAR, WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE PLANS TO EXPAND SEVERAL OF OUR HOMES. THIS WILL ENABLE US TO RESCUE MORE CHILDREN FOR THE LORD. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LORD'S PROVISIONS AS WE BUILD SAFE HAVENS FOR CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS, YOUR LOVE FOR THE LORD, AND THE CHILDREN. **RON & TARA BLACK**

## INDIA NEWS Continued

The children had the opportunity to sing a special Christmas song on Dec. 19th when the government conducted a Christmas event attended by all district higher officials.



Kindly pray for all the children who send greetings to all of you. **Mathew Henry**

## PANAMA NEWS

Even though the girls were on break they have been busy. December was Mother's Day in Panama, and we had a special celebration at church in honor of Mothers. The girls cleaned and decorated the church building and also helped with the various activities for the event. Then they began preparing for a VBS at a church in Rio Fonseca where they helped with the program. In addition to participating in a course for training Sunday School teachers and practicing for our Christmas presentation in the church. It was a joy to see them busy serving the Lord.

Two of the girls have now graduated and are doing paperwork to enter the university. Clementina will be studying music and Miriam will study to be a doctor. We thank our Lord and Savior for allowing us the honor and privilege of serving Him another year at the Home, shaping young lives by sowing the precious seed of the Word of God in their hearts. Thank you for your support and prayers. **Alex and Myrtha Taylor**

## THAILAND NEWS



We recently enjoyed a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Hildebrandt and their 2 year-old daughter, Margaret, from the States. They have been faithful supporters of the Home. [Continued Above](#)

## THAILAND NEWS Continued

They were encouraged by their observations of the boys. Following is a written quote received from them. *"The boys are developing into well rounded young men. It seems like they are excelling in their studies along with learning Bible. They know their Bible quite well. They seem to enjoy playing the ukulele. It is evident that their hearts are tender and loving by the way they treated our daughter and care for Grandma Loon."* It was encouraging to hear that others also see what we see in the boys – progress!

We recently finished a banister for the upstairs balcony and finished some roofing needs - of which the boys were a help. They have learned many things this past year by living in this agricultural setting and being taught with hands on training. This, along with their spiritual training, gives them a great advantage in their futures.

**Tim and Maureen Searles**

## PHILIPPINES NEWS

Praise be to God for His hand of protection during the earthquake. The damage was minimal, and we are grateful to those who gave toward the cost of those repairs.

The middle of December all the children enjoyed their School's Year-End fellowship time of food, fellowship and games. The following week, Greatchen attended the "United Nations" presentations on the first night of the Youth Conference. She, as well as her partner, wore costumes relevant to the country they represented. Our Greatchen represented the country of Egypt.



The children also enjoyed the annual church fellowship time at the end of the year. They were able to fellowship and have fun with godly friends and to celebrate the New Year with their church family. We continue to see spiritual growth in their lives and godly character developing in each of them. All made possible by loving and giving believers, such as yourselves. God bless us all as we move ahead with faith and hope of God's abundance in 2020. **Chris and Victoria Hunter**



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