

Lighthouse Children's Homes

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"Rescuing Storm-Tossed Lives for Christ Since 1978"

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COSTA RICA NEWS

The children had two nice activities during the Easter break. One day they went to the mall where they jumped on trampolines, had lunch at Burger King, spent game tokens at a game arcade, and finished off the outing with an ice cream cone. Everyone was well behaved and had an enjoyable time. On another day we had our annual egg hunt. The older children hid over 180 plastic eggs which were filled with candy for the younger ones to find. There were five winners who found more than 20 eggs.

On Easter Sunday we had an early morning breakfast at our church and a cantata with beautiful hymns and some acting parts. Three of the Lighthouse teens had solo parts. Everyone worked very hard and did a great job. We had 61 in attendance, which was a blessing to our small church.



Greatest of all, one lady who has been attending for a little over a month accepted Christ as her Saviour.

Terry and Sally Sanders

MEXICO NEWS

The paper work on the land is ready for final viewing and signatures. Praise the Lord! As soon as that is complete we move forward to the building process of a larger facility which will be Home to both the boys and girls.

The boys just returned from camp and had a great time. Raul is learning to play the guitar and did a special with some of the young people at church.

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MEXICO NEWS continued

Jonas is eager to learn and has almost completed all his Paces at school! The youngest are starting to talk in complete sentences - always busy.

Often the children who come to the Home are very needy and are from very hard situations and difficulties. Some are very shy, backward, and have a hard time trusting their "new" dad and mom. After many months of love, tender care and lots of prayer our 3 year old Naomi has finally begun to bloom and come out of her shell. She really enjoys being here and we see drastic changes in her attitude. She is one example of a changed life because of your sacrifice and prayers, which we are so thankful for.

Jonathan and Laura Bryan



INDIA NEWS

We rejoice and praise the Lord in the salvation of Robert, Sampth and Vinay. All three of them have obeyed the Word and were baptized on Easter Sunday. Pray for their growth in the Lord.



The children have finished their final school exams. The results of the Intermediate college exams have been given, 3 students cleared all the exams; and two yet have one subject they need to pass. Our junior college student passed her subjects and classes 1 -10 are still waiting for their final results.

We just finished with the election process here in India. Please pray for us as the results will soon be announced and changes are already occurring. In April, the government informed all orphan homes that we can only keep children from our district - all others should be sent home. We have children from several different districts as well as other states. Pray for this situation as it will create disturbance for those children who are unable to continue with us. Thank you for your continued help.

Matthew Henry

THAILAND NEWS

In four words - all is very well. The boys are growing, learning a lot and grasped the rudimentary moves of chess in 30 minutes!

We recently added pigs and worm growing to our farming adventures. As soon as we produce enough worm casting, we will begin experimenting with a garden. Because the boys care for the animals, as well as watering of the trees, they are able to sell several things we grow - like cashews, fish and eggs. All of this is exposing them to books and business.

According to information which I recently received there is a lot of "politics" involved in us moving forward in the final ownership and formally using the property. Basically IF we are successful in growing livestock and food, which benefits the community and promotes the government, then we will receive their approval and move forward. Until that time we are in a holding pattern, but may continue to live on and work the property. We appreciate your interest in what the Lord is doing here and covet your prayers.

Tim and Maureen Searles



PANAMA NEWS

The first week of April, the girls had their first opportunity to participate in a music camp. A missionary from Mexico and his family taught music theory, melody, harmony and how to play instruments like the guitar and flute. It was a BIG blessing!

The girls worked hard, rehearsed several hours a day, and are now accompanying the congregational singing every Sunday.

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PANAMA NEWS continued

At the end of camp we had a concert in Sunday school where all the girls participated by singing and playing their instruments.

The Neff's came to visit us in March along with Danilo, Patricia and Wilbur from the Costa Rica Home. It was a beautiful time of fellowship and friendship as we shared dinner, devotions, gifts, testimonies and lessons taught by Patricia. The Neff's also took the girls to the mall in David where they did some shopping for some needed clothing and were treated to a meal. The girls enjoyed ALL of the visit very much and were very blessed.

Alex and Myrtha Taylor

PHILIPPINES NEWS

We were grateful that the Lord allowed the orphans, and their house parents, to attend Midanao Island Baptist Family Camp April 15th-19th. They enjoyed the different activities of devotions, class time, music, worship, games and prizes. It was a great opportunity for them to meet and fellowship with other Christian children from churches throughout the Philippines. They also had an exciting time observing different creatures of God's creation while staying there.

The school year is now over and we praise the Lord that all the children were promoted to the next grade level during our commencement exercises. Not only did they finish their studies but they also excelled in them. Thank you so much for your undying love for these young children.



We praise the Lord that we are 90% finished with the first floor of the new building and have started construction on the second floor. The wooden frames for the second story have been set up in preparation for cement posts and beams. It is a very tedious task! There are some photos of the construction posted on the media page at www.lighthousechildren.com.

Chris and Victoria Hunter

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