

# Lighthouse Children's Homes

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"Rescuing Storm-Tossed Lives for Christ Since 1978"

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We have enclosed a special **"Christmas Offering Envelope"** for you.

Many of our Churches and individuals help at this time of year through the Christmas Coin Folders; others send a special Christmas Offering to help us buy Christmas gifts for the children, provide a nice dinner, and other activities. A portion of the Christmas Offering will be set aside for the opening of the new Home in the Philippines. If you would like to take part this Christmas, please use the enclosed envelope for your gift. Christmas can be a difficult time for our children and we appreciate your willingness to help them have a wonderful holiday. We thank you for your prayers, concern and financial gifts to help us provide for the children. **God bless you.**

## COSTA RICA NEWS

October 6<sup>th</sup> we had a major change take place in the Home. Sally's 97 year old mom, affectionately known to all as Grandma, went home to be with her Saviour. She had been a "fixture" at the Home for more than twenty-three years. Grandma was a great testimony of kindness to everyone and in her love and generosity of giving to missions. She is deeply missed and yet, we know she is rejoicing in heaven today. Please pray for Sally and the kids during this time of adjustment.



Grandma had a beautiful funeral in which many of the children participated. David and Priscilla played her favorite song, "Higher Ground," on the piano and viola. Then all the younger children sang a song that Grandma had sung many times in her last weeks of life, "Jesus Loves Me," followed by Sally and the children who play stringed



instruments performing "Amazing Grace." Before the message, David Mora, Daniel Sanders, and Sally's brother Dave McWatters gave testimonies. All in all, it was a heart-warming way to say farewell to Grandma.

**Terry and Sally Sanders**

## INDIA NEWS

We praise the Lord for our house parents who are kept quite busy with all the children. In Oct. the children were delighted to have a two day school holiday, as the Hindus celebrated the Hindu festival of lights on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. All of the students, including the college level, study hard to make good grades and enjoyed the short break.



The children are looking forward to the Christmas Season because they will get a new set of clothes! In October, they began practicing the Christmas songs that we will begin singing the last week of November during our month long Christmas meetings in our church members' homes. That is always a blessed time for all.

Thank you once again for your continued support for this Home. May God bless you.

**Matthew Henry**

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## MEXICO NEWS

We were blessed in October to take in four more needy girls. Three of these girls came quite unexpectedly. A mother showed up at our front door with three little girls who are sisters - ages 1, 2 and 4. They were extremely uncared for - dirty and smelling of urine. Their mother begged us to take over the care of the girls. Not only was she extremely poor, but the "fathers" had all abandoned the mother, as well as the girls. We now are blessed to be a physical and spiritual help to these young souls. It is our desire that God may use us to change the path of life that these girls were (no fault of their own) headed down.



Please continue to pray for our Home in Mexico.

**Jonathan and Laura Bryan**

## PANAMA NEWS

Three of our girls will graduate the first of December which is the end of the school year in Panama. We are already working on the paperwork for them to enter the University in February of 2018 to further their studies. Currently they are all studying hard in preparation for their final exams. It is a blessing to see these young ladies being good stewards of the abilities which God has given to each of them - both academically and most especially spiritually.



**Alex and Myrtha Taylor**

## THAILAND NEWS

As we end 2017 we can say that it has been a good year. Glah was saved in March followed by Tan in September. Miss Esther joined us in June and brought both delight and adjustments in the Home. We are thankful for what the Lord has done in the lives of these precious ones this year.



Although the paper work is yet to be finalized we have moved forward in getting the property set up as a piece of farming land as required by the law. We have planted bananas, corn, peppers, and lemon trees; as well as getting year round water to the property. The children have their gardens which they are in charge of and can be seen running around munching on long beans right off the vines. They continue to do well in the feeding, sorting and selling of the fish along with their studies of Bible, English, and Math. It has been a busy - but happy year. Merry Christmas from all of us to you.

**Tim and Maureen Searles**

## PHILIPPINES NEWS

In early November Bro. Ron Black and Bro. Larry Neff traveled here to start the new Lighthouse Children's Home. They trained the House Parents, went over the policies followed by all of the Lighthouse Homes, and also visited the Church the children will attend. The church members helped with landscaping at the Home and one man created a logo he painted on the gate going into the Home (pictured on address panel). The wall is built; the house has been updated, painted and remodeled; the Home is ready to open! God bless you for your prayers and financial gifts.

Lord willing, our next news will have a photo of the children in residence!!

**Chris & Victoria Hunter**



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