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INDIA

The first week of July the new school year started, and we had a few new children come to the Home. The last week of June some of the former children went home and did not

return. Our government has made a few changes regarding their schools. Not only have they upgraded many of the government schools, but they are now giving remuneration to the mother of the child who attends a government school. So, most of the mothers and guardians have opted to keep their children to get the benefits from the government. As a result, we lost most of the former children in the Home.

Now we have a new set of children with new opportunities. We are teaching them Sunday school songs, Bible lessons, and so on. Please pray for all these children as most of them need salvation. The mother of the home, Smt. Mary Gold is getting up in age. Kindly pray as we seek a suitable replacement for her. Thank you for all your prayers. **Mathew Henry**

PHILIPPINES

We were blessed during the month of July to have the church and college students here doing some building, as well as cleaning up around the gymnasium. The children were involved both in helping with the work and serving food to the workers who gave of their time and energy toward the project.



Everyone has been involved recently in gardening, planting plants, and some fruit bearing trees. The children

enjoy this type of work and are now harvesting cucumbers and string beans from some of their earlier efforts. (see photo)

They are doing well in their schoolwork, and many express their appreciation for the opportunity to get a good education. Some of the older girls are now attending the married ladies' prayer meetings and have been blessed. We are thankful they have godly examples to help them in their spiritual growth.

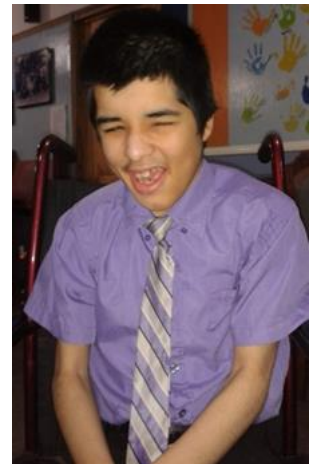
We celebrated Greatchen's 15th birthday in July. She, and her sister Honney Lett were the first children to arrive in the Home – now five years ago. God has been so good, and we thank everyone for your loving support and prayers for all of these precious children.

Chris and Victoria Hunter

COSTA RICA

The middle of July, Daniel, who grew up in the Home, brought a group from his church in Illinois, which also included his wife Bethany and son - Daniel Enoch. They served in several different churches while here and hosted a youth rally on the Home property. There were over 120 teens present that enjoyed games, refreshments, and a challenge from God's Word.

July 28th, the Home lost a very special member of the family. For twenty - two years God had entrusted us with the care of Dito. He came into the Home at age four with severe brain damage and epilepsy. For the last several months we had noticed that his health was failing. To the glory of God, as an answer to prayer, he was taken quietly in his sleep, without pain or seizures. We held a beautiful memorial service for him here at the Home. Many of the former children were in attendance and several shared testimonies. Dito was always so happy, was loved by all, and will be greatly missed.



Terry & Sally Sanders

PANAMA

We have experienced a very tense situation here due to the strikes, protests and road closures that took place in July. Among other things the people were unhappy about the increase in prices. In Panama they usually block the roads as a form of protest. They blocked the main road for 25 days which connects us with the city of David. David is about 50 miles away and is where we buy most of our groceries for the Home. Due to the roadblocks, we were running out of groceries. Alex Junior, and his wife Elsa, decided to go to David by an alternate route to buy for the Home. They arrived in David without problems but on their way back it rained very hard, and the road became impassable. Unfortunately, they reached a point where they could not advance or return. Since it was very late, they had to spend the night in the car in a mountainous area. The next day we went with a group of young people taking with us picks and shovels. We fixed the way, and they were able to get back to the Home. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS.

Alex & Myrtha Taylor



They were so excited when they were told they would be participating; and came back rejoicing that they were able to help. They dressed up as Bible characters, helped organize and keep the children in control during the Bible club times. (see photo) It is our desire that our children are saved by the grace of God, but also that they develop a desire to serve God with their lives. Please pray that God will continue to use our children in the future to bring many others to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jonathan & Laura Bryan

THAILAND

The following is the most difficult article I have ever written. Since 2015, we have been trying to secure the Home in Thailand with no success. We have been met with resistance on every front. With no other viable options available, and after much prayer, the decision has been made to close the Lighthouse Children's Home in Thailand. Please know that the boys' care is most important to us. Over the next six months, we will continue to financially support the Searles Family as their plan is to continue to care for Tan and Glah. Please pray for guidance as the Searles navigate this path.

I want to thank Brother and Mrs. Searles for their hard work over the last seven years. They have managed to navigate the Thailand government to establish the Home to the best of their ability. Please pray for them as they continue to reach Thailand for the Lord.

To all the supporters that have prayed for and given to the effort in Thailand, **THANK YOU** for investing in the lives of two boys in Thailand. Please pray that the Lord will use Glah and Tan to help bring more people to a saving knowledge of the Lord. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this transition.

Ron Black



MEXICO

In August our church did Bible clubs in the surrounding communities and several

children were saved and have begun attending. This is a great blessing to us as believers. Another big blessing is that many of the children in the Home were old enough to participate as first time workers. (Continued column 2)



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