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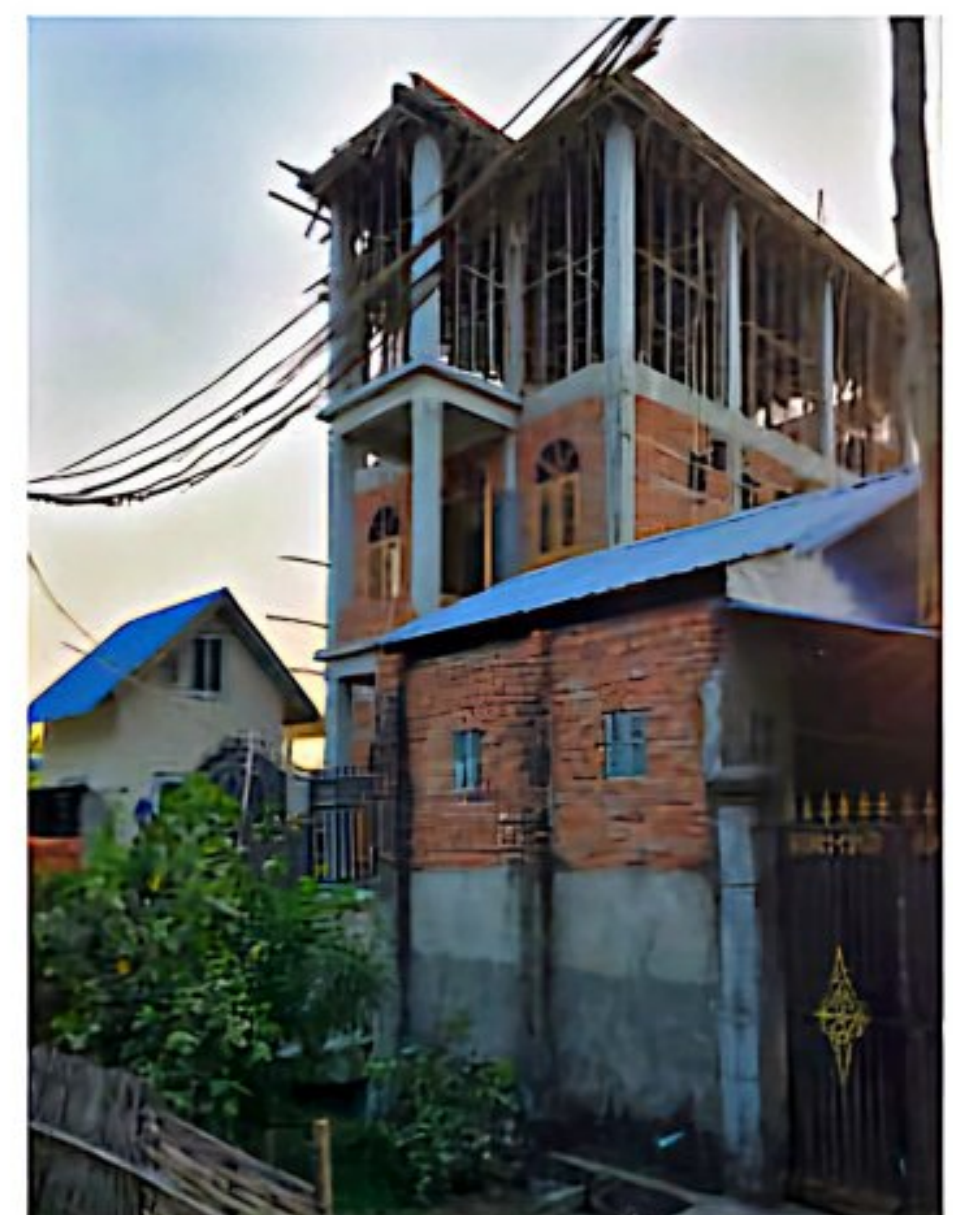


Myanmar

ADMINISTRATIVE SPOTLIGHT – Ron Black

In January, Tara and I visited the Home in Myanmar. Although there is still much work to be done, each day brings them closer to being able to move in. The first floor, designated as the meeting area for New Horizon Baptist Church, is complete with walls, doors, and windows. Interior walls are being framed on the second floor which will house the dorm parents and the girls. The third-floor walls and roof are formed and waiting for the concrete to be poured. This is where the boys will stay. All the electricity, water, and plumbing still needs to be installed.

Thank you to those who have contributed to this building project. As of February 11th, \$47,119.00 had been given toward the budgeted cost of \$65,000. If you feel led to give, please send your donation marked as "Myanmar Construction" to the MS office or give online. ¹



Matthew Henry – India

The children are doing fine, and most are in good health. Even though it is not summer, the temperature makes it feel like we are in summer – the daytime is soaring hot.

They had a wonderful time during Christmas, New Year's, and in our big - tent meetings. They participated in the children's meetings, which were a part of our tent meetings, by singing songs and reciting Bible memory verses. Plus, they were helpful in the general choir, keeping the chairs in order and so forth.

We have a new family, Bro. Suri Babu and Varalakshmi, (photo) who now serve as our wardens (dorm parents). They are trying to keep the children in order, teaching them during evening tutor class, and doing the morning and evening devotions. The children are studying well, and most of them received good marks in their recent half-yearly exams. Please pray for them as they prepare for final exams during the first week of April. 🙏



Ben & Sarah Bernard - Myanmar

The end of 2024 was very eventful! Not only did we have different activities during all the holidays of Christmas, New Year's, and Myanmar cultural holidays, but we also took in five new children. After a day of cooking, feasting, and singing for Christmas services, the kids were bursting with excitement to open their presents. I wish all those who gave for the special day could have seen their faces and heard their squeals and laughter.

In January, we had a group of seventeen Americans, which included Ron and Tara Black, who came for a mission's visit. We enjoyed meeting all of them and showing them our ministry as well as the progress on the building.



Please keep our health and safety before the Lord. Yangon is becoming very crowded because of conflict displacement. The lack of infrastructure and overcrowded conditions cause even more problems with electricity, clean water supply, and sewage. In turn, many dangerous diseases and bacteria are becoming widespread. Your prayers are felt and appreciated. Thank you for giving us the privilege of ministering to these kids. 🙏

Editor Note: Prior to the newsletter going to print we received word that the father of dorm parent Christine died due to complication from Cholera. Please pray for his family, the children of the Home as he was a like a grandfather to them, and the Bernards in their loss.

Jonathan & Laura Bryan – Mexico Girls

The first part of February we all stepped out in faith as the church, including the children from the Home, participated in an event to pass out lots of tracts. We meet at a local mall where we placed tracts on car windows, doing our best to cover every car with God's Word before the security guards sent us on our way. (That's a nice way of saying before they kicked us out.) It was a blessing to see their excitement and willingness to share the Good News with everyone.

This time was a real blessing for all of us. The kids learned valuable lessons about sharing their faith and taking bold steps for God in a real-life setting. Their actions reminded us of the simple truth of spreading God's love, and the experience helped strengthen our community to bring us close together. We thank you for your faithful support and prayers for these children. 🙏



Rhandal & Nana Cabrales – Costa Rica Dorm Parents

The children have been very active in their service at the church. They have participated in music lessons, both voice and instrument, served in the bus routes, soulwinning, and Vacation Bible School. Some of them have also participated in the church ministry "Feeding the Homeless."

In January, the older children went to Youth Camp. We have seen God working in their lives. They also went to a Youth Conference where they fellowshiped with teens from other churches. There, they were challenged to "Follow Christ."

The children started school the second week of February. We have been able to make some changes to the school building, and we are very excited about the school year.



With a heart full of gratitude, we thank God for what He is doing in the lives of these young people. We ask you to remember us in your prayers. Thank you for your support. Phil. 1:3 "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." 🙏

Chris & Victoria Hunter – Philippines

We are so grateful for your prayers and generous support, which continues to bless the children in our care.

We recently had a wonderful outing at Samal Island, Camp Holiday where the children, along with our Lighthouse Children's Home team, enjoyed a time of fun and fellowship. It was a joy to see their smiles as they played and bonded



together. A special highlight was the excitement of the children as they received their bicycles. This simple gift has brought them immense happiness and motivation to excel in their studies. They so much enjoyed eating ice cream, pizza, and many more things during the outing.

We continue to encourage them to work hard and pursue their dreams. We are also excited as we prepare to welcome more orphans into our Home. By God's grace and through your faithful support, we can continue to rescue and nurture more young lives, providing them with a loving and secure environment.

Please pray for us as we strive for God's glory, especially in caring for the children. Some require extra attention, and we ask for strength and wisdom for our dorm parents. 🙏

Mexico - Boys



Five years ago, our boy's home was confined to a small house with little room to play. It was hard to see their energy confined and the frustration that accompanied that. Today, we are thankful that God has provided us with a house with lots of outside area. An area where the boys can run, play, and grow. We are profoundly grateful to all who have given sacrificially in making this dream a reality. Your kindness, dedication, and faith have not only expanded our physical space but also enriched the lives of every child here. Thank you for your faithful support and prayers for these boys. 🙏



Answers to Bible Riddles found in Kids Corner
Snake. None – Not Moses. Joseph's Coat. Burning Bush. Tower of Babel.

KID'S CORNER – by Jo Mock

If we believe, we shall receive!

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." John 6:47

A young boy was flying his kite. The wind was just right, and it blew the kite higher and higher until it was out of his sight into a low cloud.

A gentleman walked by and asked him, "What are you holding on to that string for, my boy?"

"Because there is a kite at the other end of it!"

"But I don't see any kite," said the gentleman.

"Ah! But I know it's there," he said, "for I feel it pull!"



So, it is with God. We may not see Him with our eyes, but we can feel His pull in our hearts when we believe and follow Him!

"And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" John 11:26

Bible Riddles

I am a creature without legs and a tongue that has a fork. What am I?

On his ark, how many of each animal did Moses bring?

It was a gift to one, but poison to others. It was a favored sign, but also a hated symbol. It was stolen, then torn, and became something to mourn. What is it?

In the desert, I was found hotter than the sand on the ground. A strange sight of the shepherd tending a flock. He couldn't believe I could talk. What am I?

It was high in the sky, but also firmly on the earth. It brought cooperation for many, but soon confusion for all. It was unmissable by the crowd, yet not permissible by the One.

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Costa Rica – top grades



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