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Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. Psalm 100:4

ADMINISTRATIVE SPOTLIGHT – Ron Black

September and October are particularly busy times of the year for the stateside staff of the Lighthouse Children's Home. It is when we prepare for our annual Coin Folder Offering.

We spend several weeks calling our faithful churches, updating them on how the Lord is working in our children's lives, and taking requests for coin folders and giving envelopes. The first week of October, we meet at our office in Mississippi. We fold letters, stuff envelopes, and package thousands of coin folders and special offering envelopes. They are then mailed out the middle of October. It is an exciting time as we wait to see how the Lord will bless through this offering.

Each Coin Folder doesn't just hold \$5 worth of quarters; it holds opportunities. Opportunities to watch a child's face glow as they open a gift, try on new clothes, and enjoy a special meal as well as opportunities to make improvements in the buildings/vehicles throughout the year. Last year, the funds raised by our gracious supporters were used to help start the new Home in Myanmar, purchase and fix vehicles, fix a water well, and contributed towards many other needed maintenance projects.

Once again, we would like to invite you to be a part of this effort. If you would like some of the folders or envelopes to help involve your family, friends, or children, please contact us at (662) 289-9629 or by email at office@lighthousechildren.com, and we will send them to you. You may also send an offering marked "Coin Folder Offering" to our office. You may also donate online at lighthouse.giving and select "Coin Folder Offering" from the drop down menu.

Progress Report – Myanmar Building Project

We thank those of you who have given to this project. The graph below shows that we are just over \$21,000.00 from reaching the set goal. In the middle of October, Bro. Bernard brought in lots of rebar and other building materials. Please pray for their safety as they continue to work on this project.

August 2024 43% given	October 2024 67% given	Left to reach Goal \$21,360	GOAL \$65,000
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Jonathan & Laura Bryan - Mexico

It has been such a blessing to see the girls grow up and begin to serve the Lord with their lives. It has been exciting for everyone here at the Home to watch them mature spiritually and take steps of faith. Their eagerness to learn and grow is a constant encouragement to all of us. It's truly amazing to witness their dedication and love for God, which shines brighter with each passing day.

We are especially grateful to share that two of our girls, Flor and Fabis, have just gone off to Bible College this past month. It brings us joy to see them follow God's call, and we ask that you join us in praying for them. Pray that God will richly use them for His glory and guide them each step of the way.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. Your encouragement makes all the difference in the lives of these young people. God bless you! 🙏



Rafael & Maya Ibarra – Mexico Dorm Parents

Greeting in the love of Christ. On September 7, Ishmael turned 8 years old. He had a small celebration, together with Josué in the church. They both agreed that outside of their favorite characters, Mario Bros and Luigi, they had a great time, and lots of fun.

Ishmael is saying that he is already an older child and must behave better, so that he can serve God in a better way. Josué, 9 years old, is trying hard in school, and he also has taken the leap to behave like a big boy. Please pray for him to be saved. Jonah is very supportive around the house and in helping the other younger children. He is having a taste for reading and has recently read several biographies of missionaries.

We thank God, and you, for sustaining this ministry with your prayers and support. God bless you greatly. 🙏

Brother & Sister Ibarra welcomed baby girl Hadasa Eunice to their family October 14th – both are doing well.

Matthew Henry - India

The children are doing fine. We just finished our annual revival meetings in our Kakinada church. Our children had a wonderful time during these meetings. They sang special songs, but more importantly, they heard gospel messages. We pray that God will get hold of them for salvation and for dedication.

The children spent one day at a park in Kakinada during a holiday. They enjoyed the playground, played around the park, and had some snacks. (photo back page)

Every Wednesday, we have a special children's program with a trained Sunday School teacher. They teach new songs, a Bible lesson, and once a month they perform a puppet show. Our children are learning many new songs and Bible lessons. Pray that all the children will accept the Lord.

We are looking for full-time house parents. Pray that God would send us a suitable couple with dedication towards the children. Our present mother, Mary Gold, is getting up in the age and needs a replacement. Thank you for all your prayers. 🙏



Chris & Victoria Hunter – Philippines

Not only is basketball becoming a favorite sport of the children, but they are also developing teamwork skills and self-discipline as they learn how to correctly play the game. In the future, some of them will compete in basketball, as well as other sports, Bible knowledge, and academic studies, against other schools and orphanages during the intramurals.

We're proud to report that the children have been excelling in school. Their enthusiasm for learning continues to grow, and many are achieving new academic milestones. They are setting personal goals and working hard to meet them.

In addition to their academic and athletic activities, the children have been active in the garden. Under the guidance of our staff, they have been learning how to grow vegetables and flowers. This project has taught them responsibility, patience, and the importance of nurturing living things. The garden is flourishing, and soon they will be able to enjoy the fruits of their labor!

We cannot thank you enough for your ongoing sponsorship and belief in the future of these incredible kids. God bless you and your ministry.



Terry & Sally Sanders – Costa Rica



In September, Costa Rica celebrated two holidays. The first was Children's Day. Both in Sunday School and in the Home, the children enjoyed special activities, games, hotdogs, donuts, and fruit salad. Most importantly, though, through the Bible account of the feeding of the five thousand and the little boy who gave his all, they learned of God's power and desire to work through us, though we are weak and have very little to offer Him.

A week later, we celebrated Costa Rica's Independence Day. Throughout the week, the children studied Costa Rican symbols. At church, we dressed in typical costumes and shared a traditional meal and fellowship.

After a year of preparations, we will be stepping away as dorm parents. We will continue helping in the school and in any administrative areas as needed. Patricia Neff will continue with the day – to – day operations of the Home. A Costa Rican couple, Randal and Nana Cabrales, are stepping in as dorm parents. We covet your prayers during this transition. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Ben & Sara Benard - Myanmar

The last two months have been busy with schoolwork and studies. The children are at the local school during the day, and evenings are filled with more studying with a tutor. There is a lot of memorization required to pass the bi-monthly exams. It's not a good system, but it is what the government requires. The kids work hard and do their best to keep up with all their classes.



On a more fun note, let's answer one of our most frequently asked questions: What is on their faces? Thanaka is a traditional cosmetic used by Myanmar people. Girls and boys wear it on their faces as a sunblock and skin protectant. The smell is also said to repel mosquitos! Thanaka is made from a special wood ground on a stone with water until it forms a paste. It is then applied to the skin however the wearer wishes. Our children love to use it and would not be ready for the day without it!

Every day the children pray about the new construction at "168 quarter". They are so excited about the new home being built and are very thankful to those who have given to make it possible. 1

KIDS CORNER – by Jo Mock

Honor God's House

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

Imagine being invited to the President's house in Washington, D. C.
Would we run all over, drop trash on the floors, or eat our snacks there?
I don't think so! We would probably walk quietly hoping to get a glimpse of the President!

The Bible says in I Timothy 3:15, "... that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God..."

We should behave just as carefully, and more so, than we would in the home of the President. When we go to church - **God's house**, we should go expecting to meet with the King of all Kings! He is waiting to meet with us there, to speak to our heart, and to hear from us about our hearts desires. He has more power and deserves to be revered more than all the kings and presidents of the whole earth!!



Pray, don't play in God's house!



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