

Lighthouse Children's Homes

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"Rescuing Storm-Tossed Lives for Christ Since 1978"

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COSTA RICA NEWS

In September, Costa Rica celebrated 199 years of independence. In our home-school, the children dressed in authentic national costumes. Those who did not have a costume wore the colors of the Costa Rican flag - red, white, and blue. They sang patriotic songs, decorated, and ate typical foods including fish and rice pudding.



After having two previous flights cancelled, we were finally able to make a quick trip to the States in September while Patricia watched the children. We brought back much needed medicine, supplements, and other items that are either not available or far too expensive here. In addition, we brought back ties and dress pants for the boys, along with gifts and snacks for all the children.

Thanks to some easing of government restrictions, churches in Costa Rica are once again able to meet. It has been so good to assemble in the building and worship the Lord with other believers after such a long absence. Sally has also resumed her children's Sunday school class in person rather than virtually.

Terry and Sally Sanders

INDIA NEWS

The Government is trying to change many things regarding children's homes in India. We all need to pray. The present government is against Christian ministries and wants to close them however they can or give them a hard time.

First, they made many amendments to the present rules of receiving funds from abroad. They have even cancelled many Christian organizations because they are receiving funds from

churches abroad. They also want to close most of the children's homes. They have given notices to eight states to close children's homes, mostly Christian operated. The reason they give is *that the children need to grow with the family and if a child does not have parents, then the child needs to go to a government adoption center.* A few have challenged this decision in court, but we do not know the outcome.

With the virus yet on the rise, we do not know when schools will reopen. We also have not received any notification regarding the children returning. If the children return, acquire Covid-19 at school, and it spreads to other children in the homes then the parents and government will blame the administration. So kindly pray for this unusual situation. All the children are doing fine and are anxious to return. However, we all wait and watch closely the developments.

Matthew Henry

MEXICO NEWS

The virus conditions continue to present difficulties. Thankfully, we currently can assemble for church and hear the preaching of God's Word. As all the children are homeschooled, they have complained that the virus has not helped them at all – no cancellation of school!

Sister Karina was asked to help in the Boys Home for a short while and I believe she really enjoyed herself. It was a change of pace as the boys are so much different than the girls. Such as flexing their muscles for the camera, amongst other things. (see photo on mailing panel)

It is such a blessing to see how God continues to work in the lives of each boy and girl in the Home and their spiritual growth. Our prayer is that God will richly use them in the future. We teach them whether you are in, or out of the ministry you should still be a faithful Christian. We ask them all to attend one-year Bible college and seek what God would have them do after that. Thank you so much for your prayers on their behalf.

Jonathan and Laura Bryan

Blessings in 2020

Allow me to highlight some blessings the Lord has bestowed upon the Homes in 2020. In Mexico we purchased land and are nearing completion of a building that will house both Homes together - all debt free. The Homes in Mexico, the Philippines, and Costa Rica had new children arrive who now will hear the Gospel. We also had children trust the Lord as their Saviour and others surrendering their lives to Him. The Lord accomplished this – and much more through your investments. Thank you for your faithful support of the Lighthouse. Without your prayers and financial investments, we would not be able to minister to the children the Lord has entrusted to us. On behalf of the children and staff, we say –

THANK YOU.

LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY

THAILAND NEWS

In October, we had to return to the states as our visas had expired and the government would not renew them. The boys are in the care of two people from the church and are doing fine. We talk to them almost every day after they return home from school. Their fish are growing, and they are waiting for the new pullets to start laying. They have been busy helping to clean out the garage and doing other necessary chores around the property. Recently Glah went to the dentist and afterwards both boys were treated to pizza, which they both enjoyed.



Please pray for our visa situation that we may soon return to our mission field of 40 + years and to Glah and Tan who are dear to us. Thank you for your faithfulness which is making a difference in their lives.

Tim and Maureen Searles

PHILIPPINES NEWS

God has been so good and merciful to us during Covid -19. As we face the “new normal” we are glad to say that it has not stopped the learning and growth of the children.



They received their school rewards for doing well in their studies and daily responsibilities. As our reward we took them to a private pool where they enjoyed swimming and having fun together. *Continued above*

PHILIPPINES NEWS continued

They ended the day with laughter and realized how wonderful it is to not only do good - but to be good as well.

As they also grow spiritually, they are giving more value to prayer for their daily needs. They pray before and after going to bed, after waking up, before eating a meal, before work, before anything else - they pray. We praise God for this progress.

Again, we thank you for extending your prayers and financial assistance for the lives of these children. We are fully assured that our Almighty God has prepared His great reward for you all. Thank you very much and God bless.

Chris and Victoria Hunter

PANAMA NEWS

In these months of confinement and restrictions due to the pandemic, God has kept the girls in good spirits and entertained in interesting and fun ways. In addition to spending many hours taking online classes and doing homework, they now have become dog “experts.” Keysi, a dog rescued from the street, gave birth to beautiful puppies and they have been a blessing to all.



The girls are taking courses from the Seminary Institute and are very excited. They really like what they are learning and have all passed the term with good grades. Their goal is to finish the year well.

Due to Covid 19 many of the children who regularly attended church had stopped attending. Most of those children are quite needy. One day some girls came to the Home very hungry and with clothes in bad condition. We gave them a plate of food and some clothing along with a devotional. They have been returning every two to three days. So, in many ways, the Home has become a lighthouse to the community.

Alex and Myrtha Taylor

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