

# Lighthouse Children's Homes

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"Rescuing Storm-Tossed Lives for Christ Since 1978"

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## COSTA RICA NEWS

In November and early December, we were very busy preparing for and presenting our annual Christmas Drama which includes both special music and acting. Although it was



a lot of work, the children really enjoyed visiting the different churches, meeting new friends and seeing old friends. Several of the churches had a refreshment time for us after the service, and two churches presented the children with gifts. By the time we finished, we had presented the drama in 12 different churches. Our drama theme this year answered the question, "What is the heart of Christmas?" It is not in festive parties, nor in simply exchanging gifts or sacrificing one's time to serve others. Recognizing who Christ really is and why He came is what Christmas actually should be about. We are grateful for those who gave to help provide a blessed Christmas for the children. **Terry and Sally Sanders**

## MEXICO NEWS



We feel very blessed as this New Year has begun.

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## MEXICO NEWS continued

Over the last nine years, the Lord has really been a blessing in our Children's Homes. In December, we had the opportunity to invite some of the children's parents to visit us for a Christmas party. The kids helped us make special food, and we were very excited to have some of their families come and visit. The children also made a little gift to give to their families. Overall, it was a very good time and there was a good Spirit in the air. We explained to the parents that our desire was to help their children physically - but also spiritually. All of the families were very grateful that we were able to be a help to them in their hour of need. The picture below in left column is our children around the dinner table on that special night. Thanks again for all your prayers on behalf of these needy children!

**Jonathan and Laura Bryan**

## INDIA NEWS



The children were busy from December 1<sup>st</sup> till Christmas singing carols with the church team as we had Christmas meetings at the house of each church member. Most of the children are healthy and have been studying hard for their semester exams which are going to be held soon. We are thankful that those who have already taken their exams have made good grades. The children eagerly awaited their new set of clothes for Christmas and New Year. That is the *only* gift the children expect during the Christmas season. Thank you to those who made this possible.

**Prayer Request:** The Government has made a lot of changes in regard to children's homes in India - especially Christian Children Homes. They would like to see them all shut down. Several new laws were made which placed our Home under the Juvenile Children Act. They want to control all the Christian activity and basically take away the children. Kindly pray for us to act rightly if the situation arises for us.

**Matthew Henry**

## THAILAND NEWS

Contrary to what one might think, it does get “cold” here! That is if you call 55 degrees cold. This cooler weather is a bit of an adjustment for us as we are used to “hot” weather most of the time.

The “farm” setting of this Home is a great way to teach responsibility to the children as well as skills for their future daily living. The children continue to do well in their extra classes of Math, English, Bible, and Bible memorization. We have recently been contacted concerning four other children, 2 boys and 2 girls, from a village about two hours from the Home. They are in need of a safe place to live. Please pray that God will send us children whose hearts will be open to being helped through the Word of God.

Thank you all for your interest and prayers for what's happening here in Thailand. **Tim and Maureen Searles**



## PANAMA NEWS continued

the other was that they are living at the Lighthouse Home - because there is enough food every day. (On the reservation where they come from, there are many families who eat only once a day.) The girls gave thanks for all of those who support in one way or another for the operation of this Home that has changed their lives. We were thankful to God for His kindness and blessings on us at the Home during the year of 2018. This Home not only gives the girls the opportunity to know Christ as their Saviour but also to serve Him. Currently they are preparing for and helping with the Vacation Bible Schools that we are doing in eight churches up on the reservation.

**Alex and Myrtha Taylor**

## PHILIPPINES NEWS

The children have enjoyed the weekends and holiday as the Bible College students and staff visit the orphanage and do cleaning and construction work. They also attended the wedding of Pastor Garry Quilaton, church missionary in Cebu, to ma'am Diana Rose Manlanta. Shortly thereafter, the children participated in the year-end school fellowship which had lots of activities. Joemer and his K-2 class sang a song as well as Greathchen and her classmates. Jhewyn John, John Loyd, Honney Let, and their class quoted a very long Bible verse and also sang a song. They enjoy the games and received a lot of food as their rewards. We are thankful the children are healthy and doing well in their studies.



## PANAMA NEWS



At our Thanksgiving dinner, we had a time where each of the girls gave their testimony thanking God for their wonderful blessings. They had two things they were especially grateful for. One was for the salvation they have in Jesus Christ;

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We are thankful to those who have given toward the cost of building the new dorm and for a washing machine. The washing machine has been purchased and will be installed as soon as a particular phase of construction is soon completed. What a blessing it will be for the dorm mom. Thank you for all your prayers. **Chris and Victoria Hunter**

All of us at the Lighthouse Children's Homes thank you for your faithful support in 2018. Your faithfulness has allowed the Lord to make changes in lives. May God's richest blessings be upon you and your families in 2019.

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