

# Lighthouse Children's Homes

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## INDIA NEWS

Greetings to all of you. All the children of our Home are safe from Covid-19. Only the high-school classes have resumed. The other classes have not started yet due to Covid. First, they said they would start in October, but now they are saying the 2nd week of January.



Our high school ends with 10th grade which is an especially important grade in India. If a student passes with good grades, then they can choose whatever course they want to study in 11th grade. We now have 2 girls and 6 boys in 10th grade class. (see photo) They just started their classes in November and have lost more than 5 months of school time. Kindly pray that they will study hard and get good grades in 10th grade studies.

These children also helped the church during the Christmas season by carolling. We visited over 100 homes and sang Christmas songs, read the Bible, and prayed in each house. Pray for all the children of this Home as they start their classes soon.

**Matthew Henry**

## MEXICO NEWS

This year has been a very strange one with the Covid virus. Thankfully, we had opportunities to go out with the kids and continue to share the message of the Lord Jesus Christ. Recently we went to downtown Zacatecas and handed out gospel tracts. The kids are always excited to have an opportunity to participate in church activities. Of course, we all wore a mask and used a lot of hand gel. *Continued above...*

## MEXICO NEWS continues

Thankfully, we were able to pass out many tracts, and the Lord kept us all healthy.



Please continue to pray for each one of our children. Some feel the Lord may be calling them into full-time Christian service when they finish college. Our prayer is that they will continue to serve the Lord in any capacity that He calls upon them to do.

Again, we want you all to know how grateful we are for your faithful support and prayers on behalf of the children.

**Jonathan and Laura Bryan**

## THAILAND NEWS

One of the stipulations for using the land the Home is built on is that a portion of the land be used for agriculture purposes. To meet the requirements, the staff has been raising fish and chickens as well as planting a garden and various fruit bearing trees. Recently they added string beans, scallions, and lentils to the garden. Glah and Tan enjoy working with Mow and Lung taking care of the animals and plants. The Lord has developed the boys into hard workers. We praise the Lord the boys are developing skills that will enable them to provide for themselves in the future and to be productive members of society.

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## SPOTLIGHT January & February 2021

As I look back over 2020, it would be easy to concentrate on the problems and difficulties we have experienced. But as I look back, all I can say is, "To God Be the Glory!!"

- To God be the Glory, we saw children saved and baptized.
- To God be the Glory, we saw the Philippines' building completed and a new child rescued.
- To God be the Glory, we saw the construction of the new building in Mexico started and fully funded.
- To God be the Glory, we only had two people test positive for COVID-19, and they recovered.
- To God be the Glory, we could meet all our expenses because of faithful Churches and individuals giving and praying.

Thank you to those who helped make 2020 a year that we all can say, "To God be the Glory!"

**Ron and Tara Black**

### THAILAND NEWS continues

On November 22nd, Tan who enjoys watching the fish and chickens grow, celebrated his 11th birthday. He had a special day with Mow and was excited to get his own clock so he can learn to be a good steward of his time.

We thank you for your investments in the lives of these two boys.

**Ron and Tara Black for the Searles**



### PHILIPPINES NEWS

In November Greatchen and Jhewyn followed the first step of obedience to Christ and were baptized. They were so glad to officially be members of the local Independent Baptist Church. All the children continue to memorize scripture and are singing songs of praise to their Lord in the church services.

We thank God that He has provided everything necessary for the children and continues to protect their health. We praise God for giving the children wisdom in their studies as they study hard to reach their dreams. Dreams which they did not have



prior to coming to the Home. Now there is hope in their lives. Each life is an investment to be claimed someday in heaven.

We thank you very much for remaining faithful to the Lord through your prayer and financial support despite the obstacles and difficulties we face in these times. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

II Corinthians 9:8. **Chris and Victoria Hunter**

### PANAMA NEWS

December was the end of the school year, so the girls are now enjoying their two months of vacation. See photo on address panel. We thank God that they all successfully completed the school year, whether it was at the high school or college level of education. They were very happy because it had been a very difficult school year. They had to adapt to virtual classes and learn how to send in their homework. The good thing is that they improved their computer skills.

The Home is in a rural area and since the pandemic began the girls had not gone anywhere. However, we were able to take them Christmas shopping just before Christmas and had a nice time. We thank God for the protection He has given us. At the time of this writing, none of us have fallen ill with Covid.

Mother's Day was December 8<sup>th</sup>, and the girls prepared special music for that occasion and for our Christmas services. Always a blessing to see the girls serving the Lord.

**Alex and Myrtha Taylor**

### COSTA RICA NEWS

Although many things were different this year because of the virus, we are thankful that several things remained "normal" here in the Home. One of those things was that we had a beautiful Thanksgiving Day with about 40 people here to enjoy the occasion. Several former Lighthouse children joined us with their spouses and children. We had a bountiful meal of turkey, ham, and chicken with all the trimmings and lots of dessert.

Early in December we had our first visitor from the States since March. A young lady from Texas, Danielle, was here for a week helping out and visiting with the children. Also, in December the children prepared two Christmas specials and memorized the Christmas story from Luke 2 and were able to present them in a couple churches. Other activities were putting up a tree, decorating the house, and making Christmas cookies. Each child chose three different shaped cookies to frost. They not only enjoyed creating a work of art, but also enjoyed eating the results. **Terry and Sally Sanders**



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