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THAILAND NEWS

The government shut down schools on March 11th, and currently the time for reopening has been extended to July 1st. So, the boys have been busy helping paint walls, putting up ceiling in the office, and mixing manure for fertilizer. We have also planted potatoes in the grow bed and some corn. It has been extremely hot, 100° to 105°, and the wells have gone dry. Thankfully, we do have a truck with a pump and so we go down the mountain to get water. Prior to the lockdown we were able to stock up on food - so we are not in need of food or water.



I am in the U.S. to raise some support, and like many others cannot return home in May as was scheduled. Even when I can return, which looks to be July at the earliest, I will be required to do a minimum of 14 days quarantine before I can be reunited with Maureen and the boys. Please pray for them as Maureen "holds down the fort" during this difficult time.

Tim and Maureen Searles

PHILIPPINES NEWS

The children were excited about the school's closing ceremony on March 23rd. They had excelled in their studies, were to receive awards acknowledging their accomplishments and Greatchen was in the elementary level graduation class. Sadly, it was cancelled due to the virus. Our country is in a "state of public health emergency" much like other countries in the world. The province where the Home is located does not have any cases of the virus. Therefore, it is in a type of quarantine that allows no one to leave or to come in. The children are staying at the church building with church staff and Bible students. [Continued above.](#)

PHILIPPINES NEWS Continued

They have a daily routine of devotions, 30 minutes of exercise, and PACE (school) work. Afterward they enjoy indoor activities like table tennis, drama, chess, scrabble, and other fun "thinking" games. They are in good health, active, and have been trained to keep proper personal hygiene to



help protect themselves from the virus.

Please pray, with us and our church, for the whole world affected from this virus crisis. God be with us.

Chris and Victoria Hunter

PANAMA NEWS

Panama, a county of just 4 million people, is one of the most affected countries in Central America by the Covid-19 Virus. In proportion to our population we have experienced much death. The middle of March the government suspended classes in schools, colleges, and universities, and closed most of the shops, etc. We have



a curfew which starts at 5:00 PM, along with departure restrictions. We can go only twice a week for 3 hours to buy medicine or food. Our Churches cannot hold services, but despite all this - we are fine.

The girls attending university are now taking their classes online. Mirian is studying to be a paramedic, Clementina to be a music teacher, and Andrea to be a history teacher. Rosaira, Rosalinda, and Cecilia are also taking various online courses. [Continued on other side.](#)

RON'S SPOTLIGHT

A day we have all been praying for is here - completion of the new building at the Home in the Philippines! Now we begin preparations so we will be ready to take in up to 10 new children as the Lord sends them. We need five sets of bunk beds at \$200 each set; plus \$620 per child to buy bedding, toiletries, clothing, and a year of school curriculum.

If you, or your church, would like to help us with this, please mark your gift "**Philippine Expansion**" and mail it to our office. You may also donate online at our website. Please pray for the children the Lord will be sending.

Ron Black

PANAMA NEWS Continued

The girls are using their "free" time by singing hymns, playing their musical instruments, and working on sewing projects. What a blessing to baptize Rosalinda and Rosaira in February. We thank God for life and the opportunity to serve Him by ministering in this Home. **Alex and Myrtha Taylor**

COSTA RICA NEWS

In February, we hosted our annual Bible Conference. The messages were an encouragement to the pastors and workers who attended. That same week, we received three new boys into the Home. They are brothers eleven, eight, and four years old. All three are adjusting well.



In early March, a group from Lenox Baptist Church in TN came for a week. The children had fun playing games with them, plus, we all enjoyed the daily devotions they shared with us. As a work project, they built new tire swings for the Home in memory of a teen from their church who visited the Home in 2019 and has since passed away in a car accident.

For several weeks we, like most of you, had to attend church in our living room. Some services are via Facebook, and others are done with Sally teaching and Terry preaching. With everyone looking for ways to get through this crisis, the promises from God's Word are a great comfort, and we rest in Him, as life continues here at the Home.

Terry and Sally Sanders

INDIA NEWS

Covid-19 suddenly made lots of changes in our lives. The 1st week of March corona virus was discovered in India. A week later they declared a holiday for schools until March 31. "Janatha Curfew," which means a lock-down of the whole country for one day was declared by the government March 22.

INDIA NEWS Continued

It was successful, so they declared 21 days of lock-down for the whole country. No buses, no trains, no airplanes - only vegetable markets, and essential commodities are open. Schools are now closed for the summer and the children were promoted to the next class. The exception being the 10th grade class (12th grade in U.S.) which will have to do final exams at a date which is yet unknown.

At the time of this writing we are still in lock down, but we are all doing fine. We cannot go out, we must maintain 4 feet between us, have now learned to wash our hands every 3 hours with soap and sanitizers, and we hold church services online. We appreciate your prayers.

Matthew Henry



MEXICO NEWS

We, like most others, are quarantined in our house during this virus. A woman in the church made us homemade face masks (picture on address panel), and we have been staying inside and pressing forward. We all have a little bit of cabin fever, but we are thankful that we are all healthy.

Currently we are homeschooling which helps to occupy part of our day. My wife and I are busy trying to think of new things to do and new games for the children to play. One day we put them all up against the wall with 10 pesos between their nose and the wall. The idea was to see who could keep the pesos against the wall the longest - without using their hands. The winner got to keep all the coins that the other children had dropped. They really enjoyed the game, and it gave all the workers a break while they had their noses against the wall. Ha-ha-ha

Thank you to those who pray, and have been praying, for us and the other Lighthouse Homes around the world.

Jonathan and Laura Bryan



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