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ADMINISTRATIVE SPOTLIGHTS – Ron Black **Here We GROW Again!**

We are excited to announce that in January 2024, the Lighthouse will grow as we invest in a Home in Myanmar. The Lighthouse will be partnering with the Ben Bernard family. Brother Bernard and his wife, Sarah, have served as missionaries there for five years, and they started a Baptist church. In March, they moved an existing children's home from Northern Myanmar to a location near the church. Ben and Sarah began helping five children with funds from their personal support. We look forward to plans to assist them in expanding the facilities in Myanmar to reach more children for the cause of Christ. 📌



Our Thanks and Gratitude for your Faithfulness



For more than 33 years, Alex and Myrtha Taylor have faithfully served the Lord in full-time ministry. They started and led churches in Costa Rica and Panama, and more than 17 churches are thriving today due to their labors for the Lord. Countless adults and children have accepted Christ, are active in churches, and many serve in full-time ministry today. They have been essential to many people for many years, and without them, there would never have been a Lighthouse Children's Home in San Felix, Panama.

In 2024, Brother Taylor is transferring his churches and ministry to his son, Alex Taylor Jr. Due to failing health and a general slowing down, they no longer feel they can lead the Home in San Felix.

Most of the ladies have now entered adulthood and are attending Bible college or higher education and serving the Lord. The five remaining girls will be safely cared for by other family members and the churches on the reservation that Brother Taylor started. They plan to use the building for a feeding center and Sunday School rooms.

On behalf of the over thirty girls who have passed through the doors of the Lighthouse Children's Home in Panama, we thank you for your faithfulness and Godly example. May God bless you. 📌



MEXICO – Jonathan & Laura Bryan

Thank you for all your prayers for the children. As the new year is now approaching, the children are very excited. In December, we were able to take them to a mall here in town. It was a very special day for them. There is a Burger King in the mall, and the children chose their favorite meal and were also treated to ice cream. One of our youngest girls, Mireya, really enjoyed her ice cream! You can see it in her smile.

The children in the Home are extremely grateful for even something as simple as an ice cream. Sometimes, we feel embarrassed about how much God has blessed children in the United States. Many of them fail to be thankful to the Lord for his blessings. Thankfully, these children express with their faces, as well as with their words, their thankfulness for the small pleasures of life. Please continue to pray for each one of the children and that we will be able to show them the love of Christ. 🙏



MEXICO – Rafa & Yadira Ibarro – Dorm Parents

All the boys were very excited in December as they learned verses and prepared for their individual parts in the program at the church. We are thankful for the opportunity they had to be a part of sharing the glorious news of our Saviour. Jonah had one of the main roles as he was the donkey that told the story.

Ismael was very excited because he finished 2nd grade and has already moved on to the 3rd grade. Josué is also about to do so. Mauricio is also progressing very well and is putting a lot of effort into his schoolwork.



As a special treat, we were able to attend a Christmas event in the city that the children greatly enjoyed. We thank you for sustaining this ministry with your prayers and financial support. 🙏

INDIA –Matthew Henry Pinipi

The children participated every day in Christmas meetings which the church conducts in the homes of our church



members. They had learned many Christmas songs and enjoyed singing carols during these meetings. We also held a meeting in the Home with a time of fellowship afterward with snacks and cake for all.

In December, the children enjoyed shopping and selecting their two pairs of clothes in a big clothes shop. They spent almost half a day in the shop. They eagerly waited to wear

new clothes - one set on Christmas day and the other set on New Year's Day.

What a blessing to have them sing a carol during our Christmas Day service.

Most of the children are healthy and are doing good in school, currently preparing for their yearly exams. Please pray for their studies. All the staff and children at the Home send their greetings to all of you. Thank you once again for your love towards us. 🙏



*Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support in 2023.
As we partner together, lives are being changed.*

PANAMA - Alex & Myrtha Taylor



The girls of the Home are very happy because they have finished a year of classes both in high school and college. They all studied diligently and successfully graduated. They will enjoy an eight-week vacation in which they will be able to participate in the Church's special youth activities, camps, and teaching children at the Vacation Bible School. We took them to the city for Christmas, and they have already received their gifts.

The Home has been a blessing in the lives of these girls, and they are so grateful for your support and prayers. We thank God for allowing us one more year of service. 🙏

PHILLIPINES - Chris & Victoria Hunter

November brought great and awesome opportunities for the children. They enjoyed different activities in both church and school events. On November 15th -17th, the church-school had Academy Intramurals. All students were required to join and participate in any sport they desired. Our kids really love activities like this. Leah, Angelica, and Irese are slowly helping to facilitate this event – what a blessing. They also attended youth fellowship time at Kibawe on the 18th. They enjoyed listening to the preaching of God's Word as well as the fellowship with believers.

In appreciation of the dedication of our senior high school students, we have invited them to meet with us during our church extension program of "Biblical Principles of Organizing a Church." This is a great training tool, and they have been blessed to have this opportunity.

Once again, thank you so much for keeping us in your prayers and for sending your love and financial support for this ministry. We are blessed for your generous giving and lifetime investment in the lives of these precious children. 🙏



COSTA RICA – Terry & Sally Sanders



December 13th, we said farewell to the Matt Sweet family. Matt was on our staff for fifteen years overseeing building and ground maintenance. They have moved to the location where they are planting a church. Our prayers go with them.

Our annual Christmas drama is always a big event at the Home. After two months of memorizing and practicing the lines and songs, we had the opportunity to present it nine times. The message was focused totally on Christ. We showed how He is revealed in each of the sixty-six books of the Bible. We also

presented many of His divine titles, offices, and attributes. Our prayer was that Christ would be exalted and that people would be stirred about Him, the very essence of Christmas.



Several Costa Rican groups visited the Home in December. They hosted parties which included food, desserts, gifts, games, and fellowship. We were also thankful for several special Christmas offerings which enabled us to provide some traditional things such as various fruits, Christmas stockings, and presents. 🙏



KIDS CORNER

Follow The Light - By Jo Mock

Try walking in the dark.

Try finding your way out of the woods by yourself.

Have you ever been lost?

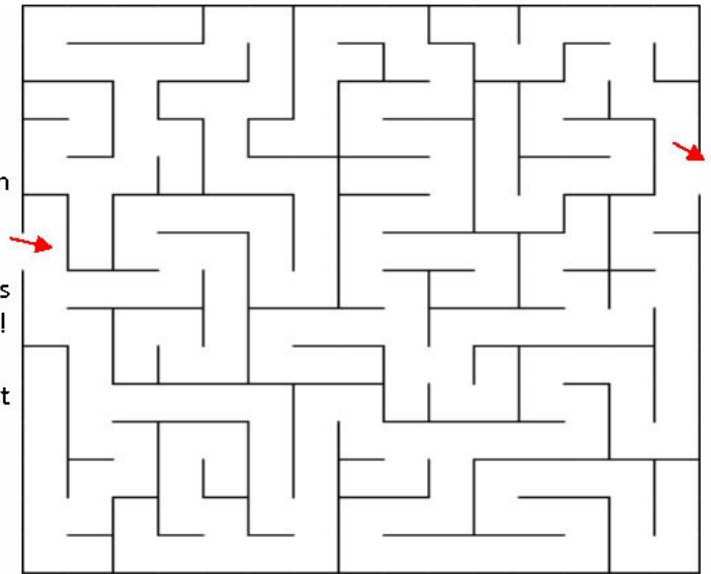
I was lost in a big store when I was very small. It was so scary. Then my parents came and led me back to the right place.

Using some objects, set up a maze on the ground. Close your eyes and try to find your way out of it without knocking anything over!

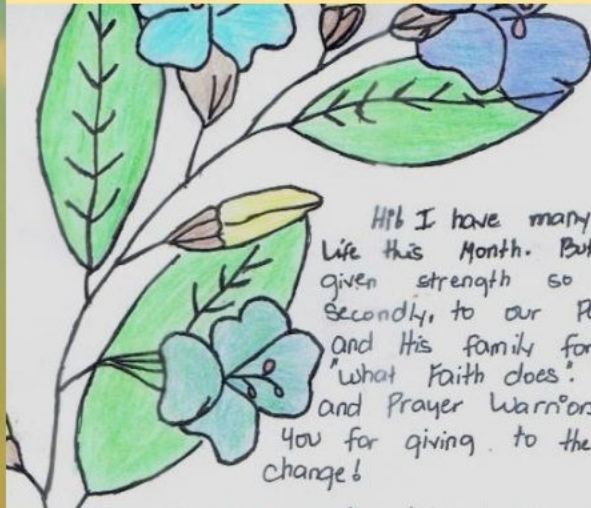
You need light and direction to find the right way. Jesus is our Light and our direction in a dark world.

If you follow close to Him by reading the Bible, talking to Him every day, and going to church, He will help you find the right way to go. **Thought - I have decided to follow Jesus!**

Can you find your way through the maze?



A FEW WORDS FROM ANGELICA – Philippine Home



Dear Supporters and
Prayer Warriors,

Hi! I have many experience that happened in my life this Month. But First, I thanked God for God given strength so I can keep Moving Forward. Secondly, to our Pastor, Pastor, Christopher M. Hunter and His family for always reminding us about "what Faith does". Then lastly, to all supporters and Prayer Warriors for always supporting us. Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am the life that's been change!
Truly Yours, Angelica



Angelica -17 years old in November



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