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"Rescuing Storm-Tossed Lives for Christ Since 1978"

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SPOTLIGHT March & April

David Perez is our newest child at the Home in the Philippines. After his mother went to prison, David's father sent him to live with his great-grandmother, who is almost legally blind. For several years he helped her function in society instead of attending school or being a child. Now David has joined his brother, Joemer, at the Home and is attending school and learning many things about the Bible. Please pray for his salvation.

If you are led to sponsor David for \$35 a month, please contact our office.

Ron and Tara Black



MEXICO NEWS

We continue to be on lockdown due to the virus. However, we are very blessed to have some very godly workers in the Home with great ideas on how to keep the children active and not to go stir crazy being housebound. On Fridays we try to have a family night. Here is a picture of one of the games we have played. We tie a balloon to the children's ankles and after the count of 3, everyone tries to pop the balloon on each other's ankles. The last boy, or girl, standing is the victor. They really love this game, and it helps to work off some energy.



We also have a lady from our church who has set aside a special time for the girls. She is teaching the girls how to cook and crochet. The girls really look forward to this time with her. The COVID-19 virus continues to change a lot, but the children remain joyful and healthy. We want to thank you so much for your prayers on their behalf.

Jonathan and Laura Bryan

THAILAND NEWS

The boys are saying that it is cold – which means the temperatures are between 60 - 75 degrees during the day. That will soon change! The boys have taken good care of the lemon trees which are now producing good fruit and are selling well at the marketplace. Glah and Tan continue to do their chores, tend to the fish, and work the compost. School is going well, and they speak of having fun with good friends. They also are still working on their Bible memorization and music lessons.

We are still in the States and communicate with the boys via Zoom. We are thankful that the boys are being well taken care of in our absence. Please pray concerning our return to Thailand.

Tim and Maureen Searles

PHILIPPINES NEWS

We rejoice to see the children maturing in Biblical principles they have learned from God's Word. They recently learned how to give tithes and offerings in everything they get. Even in simple ways they learned how to give to others. How wonderful at their young age they understood that giving is important. Not just being blessed, as they were through your giving in December 2020, but to also be givers. The children enjoyed the gifts, the special meal/deserts, Bible devotional, and fellowship together.



As COVID-19 restrictions do not allow the children to return yet to the Christian School, we have created a "learning center" atmosphere here at the Home in the living room. For some this "new" way of schooling took a bit of adjusting, but it is working out well. All of them have set a goal to be more progressive in their academics than last year!

Thank you for your continual support, love for the ministry, and for keeping us always in your prayers.

Chris and Victoria Hunter

PANAMA NEWS

The girls are on school vacation, and generally this is a time of summer camps and Vacation Bible Schools. However, due to Covid, these activities cannot be carried out as usual because of the restrictions. Despite this, the girls have been busy during this year's vacation serving and helping in the preparation of material for VBS and teaching choirs for 16 churches of the Indigenous Reservation.

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They also participated in the training of teachers and workers that took place in our church. There was an attendance of 65 people, who traveled from different parts of the mountain to be trained and collect the prepared VBS materials. Part of the girl's work was helping to maintain the hygiene standards required by the health department such as: taking temperature, monitoring the toilet and other things. The help of each one of them was very valuable. We are most grateful to God for the example that our young women set with their loving service to their fellow mankind.



Alex and Myrtha Taylor

COSTA RICA NEWS

Things are slowly returning to normal in Costa Rica. Covid cases are dropping, most restrictions have been lifted, and several families are starting to return to church. We realize, more than ever before, the value of Christian fellowship.

Every February we host a friendship banquet for the



children. This year, since they spent most *Continued above...*

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of last year stuck at home, we decided to take them out for a nice meal. Although they have always enjoyed the food court at the mall, this time we chose a little nicer restaurant. Everyone enjoyed their meal, but the highlight was the large variety of milkshakes they could choose from for dessert. When we got home, Terry shared a nice message from I Cor. 13 about "the most excellent thing," brotherly love.

School resumed in February and six of the children are preparing to take government tests in May. We have a teacher from another Christian school coming to help them prepare. Everyone is enjoying his class, even though it means classes on Saturday.

Terry and Sally Sanders

INDIA NEWS

The Covid situation is quite normal, but the train transportation is still under suspension with only part of the buses running. Currently, 3 children are waiting for a ride back to the Home. The schools are open, but teach on alternate dates only, with few students attending.

We continue to have lots of restrictions and in some areas Covid cases are on the rise. There are also new strains of Covid coming into India. The authorities are taking necessary actions. We thank the Lord we are all doing fine.

Our Home has been registered with the government. In June 2019, we applied for de-registration as we had learned it was not necessary for Homes like ours to be registered. The middle of February we received a letter stating that the application was in process and asked us to send the registration certificate. We have done so and are anticipating the de-registration document soon. The children send their greetings to all of you – kindly pray for them.

Matthew Henry



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