

# Lighthouse Children's Homes

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"Rescuing Storm-Tossed Lives for Christ Since 1978"

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## PANAMA NEWS

We are reaching the end of the school year and soon the girls will be enjoying their vacation time. The past two years have been different in terms of education as they were required to do all classes online. Some days it was quite a challenge, but these young ladies faced each difficulty and learned to overcome. They have now adjusted to this type of learning and are making progress successfully.

The twins, Rosaira and Rosalinda, are going to graduate this year from middle school. They have grown up so quickly since their arrival 10 years ago. They are very active in the church, missions outreach programs, VBS, Christmas program, and any special event that the church is hosting. Currently they are helping to plan a Mother's Day event, which is celebrated here on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Rosaiara and Rosalinda also prepare songs, write poems, and perform for our dramas. They are a blessing to us personally, as well as the church.

**Alex and Mirtha Taylor**



## COSTA RICA NEWS

In September, we travelled in FL, TN, and IL where Terry preached in churches. We also had quality time with several of the former Lighthouse children and their children. Meanwhile, Patricia and her sister Mayra, took care of the children. They celebrated Children's Day by letting each child shop in a new local store. The Home also celebrated Costa Rica's bicentennial, dressed in typical Costa Rican outfits, and enjoying a meal at the church.

In October we received 2 new girls in the Home. Nahiseth is 8 years old, and her sister Jackeline is 6. Both girls had been in government homes since they were babies, and therefore lack structure in their lives. They are starting to learn their first songs and Bible verses. We pray they will be saved, and will bond with the family as they find emotional security.

The children were very happy to welcome Larry and Paula Neff back to Costa Rica on Oct. 20th. They arrived just in time to help us celebrate Angie's 18th birthday.

**Terry and Sally Sanders**



## INDIA NEWS

The Corona virus has made a lot of changes in education, going to school, and being properly educated. Since early 2020, the upper grade classes have taken place online and occasionally they are allowed to go to school to meet with the teacher. The younger children have classes at the school day by day for some grade levels while others alternate days of attendance in order to main social distancing in the schools. The normalcy of the daily activities of schools is still pending due to corona. Especially after many teachers became sick with corona after reopening of the schools in August. Many hostels (orphanges/boarding homes) in the country were also affected. Praise God our children have not been affected and they faithfully practice the precautions. *Continued Other Side*

## SPOTLIGHT

The annual **Lighthouse Christmas Coin Folder Offering** is our most significant fundraising effort. Each year we send out folders, which hold \$5 in quarters, to individuals and churches throughout the United States. A portion of this offering provides gifts, new clothes, special activities, and a Christmas dinner for the children in the Homes. Every year we have children who experience their first Christian Christmas. The remainder of the funds helps to expand and improve the existing Lighthouse Homes.

If you would like to participate in this effort, please contact our office at

**(662) 289-9629** or

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to request folders.

You may also give by sending your donation marked "Christmas Offering"



**Ron Black**

We pray they will be saved, and will bond



## INDIA NEWS continued

The government is predicting a third wave of the virus which is to affect mostly the children. Therefore, many parents/guardians are fearful for the lives of their children in our country. Please pray for the children as they continually are required to deal with different situations due to the virus.

**Mathew Henry**

## MEXICO NEWS

Life seems to be slowly getting back to normal. The boys and girls are now all attending our Christian school daily. This is a welcomed change from doing the schoolwork in a "homeschool environment". The Lord was gracious to allow a young lady from Indiana to visit. While Miss Amber was with us, my wife Laura also got a break from teaching school. Miss Amber left every morning with the girls and our son Wyatt, to take them to school and to teach. (see photo on mailing panel)

Amber also had a few classes with the girls on how to play the piano. Now, the girls are more interested in learning the piano and playing hymns each week at church. We also enjoyed the special desserts she prepared for the kids as well as the church. She was such a great blessing to both the girls' and boys' Home!

Again, we want to thank you for your faithful support and prayers for each of the children here in Mexico.

**Jonathan and Laura Bryan**

## PHILIPPINES NEWS

We are still under quarantine, so the children continue to do their schoolwork at the Home. They do miss the fellowship of the others at the Christian school.

We have established a garden on the property. After morning devotions, we all go outside and work in the yard or garden. The children are learning to work together, and how to plant and care for all types of plants. We have all kinds of vegetables and root crops and are teaching them the importance of eating fresh and organic vegetables.

We are so glad to see these children grow and nurtured by the Word. The lives of these twelve are a blessing and encouragement for us to pray, fast, and invest more of our time, talent, and treasure for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We also thank God for your continual support and giving of your time in prayer. Please include that we may always have good health, and physical and emotional strength that we may take good care of God's entrusted ministry.

**Chris and Victoria Hunter**

## THAILAND NEWS

The boys continue to be healthy and are still attending school online. The government has said that it will review the status of the virus soon and decide if they will reopen the schools for in class teaching.

The boys are busy picking lemons which have produced quite abundantly this year. The vegetable gardens are doing well and providing them with fresh vegetables to eat. Soon the fish will be large enough for eating or to take to the market - if the restrictions are lifted.

We hope that we can return after the first of the year. We have heard, via the grapevine, that the quarantine is to be lifted and the visa we need will be available. The boys have done well in our absence, but it is our prayer to return to them soon.

**Tim and Maureen Searles**



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