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# **COSTA RICA NEWS**

December was a busy month for us. As has been our custom for over thirty years, we shared a drama with some of the local churches that support our Home. This year's drama was entitled "The Perfect Gift," which of course is Christ. It included two Christmas carols with the children singing or playing violins, a short skit, and the kids quoting many Scriptures.

We were very blessed this Christmas season. In addition to the gifts which the children received from the Lighthouse they were also given gifts in two of the churches where we presented the drama. Plus, we had a few local families bring gifts and pizza to the Home and invested time with the children.

We are awaiting the arrival of a new 10-year-old boy. He visited the Home several times in December and is scheduled to come permanently in January. Isaac (pictured here) is a happy, easy-going child who gets along well with everyone. We look forward to making him part of our family. *Terry and Sally Sanders* 

## **INDIA NEWS**

The children were busy in December, both in school and at the church. It was time for their half year exams at school and they prepared well. They have taken the exams which will count toward their final grade at the end of the year. Then in the Church we had our annual Christmas meetings at each member's house. Our children participated in the singing choir of the Christmas carols. Each evening they attended one or two meetings.

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, the children participated in a singing competition. They did quite well as they received 1st place in both group, and as soloist. Prema Jyothi received first place as a soloist. (See photo)

We purchased two sets of new clothes for all the children. They received one set at Christmas and the other on New Year's Day. We had a Christmas service at the church on the 25th which included a special lunch. The children sang two specials as part of that service.

Kindly pray for all the children who send greetings to all of you. *Mathew Henry* 

## **MEXICO NEWS**

In early December we were able to have a special night with the kids. We went downtown for an outing and then chose a tree to take to the Home for decorating. After we all decorated the tree we made cookies and enjoyed cups of hot cocoa with marshmallows on top.

We used Christmas time to explain to them about the greatest gift that was ever given - the birth of the Lord Jesus. Most of our boys and girls have made a decision to receive Jesus as their Savior but not all. Would you please specifically pray for three of our children who have yet to make that decision. Our prayer is that we will live a life so different from where they came from and that the Lord can use this to bring them to the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. *Continued* 







## **MEXICO NEWS** continued

All the children continue to grow physically and spiritually. We thank you for providing for their physical needs through your giving; but we are even more thankful for your prayers on their behalf. *Jonathan and Laura Bryan* 

#### **PHILIPPINES NEWS**

We thank you for your continued support in finances and prayers. Indeed, it is a great blessing to be in partnership with you on behalf of the children.

In November the local government allowed visitation to some public establishments and parks. The children were so excited about their time at RR Spring Resort and Vikings Lake after almost two years of quarantine. They really enjoyed swimming, sliding, taking walks under the pines, and having fun and fellowship together with other children from the Home and friends. Angelica and John Lloyd also celebrated birthdays while we were there.

We now have fourteen orphans and are praying for more as the Lord provides. In December Bro. Ralph & Sister Noemi Maglangit became our new dorm parents. They are graduates of our Bible college and have been quite active from the start in the Home. They labored in the construction of the building and are now investing themselves into building the lives of the children which God has sent. Please pray for them as they instruct the children in God's truth. *Chris and Victoria Hunter* 

## **THAILAND NEWS**

We continue to work through various Covid related obstacles but are thankful that the village is no longer under lock down and the boys were able to return to school in November. They have missed going to school and being with their friends. They are having fun interacting with others their age and are doing well in their studies.

The internet at the Home has not been working very well but Mow and Lung, the Thai people who care for the boys, have kept us updated by phone. Please continue to pray that we can complete the right paperwork and return to Thailand by the end of January. *Tim and Maureen Searles* 

#### **PANAMA NEWS**

We thank God for His care and protection during 2021. By the grace of the Lord, we had an excellent year and were blessed with good health. Thank you for your prayers. The girls have finished another year of school which was again done virtually. They did very well and most of them received the highest grades in their class.

The girls were very busy in December preparing for the different activities which we do during the Christmas season. They each sewed a traditional dress, representative of their culture, which was worn for the special program at church. Together they wrote special songs and poetry which were used in teaching the Sunday school children of the glorious birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour. We all had a great time of fellowship sharing with brothers and sisters in the faith, serving the Lord, and others with love. *Alex and Mirtha Taylor* 





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