

# Lighthouse Children's Homes

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"Rescuing Storm-Tossed Lives for Christ Since 1978"

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## In the Spotlight



I am privileged to introduce our newest Field

Representatives - Hunter and Laura Grills. The Grills are members of Lenox Baptist Church in Lenox, TN where they work with the youth. They have been supporters of the Lighthouse ministry for many years and have taken several groups to visit the Costa Rica Home. Hunter is a 9th generation farmer and great Bible Preacher. Laura taught third grade at Pensacola Christian School and was a

featured teacher in the second grade Abeka Curriculum videos before she married Hunter. She is also a gifted pianist.

The Grills will primarily visit churches in West TN, East AR, and South MO, giving updates and raising awareness of the Lighthouse Children's Homes. If you would like to schedule them to visit your church, you may contact them at (731) 334-2075 or by email at [huntergrills@gmail.com](mailto:huntergrills@gmail.com).

**Ron Black**

## PANAMA

The girls just started another school year with the change of being back in the classroom. After two years of online learning this will be an adjustment for them. However, they faced the many challenges of online learning and little by little they overcame them. We have confidence that they will face these challenges in the same manner. For we know that those who love God are helped by Him.

As we look back on the past two years, we can see how the Lord has taken care of us and given us strength and courage to continue. The girls learned to play instruments, received singing lessons, developed Bible lessons, took sewing classes, and learned many more things to help them in their futures. We are very happy for the new year and its new developments. Our primary purpose is to love the Lord and to use our gifts to honor and bring glory to Him.

**Alex & Myrtha Taylor**



## MEXICO

We were so excited when the day finally arrived, and we were able to move both the boys' and girls' Homes to the new location. Now the kids have space to run and play. The property is surrounded by a safety wall which will help protect them from the dangers that exist here.



It was a lot of work - but praise the Lord all the bunk beds, furniture, books, appliances, and clothes are at the new property. The children were eager to get their bunk beds set up and to settle in. (See photo back label)

They were so unbelievably excited to be living in a new facility. We want to thank each one who gives faithfully each month so that we can help provide these children with all their physical needs. More importantly, the opportunity to introduce them to Jesus who can supply all their spiritual needs. Thank you so much for your sacrificial support.

**Jonathan & Laura Bryan**

## PHILIPPINES

The month of January we celebrated Shantal, Charity, and Cherish's birthdays. Everyone enjoyed each other's company with food, fun, and fellowship. It was also a day of thanksgiving to God for giving us another three young ladies, Sheena, Leah, and Irese to be a part of the Home. What a blessed way to start the year - 2022.



The children continue working on their school PACE's and faithfully doing their daily responsibilities. They get excited cleaning up their garden each day and harvested peanuts in February. Such an excitement for them to plant, work, wait, and then one day to harvest the crop.

We continue, by the grace of God, to daily teach the children the basic principles from the Word of God and for them to follow Jesus as the perfect example. God is so good, and we thank you for being a part of providing for the needs of these children. May God continue to bless you and keep you safe.

**Chris & Victoria Hunter**

## COSTA RICA

We began the new year enjoying our last month of summer vacation. At the end of January, the teens attended camp for a week where they saw old friends and made new ones. Terry preached the last day of camp and four teens accepted Christ as their Saviour during the camp week. Meanwhile, the younger kids enjoyed a day at the thermal waters, a picnic, and a trip to the mall.

Once a year we do a friendship banquet for the children. This year we had a royal palace theme. We dressed as princes and princesses and celebrated the fact that, as believers, we are children of the King. Some Christian friends hosted the event at their home and Tara, Mayra and others prepared a delicious meal. Terry brought a devotion on how to love our King.



We did enjoy Ron and Tara Black being with us in February. They helped in many ways and finished their visit inviting both staff and children out for a typical Costa Rican meal.  
**Terry & Sally Sanders**

## THAILAND

Our daughter was able to visit the Home in December on a visitors' visa and told us that the boys are doing well. They continue to do good in school. Glah, currently thirteen years old, has a goal of receiving a scholarship for college. We are thankful he has set a goal and is striving to achieve it. Tim has arrived in Thailand and is in "arrival quarantine" at the time of this writing. Our prayer is that the government will issue him a visa which will allow him to stay more than ninety days.  
**Tim & Maureen Searles**

## INDIA

Swapna, in her last year of high school, is an orphaned girl who has been here for the past nine years. Since the age of 6 months, she has been unable to eat regular foods because of a swallowing problem. After several tests the doctor found that her esophagus was very narrow. Due to corona, the procedure to rectify the problem was postponed. Thankfully, February 10<sup>th</sup> she was admitted to the hospital and the doctor dilated her esophagus and removed her tonsils due to her frequent colds. Swapna is recovering well and is now able to eat semi-solid foods. Kindly pray for her.



All the children at the Home are going to school in shifts due to corona. In past years the high school exams would be finished by the middle of March. However, due to alternating class schedules and shut down of schools the exams have been postponed to the first week of May. All the children are safe and healthy, and we ask that you please continue to pray for them.  
**Mathew Henry**

### SPECIAL NEEDS & PRAISES

**Philippines** - We have experienced a rapid increase in new children - praise God! Currently we need 38 sponsors at \$35.00 monthly or commitments equal to \$1,300. 00 a month to cover the new budget. If the Lord leads you to help with this need you may email us at [office@lighthousechildren.com](mailto:office@lighthousechildren.com) or visit our website [www.lighthousechildren.com](http://www.lighthousechildren.com).

**Costa Rica** - THANK YOU for the many prayers and financial giving toward the Covid medical expense of Matt Sweet - our maintenance man.



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