

# Lighthouse Children's Homes

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"Rescuing Storm-Tossed Lives for Christ Since 1978"

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## THANK YOU!

We want to send a VERY special "THANK YOU" to all who had a part in the Christmas Coin Folders or special Christmas Offering this year. You helped to give our children a wonderful Christmas! "THANK YOU" too for all those who have faithfully supported the Lighthouse Ministry with your prayers and giving in 2017. Because of you, the doors to each Lighthouse Home have remained open to homeless and abandoned children. God bless you for your willingness to share with children in need.

## COSTA RICA NEWS

This year we have had the privilege of presenting our annual Christmas Drama (The Rejected Lamb) 18 times in local



churches. Although it is a lot of work, the children really enjoy visiting the churches and performing the drama. Through the heartwarming story of a little orphan boy who has to give up his only toy, a stuffed lamb, many people have expressed that they have enjoyed this year's play more than ever and that it brought them to tears. The play carries a clear message of Christ as the rejected Lamb of God; several have responded to the gospel and have trusted Christ.

We are thankful for groups that have provided special activities for the children this December. They have been treated to a live theater performance of "A Christmas Carol," and a party with gifts, games, and a clown hosted here at the Home.

Thank you to all who sent special offerings and greetings for the Christmas holiday. **Terry and Sally Sanders**

## MEXICO NEWS

The children have been talking about Christmas for months. Of course, being kids, they are excited about presents. But we always try to place the emphasis on the real meaning of Christmas. We explain the greatest gift of all came from our heavenly Father. That gift was "Emmanuel" – God with us. Graciously, many of our boys and girls have already made a decision to receive Christ as their personal Saviour.

## MEXICO NEWS continued

Many come to us very under cared for, sleeping at night in difficult situations, and with stories that would break your heart. While providing for their physical needs is always a blessing - our greatest joy comes



from the overwhelming privilege of opening the Word of God and sharing the Gospel with them. Please always remember their spiritual needs when raising their names up in prayer.

**Jonathan and Laura Bryan**

## INDIA NEWS

This Christmas season the children were busy both at school and in the church. They prepared well for the half year exams which will count in their final grade at the end of the school year. Our children were part of the singing choir performing Christmas Carols at the Christmas meetings in each church member's house.

Each evening there were two or three meetings.

The children

sang two specials at our Church Christmas service on Christmas day which was followed by a special lunch. The children each received two sets of new clothes for the Christmas season. One set they received Christmas Day and the other for New Years.

Kindly pray for all the children. Christmas greetings to each of you from all of us. May God bless you,

**Matthew Henry**



**THAILAND NEWS**

We were blessed by Chip and Elizabeth DeWalt visiting with us for nine days. While they were here they did some work and also helped take care of and minister to the children. This break was good for us and the children! It was interesting to see the children from their point of view. Here are some of their observations: Glah displays a thirst for learning scripture - a fruit of his recent salvation - and has a servant's heart. He has become a "big" brother, especially to little Esther. Tan continues to make progress, is very observant, and has a desire to be pleasing in his chores. He is the practical joker of the group and is very loving. Esther, bubbling over with joy, loves to talk about Jesus and does her best to keep up with the boys.



Thank you for your prayers and the support that has given these children an opportunity to have a different life.

**Tim and Maureen Searles**

**PANAMA NEWS**

December has been a busy month. December 8 is Mother's Day in Panama and all of our girls worked on decorations for the Mother's Day party at the Church here in San Felix. Also there was a banquet for the Sunday School teachers, and our Clementina and Michelle were recognized for being the most dedicated teachers of the past year. Three of our girls have successfully finished high school and graduated the third week of December.

**PANAMA NEWS continued**

They are pictured here with Mrs. Taylor (l-r: Luz Cristina, Eymi, & Michelle). All three have already started the paperwork necessary to enter the university when classes start in February 2018. We thank you for your support which has made it possible for the girls to achieve this goal.



**Alex and Myrtha Taylor**

**PHILIPPINES NEWS**

We were encouraged and blessed to have Bro. Larry Neff and Bro. Ron Black here for the opening of the Lighthouse Home in the Philippines. We have been praying for 10 years that God would allow us to open a Home to help orphaned and abandoned children.

By the grace of GOD, the first 4 children entered the Home in Nov. A 5<sup>th</sup> child, Jomer, arrived in Dec. (L-R: John Loyd-7, Jhewyn John-8, Jomer-10, Honney-8 and Greatchen-10).



We believe that this Home will change the lives and futures of these precious children; and we look forward to taking in more children as the Lord provides.

**Chris & Victoria Hunter**

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