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"Rescuing Storm-Tossed Lives for Christ Since 1978"

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COSTA RICA NEWS

Several church mission teams visited this summer, helped with various projects, and ministered to the children. A couple of individuals were here for an extended time.

Amber Gullickson, whose family are missionaries to the Sioux Indians in South Dakota, was with us for two months. She pitched in doing whatever was needed: preparing rooms for the mission teams and cleaning up after, helping with Dito (our special needs boy), teaching Christian Character lessons to the girls, and many other things. She is a talented musician and also worked with the children on their piano and violin lessons.



Hunter Grills visited the Home in March with a mission team from his church, Lenox Baptist Church near Dyersburg, TN, where he volunteers as youth director. In August he returned to spend more time with the children, especially the boys. He taught them lessons on The Godly Man and showed them how to plant a garden.



We thank God for these dedicated Christians who are willing to share with our children.

Terry and Sally Sanders

CHRISTMAS COOKBOOK SALE

We are running a Christmas Special on our "Favorite Recipes of the Lighthouse Friends" cookbook.

1 cookbook - - - \$15.00

3 cookbooks - - - \$35.00

9 cookbooks - - - \$95.00

(Prices include shipping)

This 175-page hardback cookbook has an imprinted comb, includes recipes from across the US and includes a **free e-Book** copy. It also has recipes from our Homes along with the Lighthouse history and photos.

Makes a great gift!

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All proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will go towards the construction and furnishing of the Homes in the Philippines & Mexico.

MEXICO NEWS

We had the opportunity to take all the children of the Home to youth camp. There were lots of games and many different types of activities. Most importantly, the Word of God was preached each day. There were many decisions made for the Lord during the week. They really had a great time! They returned home talking about the decisions they made and about all the fun things they did at camp. The photo on the address panel of this newsletter is of the Lighthouse kids and children from our church who went with them to camp.

It is such a privilege to not only help the boys and girls in a physical way but more importantly to try to help them spiritually. In a few years, when they grow up and go out on their own, our desire is that they will continue to follow the Biblical principles they have learned while here in the Home with us. Please continue praying God gives us teaching wisdom and that they will grow spiritually each day.

Jonathan and Laura Bryan

INDIA NEWS

Chinni has never known her father as he deserted the family when she was very young. She had a sister who died at the age of 5. Chinni's mother tried to care for the girls by working as a servant maid. Three years ago, that job required her to leave Kakinada (location of the Lighthouse Home) to work in a house in Hyderabad, almost 373 miles away. Chinni was left with her grandmother in Kakinada and learned of the Home through a neighbor who is a church member. She has been with us almost a year and is doing well.

Chinni has accepted the Lord as her Saviour since coming and is in the 9th grade. She suffers with asthma and used to have frequent attacks prior to coming here. Thankfully, the attacks are less often now. ***If you would like to sponsor Chinni please contact the Lighthouse.***



All the children are doing fine, are busy with their studies and currently at camp. Thank you for all your help through prayers and financial gifts. **Mathew Henry**

PANAMA NEWS

Our hearts are filled with joy to share the recent marriage of our youngest son, Alex Jr. to Elsa. He, as well as we, had long prayed that God would send him the right help meet and we are so thankful in how God answered our prayer.

It's amazing how God works. Elsa was the first girl God sent to the Home and after high school graduation she had a desire to be a nurse. While she was away in nursing school, Alex Jr. was studying in the Bible seminary preparing for the work of the Lord. Upon their graduations God began knitting their hearts together.

Currently they serve in the San Félix area. God has blessed the church and used their youthful age, which allows them to walk farther, and Elsa's knowledge of the local language to reach new souls. Please pray for them as Alex Jr. teaches future pastors in the Bible institute, preaches in Sunday services, conferences, special programs and Elsa teaches the ladies, girls or children classes.

Alex and Myrtha Taylor



THAILAND NEWS continued

The boys are paying the ukulele and reading music well. Soon we can step up to the guitar so they can learn to accompany church services. Please pray for the Lord's provision of a good one for that purpose. They are doing well in school and making good progress in learning to speak English. At the same time, they really ARE boys – sometimes they are not so fond of soap and showers. In late July Bro. Black was here for a visit to see the boys and the newest agricultural additions to the Home property.

Tim and Maureen Searles

PHILIPPINES NEWS

The children have done well the first quarter of school. They all exceeded their daily goal requirements and are doing excellent, according to their teachers. They are witty students, always eager to learn and most of them earned Honor Roll this past quarter. Gretchen also won first place with her essay in the Filipino category during the Nutrition Day Culmination.



At the Home they are more responsible, have started honoring, and praying for their Nanay and Tatay (guardians). They are thankful to have someone who is kind and "treats us as if we are their own children." As they have matured in Christ they look forward to church and the opportunity to participate in the services through prayer in class and singing in the Junior Choir.

The children greatly enjoyed their visit with Bro. Ron Black in August. It was a joy to show him the good progress which has been made on the building project. The workers have worked diligently, and the children have been excited to be a part of it.

Chris and Victoria Hunter

THAILAND NEWS

When I was in Bible College I heard a man say if someone would memorize the 1:12's of the Bible it would change their lives. On the 20-minute drive back and forth to school the boys and I have been working on memorizing the 1:12's of the Bible. We've also been studying the book of Jonah in detail with lots of animation. Perhaps the Lord will use these boys to turn the heart of the Thai as Jonah was used to turn Nineveh. **Continued above**



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