

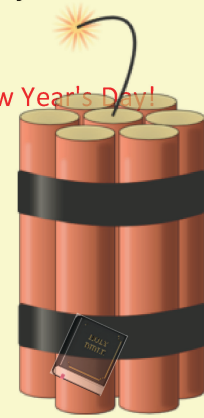
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KIDS CORNER

The B-I-B-L-E, Our Dynamite!
By Jo Mock

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."
Hebrews 4:12 KJV

I bet you like to shoot off fireworks on the Fourth of July or New Year's Day! I'm sure if you do, your mom reminds you to be careful! They are powerful little explosives that can hurt you!



Now go pick up your Bible. This book is more powerful than a nuclear bomb that can blow up cities. It is more powerful than dynamite that can blow up a building. It is more powerful than those fireworks you enjoy!

How is that possible, you may ask?

You are holding in your hand the very Word of God, that is quick and powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword! A consuming fire! A hammer that can break mighty rocks into pieces!

The Bible - God's Word, is the only thing that can change the heart of the most wicked person in this world. Only the power of God's Word can change a heart, my heart, or your heart. **Don't forget to read your Bible.**

Read your Bible, pray every day and you'll grow, grow, grow.

There are 7 pictures of a Bible hidden in this newsletter – can you find all 7?



Lots of Smiles because we are all LOVED!!



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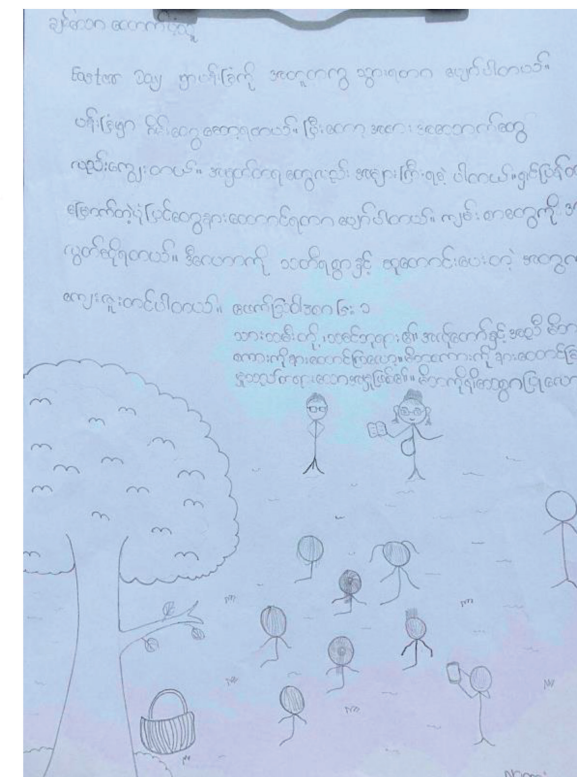
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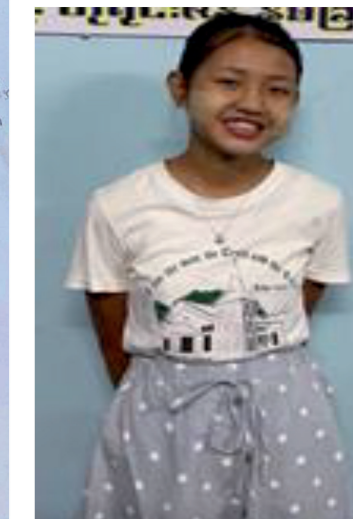
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Meet Miss Naw Mar Ya – Myanmar



I enjoyed going to the park together on Easter Day. We played games there and had snacks. I also got a lot of memories. I am happy to hear stories of the Resurrection. I memorized and recited the Scriptures. Thank you for remembering and praying for this Lighthouse Children's Home. *"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother."* Ephesians 6:1 (These are the words of her letter, on the left, translated to English.)



Naw Mar Ya (Naomi) was born September 9, 2010. When she was eight years old, her mother died of cancer. Her father is a long-time addict and incapable of caring for her. She is diligent in memorizing Bible verses and learning many things about the Bible. Please pray that she will soon understand salvation and her need of accepting Christ as her personal Saviour.

If you feel led to sponsor Naomi, please go to lighthouse.kids, which will take you directly to her sponsor sign up page.

How You Can Pray For Us

ADMINISTRATIVE SPOTLIGHT – Ron Black

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much". James 5:16

When people discuss supporting missions, we often think about sending financial support. While that is important so physical needs can be met, the most powerful and impactful way to support a missionary is through prayer. But often, we do not know what to pray for. I would like to give you three specific areas to focus your prayers on when praying for our Homes.

People – Pray that our children will come to a saving knowledge of Christ and dedicate their lives to Him.

Protection – Pray for physical and spiritual protection.

Path of direction – Pray God will give our staff knowledge as they work with the children daily and for clear direction in future endeavors.

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MEXICO – Jonathan & Laura Bryan

We are thankful for God's continual blessings upon the Homes. The kids are getting close to finishing up school for the year and are excited. The weather is slowly getting warmer, which gives us more opportunities to go out knocking on doors and spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. This area of Mexico is still very unsafe, but we try to do our part to get God's Word out. The children really enjoy the time invested handing out God's Word. We always try to keep all children with an adult when they go door-to-door. Previously, we had some classes on how to share your faith, and thankfully, many of the girls in the Home are now comfortable talking with others about salvation.

Please continue to pray for the spiritual growth of both the boys and the girls in the Homes. Recently, three of our girls were baptized after having made a public profession of faith. This was very exciting! Thank you for your prayers on our behalf, and may God richly bless every one of you who cares for these young people. 🙏



MEXICO – Rafa & Yadira Ibarro –Dorm Parents

It is a joy to share this news with you, and we are thankful that the children continue to let God work in their hearts. In March, one day after school, Angel began asking me questions about the plan of salvation. After some time of questions and answers, he received Christ as his personal Saviour. Thank you to those who prayed for his salvation. Please continue to pray for Joshua as he has not been saved yet.

The last week of March, Jonah attended a youth conference in the state of Hidalgo. He had a great time and returned saying that God had spoken to him about his life and how there were some things that God wanted him to change.

Mauricio and Ismael continue to grow physically and spiritually and are both working hard in school. We say goodbye - thanking God, and you, for the blessings received. 🙏



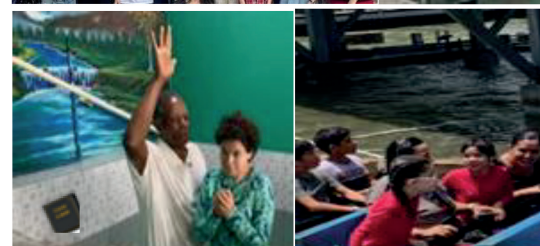
COSTA RICA – Terry & Sally Sanders



In March, we happily welcomed a visit from the Hunter Grills family. Hunter taught a mini financial course to the older children, and Laura spent quality time with the girls. She took them to a tearoom and shared a devotion on the Virtuous Woman in Proverbs. Baby Lailyn stole everyone's heart with her smiles and joyful personality.



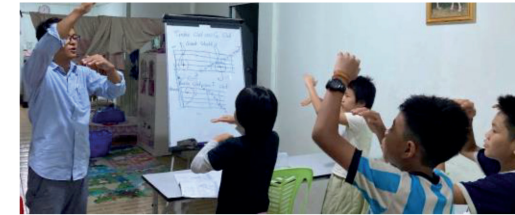
A week later, Ted and Jo Mock brought a group from Bible Baptist Church in TN. They passed out thousands of tracts in San Jose as well as helped Bro. Matt Sweet with a Bible club for children in Orosi, where they had close to 150 children. In the evenings, the group enjoyed sharing devotions and playing in the gym. A special thanks to Pastor Bates and his people for encouraging us in the Lord.



Our greatest news concerns Isaac, Nahiseth, and Lilly. All three received Christ as their Saviour and were baptized in March. Praise the Lord!

In April, the kids enjoyed a day at the amusement park - a delayed special Christmas gift. The weather was beautiful and the crowds small. The children wore themselves out enjoying the rides. 🙏

MYANMAR - Ben & Sarah Benard



School is out for the summer break, and what a hot summer it has been so far! The kids are enjoying the time off from normal studies but are taking some fun summer classes. They are all participating in a weekly music and solfège class, which they seem to like very much. Some of the kids are also taking piano or guitar lessons. The Home also keeps ducks and rabbits as a fun way to learn responsibility. Our boys have been helping with a new construction project at church. We are blessed with many things to keep us all busy.

In March, the kids, along with other children from the community, practiced a special song for our Easter Program and memorized several new verses. Our Naomi took first prize in the scripture memorization challenge. The kids also helped prepare for a big meal with the church.

We are thankful for the eagerness each one shows in learning the Bible and singing good music. It is our prayer that these things will reach into their hearts. Please help us pray that we would not just be busy filling time - but making a difference for their eternity. 🙏



PHILIPPINES – Chris & Victoria Hunter



We thank God abundantly this month for the wonderful activities which have left the children with lasting memories. It is a delight to see them making memories with food, entertainment, and enjoying camaraderie with their fellow orphans. They love yelling and cheering for their teammates, and it's always amazing to see them with their big smiles.

The children had a wonderful time during our Academy's Career Day in March. They wore clothing which represented the different careers they are considering for their futures. Some were an engineer, a teacher, a nurse, a pastor, and a missionary. They are striving to reach school goals in preparation to be used by God in the future, as He desires.

The children are not just focused on the secular world, but they also dedicate themselves to accomplishing the Lord's work. They enjoy going out and offering hope to the lost and dying world by handing out tracts and sharing the gospel of Christ. Your financial support, love, and prayers are greatly appreciated; thank you so much. 🙏



INDIA - Matthew Henry



Everyone is doing fine, and the children are getting ready for their final exams. They have studied well and hope to go to the next class after the exams. Starting last year, all their classes are taught in English. The Government has given Android Samsung tablets to all students in 8-10th grade.

As we write this news, our teachers are busy preparing action songs and lessons for our VBS April 25-27th. This will be an important outreach to the Lighthouse and church children. Currently, there are two boys who may have to leave the Home due to their behavior, both in the school as well as in the Home, *unless they get right with the Lord* and make a salvation decision during VBS. Please pray for the children.

Summer is really hot this year with temperatures over 100 degrees the first week of April. The month of May will be hotter, and we expect it may cross 120 degrees. Thank you for all your prayers and financial support, as well as writing letters to the children. 🙏