

COSTA RICA NEWS

We have been very busy during this holiday season. The



children performed this year's drama in m a n y churches in the San José area and one presentation here at the Lighthouse

for our church and neighborhood. The drama, Stars of Light, takes place in heaven where the children portray stars, comets, the Hubble telescope, and the Milky Way and explain to the newest little star (played by 4 year old Sarita) God's Plan for man. First there is the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and God's promise of a Savior, then prophets through the ages who attempted to point mankind to the Messiah, the nativity and birth of Christ in Bethlehem, and finally, the choice each person must make to accept or reject God's greatest gift. Scenes not taking place in heaven are shown by projector on a large screen. Many musical numbers are incorporated into the drama where the children play stringed instruments, hand chimes and also sing. It is a blessing to the Churches, and we thank God for the opportunity to present the Gospel in this way.

Dito came into the Home at age four (he is now 20) with many problems. He is severely brain damaged, almost totally blind, non-verbal, and suffers from epilepsy. Recently, after a change



in medication, he suffered 100 seizures in one day. We took him to the hospital, and he was given a medicine brand new to Costa Rica. Now he is having less seizures than he has had in years. Please pray that this new medicine will continue to control his seizures.

Thank you for your financial and prayer support for the children in Costa Rica. Terry & Sally Sanders

INDIA NEWS

The children are doing fine and staying busy with gospel work during the Christmas season. Our church has a Christmas meeting, in different homes of the church members, every evening of the week. Our children, along with the youth of our church, sing Christmas carols in all these houses every day.

The children are also very busy studying and getting ready for their semester exams. Right now all of the grade school and high school children are going to four different schools, the 3 nursing students each go to a different college, the Industrial training student to another and the degree students to a different one yet. Please pray for their safety as they go to so many different places.

We recently brought a new set of clothes for all the children for Christmas. They enjoyed this time and were busy picking



out exactly what they wanted. It was a happy time for them.

We have morning and evening devotionals with the children and kindly ask that you pray for the spiritual needs of the children. A few are in need of salvation and we pray the rest will dedicate their lives to serve the Lord.

May God bless you for your continued support. Bro. Mathew Henry



We would like to take this opportunity to **thank** you for your prayers and financial support of the Lighthouse Homes in 2016. Also, we want to thank those who participated in the Christmas Coin Folders or sent a Christmas Offering to enable us to have a nice Christmas for the children in all the Homes. As a special thank you we have recorded a video of the children in each of the Homes singing. It can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7nak5ZvT-wU or you may request a DVD copy of the video by calling (662) 289-9629 or by emailing us at office@lighthousechildren.com. God bless you for caring and sharing. Larry & Paula Neff

MEXICO NEWS

We always explain to the children that there are many people in the United States who are praying for and supporting them. Each month when they write individual sponsor letters I remind them that their sponsor wants to know how they are doing, and how the Lord is blessing them. Last week we had a supporting Pastor from Canada come to visit us with his 13-year-old daughter. It was a very special time for the kids because they got to actually meet someone who had been praying for them and knows them by name. The children are always very excited to have visitors from the US, Canada or any place else.

This visiting Pastor wanted to be a blessing to the children and



took all of us to various places around town. One of the places we went was a bowling alley - this was a first time ever for many of the children. They really had a great time! I thought for sure their energy was all gone, but as you can tell by the photo of them coming out of the bowling alley -

I was wrong!

We want to thank all of you who have been faithfully praying for the children to allow the Lord to do a great work in their lives. Jonathan & Laura Bryan

THAILAND NEWS

Things have been rather quiet lately, which means no bad reports from school, no health issues and for the most part few problems in general. Amen! The boys helped decorate for the Christmas season and loved it. During the Christmas holiday we enjoyed having our daughter and her husband from the States with us. We all played a picture memory game and the boys Continued Next Column

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beat the adults badly! Their memories are incredible, which is most helpful in their study of English - which is going well.

Our home is on the top of a two mile long hill and the closest village has about 75 "houses." At night one can see about a million stars and hear a chorus of insects. The farming environment allows the boys to play in the dirt, ride their bikes and help with the garden. What else could a boy ask for? Especially the playing in the dirt!

We continue to wait and pray about the land title and are still searching for a matron or couple to oversee the Home. Our bookkeeper is having serious health issues and also needs prayer. We are blessed to be here and are thankful for the opportunity to influence the lives of the boys for Christ. *Tim & Maureen Searles*



PANAMA NEWS

We have just completed a good school year here in Panama. Each of the girls successfully completed their year of studies. Two of the girls who graduated will continue on to college when



school resumes. Now we are enjoying two and a half months of vacation - mainly the part of not having to get up at 5 a.m. every day to go to classes!

Although it is a time of vacation from getting up early, we are still quite busy. We have already begun preparations for Vacation Bible Schools on the Indian Reservation and many other Bible activities during this school break, including camp. The Lighthouse Girls help or take part in all of these events.

We are anticipating new girls in the near future. Please pray for them as they come that they can easily make the transition to life in the Home. Thank you so very much for your support and prayers on behalf of these young girls that are rapidly growing up to be young ladies.

Alex & Mirtha Taylor



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