

# Lighthouse Children's Homes

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*"Rescuing Storm-Tossed Lives for Christ Since 1978"*

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## COSTA RICA NEWS

We have recently celebrated two important holidays here in Costa Rica. The first one was Children's Day, which became a two day celebration. First the children had a little party at church with cake, donuts, and a bag of goodies for each child. The following day we had our home-school celebration. The children played games in the morning followed by big ice cream sundaes after lunch.

A few days later was the celebration of Costa Rica's Independence Day, when they were liberated from Spanish rule. The children dressed in Costa Rican typical dress for the occasion. The teacher started the day by explaining the facts of Costa Rica's independence and the importance of appreciating the freedoms we have to worship the Lord, read the Bible, assemble together in church, and tell others about Jesus. We also talked about our greatest freedom from sin's chains through faith in Christ. We finished the celebration by going to the gym and having a little parade, marching around the gym while playing the national anthem.

**Terry and Sally Sanders**



## MEXICO NEWS

School is now in full swing and the boys and girls are attending Homeschool classes from 9 am to 1:30 pm each day. As soon as they get home and eat lunch, they have to start working on homework right away, but every once in a while we get an opportunity to spend some special time *Continued above...*

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The holidays are just around the corner, and we like to provide a nice Christmas for each child in the Homes with a gift, a nice dinner and special activities. Some of our children have never received a Christmas gift prior to coming to the Homes. We have churches and individuals which help by participating in the Coin Folders campaign while others like to send a special Christmas offering. Enclosed is a special **"Christmas Offering Envelope"** if you would like to help be a blessing to them.

Thank you for helping to provide for the children.

**Merry Christmas from all of us  
and God bless you.**

## MEXICO NEWS continued

... with the kids out of the house. One of their favorite places is a big, beautiful park here in Zacatecas called "La Encantada." It is a beautiful place with grass, trees, lake, jungle gym and an outside skating rink. On a special day like this, we usually stop and pick up 8 to 10 pizzas - just enough to fill everybody's bellies!

What a blessing it is to be in the lives of these boys and girls as we try to make an impact for the cause of Christ. The boys are now learning to serve by singing specials in Church.



I cannot begin to tell you how thankful we are for your faithful support and prayers for us and the other Lighthouse Homes.

**Jonathan and Laura Bryan**

## INDIA NEWS

The 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October, the schools were closed 10 days for the big Hindu festival. During this time of holiday, the children participated in a lot of activities. They had special Bible classes taught by our Bible college students, extra Bible study time, and played games at the church. They also spent one evening at the beach, where they enjoyed a picnic, and another evening at the park. They especially enjoyed the beach as they played in the water, and on the sand. The children enjoyed the extra play time. What a time the dorm parents and other elders had trying to keep up with all the children!

The children are doing fine both in their studies and physically; as well as the dorm parents and other staff members. One church gave money to buy a new Bible for every child in the Home. All the children now have a new Bible and are happy to own one (*Photo on Address Panel*). So they send their regards to the donors. Thank you all for your care about these children.

**Matthew Henry**

## THAILAND NEWS

It's incredible how fast time flies. There is an expression that time flies when you're having fun. It is fun seeing the kids grow, to see how absorbent their brains are in memorizing scripture, and learning so much in English and Math. The boys have grown to be quite responsible. They rise up at 6 a.m. by themselves, without being told, feed and water the chickens, and all 250 trees.

Both Tan and Glah have a propensity for art and their favorite toys are remote control cars and Legos. **With as consistent and receptive as they are, I really think it would be beneficial if we had a piano.**

My seven kids either play the piano or guitar which has been a blessing in the churches they serve in. If the Lord would lead you to help with this effort, please contact the Lighthouse Office. We are thankful to be here and experience God's blessing through these kids.

**Tim and Maureen Searles**



## PANAMA NEWS

Three of our young ladies from the Home recently had an opportunity to join a team going on a missionary trip to a community called Trinchera. This missionary effort was in response to a request to take them the Gospel. Trinchera is difficult to access with a continually changing climate of very heavy rains, muddy terrain, rivers and streams without bridges. They had to make the trip in two stages – Day one was traveling 5 hours by a 4x4 car until they reached the village of Guayabal. Day two they walked 9 ½ hours to reach the next village Trinchera. Edorcas and Michell taught the women and children - they did a good job. Elsa taught the ladies and young women in their own language "the ngobere," and all of them listened with great joy to the Gospel. This was the first time these souls had heard the Word of God and 9 people accepted Christ as their Saviour. *Continued above...*

## PANAMA NEWS continued

Elsa also tended to the sick and distributed some medicines.

The young ladies returned very tired but blessed to take the Word to them.

**Alex and Myrtha Taylor**



## PHILIPPINES NEWS

All of the children are doing quite well in school. For the first time Jhewyn, Greatchen, and Honney made Honor Roll and enjoyed special activities with the other Honor students. They are learning much in Sunday School about Old Testament Bible characters which they had never heard of. The Bible is coming to life for them.

**We send our thanks to those who gave so that the children could have beds, school supplies and a set of dress clothes for church.**

The first of October, the children were so happy to have a birthday celebration of their dorm parent in the orphanage. They are thankful to have Nanay and Tatay who are training them in the right ways and teaching them to be responsible. We always thank God for using you as a tool in order for these little children to be able to see and experience the bright side of life. May God continue to bless you with his abounding grace. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your undying support for our orphans.

**Chris and Victoria Hunter**



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