



Lighthouse Children's Homes News

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MISSISSIPPI NEWS

Our girls recently had the opportunity to attend a seminar on "How To Dress Modestly" at a nearby private school. Some of the lessons focused on how to dress for your body type and your skin tone, age appropriate makeup, etc. A few days later the girls were able to go shopping for formal dresses for a Valentine Banquet here at the Lighthouse. They



went to the Double Blessings thrift store and were able to find very nice dresses for a great price (\$4-\$8). They also purchased clothes for their "dates" (teddy bears) and dressed them up too.



The dining hall was decorated for the occasion, and as the girls entered, they were escorted to their table by Bro. Swonger. A delicious meal of five courses was served by the Swongers, beginning with an appetizer. Next came potato soup, caesar salad, beef brisket with vegetables and a special red velvet cake topped with strawberries dipped in chocolate for dessert. Entertainment consisted of home videos of skits by the Swonger Family at other banquets. A great time was had by all. The Swongers even did all the cleanup, so the girls had a night off from kitchen duties. That really made the evening special.

Please keep our girls in prayer that they will grow into fine Christian young ladies.
Don & Claudia Swonger

COSTA RICA NEWS

The 5th Annual Costa Rica Bible Conference, held at the Lighthouse Children's Home, was a huge success.



There were over 65 pastors, pastor's wives, and full-time workers in attendance from Costa Rica and the United States (pictured above). Many lay people also attended.

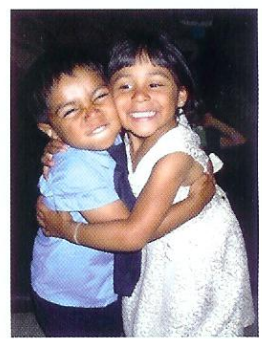
There were 150 present for our final service and banquet. All who attended went back to their places of service more dedicated and more determined to serve the Lord. It is one thing to have a meeting; but quite another thing to have the Lord show up at the meeting and did the Lord ever show up at this meeting!!!! The Spirit of God was in all the teaching and preaching and the altars were full every day.

A special thank you to the preachers from the States who took their time to come and be a part of the Conference: Pastor Randall Parker, Bethel Baptist Ch, Greenfield IN; Pastor Matt Burrell, Liberty Baptist Ch, York SC; Pastor Brandon Sighting, Good Shepherd Baptist Ch, Mooresville IN; Pastor Joel Marsh, Spanish Ch of West Gate Baptist Ch, Tampa FL; and Bro Jeremy Edens, Liberty BC, York SC. Pastor Ricardo Valverde, Iglesia Biblica Bautista, Hautlol Dos, Costa Rica also preached. Blessings in the Ladies Classes came from speakers Felicia Marsh, Sally Sanders, Dayanna Fernandez and Patricia Neff. Others who made the Conference a great success were Bro. Mike Halcomb, Bethel Baptist Ch, Greenfield IN, who sang each day; the Lighthouse children who sang each day; several Costa Rican ladies who provided great food for all the guests; and Mr. & Mrs. David Wallach from Ocean State Baptist Church in RI who were a huge blessing in the kitchen and also did a lot of work at the Lighthouse after the meeting. The Lighthouse children worked for a week

COSTA RICA NEWS *continued*

before the meeting to get the grounds and facilities ready for our guests, then waited on tables and worked in the kitchen during the meeting. Thank you also to those who sent special offerings to make the meeting possible. *Most of all, we praise the Lord for His goodness and blessings on the meeting.*

VALENTINE BANQUET: This took place the week before the Bible Conference with the boys and girls dressed in their best and the adults cooking and serving the five course dinner. A choice was offered for each course. The dining room was decorated with fairy lights and floating candles were on the tables. Everyone enjoyed this very special meal – even "brothers and sisters" showed love to each other for Valentine's Day.



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST: Kevin's next surgery is scheduled for April 23 in Tampa FL. He will then be fitted with new, smaller braces. The doctors are very pleased with his progress. We know it is the hand of the Lord and the prayers of God's people that have made the difference. **Terry & Sally Sanders**

MEXICO NEWS

We have been really seeing the blessings of God here in Mexico. The country is extremely dangerous, but God keeps us and the girls protected. Thank you for your continued prayers. Recently we received a special offering for a freezer. This has really helped save money, and it helps us cut down on trips to the store.

The girls continue to grow, and we pray daily for wisdom in raising them in the paths of the Lord. Each little girl gets her turn praying for the meals. We have one 1-year-old, two 3-year-olds, one 5-year-old and one 14-year-old. Each girl is precious, and we ask that you will keep the Lighthouse Home in Mexico in your prayers.

Jonathan and Laura Bryan

INDIA NEWS From Bro. Larry Neff

In January, I spent two weeks with our children at the Home in India. Bro. Jonathan Bryan, director of the Home in Mexico, went with me. We had a great time with the children. The first week we were there we were busy with teaching and preaching in the annual "Holy Convocation. We would call it a "Camp Meeting. The Lighthouse children sang each day. The meeting was held under a tent with crowds of up to 3,000 in the evening service.

When the meeting was over, we were able to spend more time with the children. One day we went on a boat trip through the forest area. The children sang songs and



enjoyed the trip. Another day, I took the children to a local carnival where the children got to ride on the rides and get some cotton candy and "fair food."

The last event was a banquet. (Pictured on address panel.) I rented a private room in a local hotel restaurant, and all the children and staff went for a wonderful time together. The children enjoyed the elevator as much as the food.

I spoke to the children about the importance of getting a good education. Then I rewarded those who had graduated from high school, junior college and those who had graduated from a four year college. We have one girl working on her Master's degree in Micro-biology.

We were able to buy the children some new clothing thanks to those who sent donations to help buy the new clothes. We had a great time with the children and rejoice to see how they are growing in the

Lord. **Bro. Mathew Henry** and the staff at the Home are doing a wonderful job.

PANAMA NEWS

All the girls from the home are doing very well. Elsa is about to begin her last year in high school. All four of the girls have been helping so much in the VBS's we have done during our summer vacation. Elsa (pictured below) and Edelia help teach



the classes and lead the songs and Rosalinda and Rosaira help color in the pictures we use for the lessons. They are only five but they already understand that God can use them to serve him.

Please pray for the situation in Panama because the Government and the Ngobe Indians have not come to an agreement about the mining and hydroelectric rights. Several people have been killed because of the fighting, and the Ngobe sometimes close the roads in protest.

We are very happy to say that the church building in San Felix is being built now. We started by faith, and God has been providing as we go along. The church is very near to the center of town and we hope that by the end of this year it will be done. Please keep us in your prayers as we keep building. **Dayanna Fernandez for Alex & Mirtha Taylor**

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GUYANA NEWS

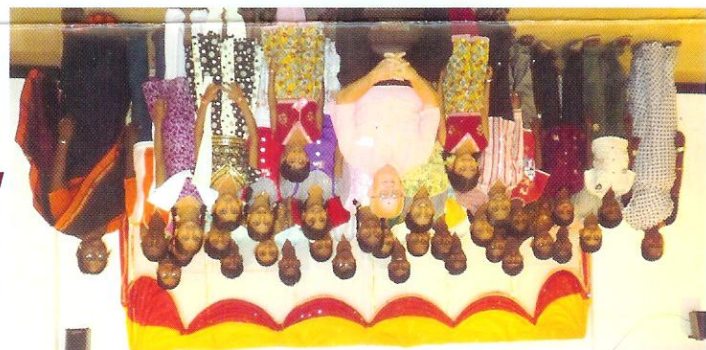
First, I would like to start off with a prayer request. We have been in Guyana almost 7 weeks and have not gotten approval on our visas yet or our container cleared. *Please keep this in prayer for God's will and time on this matter.*

We arrived in Guyana on Jan. 11 – Praise the Lord. We spent 10 days in Georgetown (capital of Guyana) doing all the paperwork we needed to do. Now we are waiting for all the approvals. I preached 6 times while in Georgetown. We had 7 salvations, 6 young men surrender to full time ministry. My wife taught the teen girls one night and a children's Sunday school class. When we arrived in Port Kaituma, I got to preach twice and saw 2 come to know the Lord as Savior. God is good. I am amazed how he uses us. We just need to obey him.

The building is coming along. We are behind schedule and running into extra expenses because of all the bad weather we are having, but God is in control. We have Chris, Cheo and Charlene with us. The children are well and happy to be living with us at last. Working with us will be Ms. Jean Cook and her adopted daughter Malisa. Things are tight, but we are making it. We pray the building will be done in the next month so we can rescue more children. Thank you for all your prayers and support. **Ray and Kim Boltz**



Bro. Neff and the India Lighthouse Children & Staff Banquet



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