

Lighthouse Children's Homes

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"Rescuing Storm-Tossed Lives for Christ Since 1978"

Larry & Paula Neff, Founders

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From the Desk of... BRO. LARRY NEFF

Dear Friends of the Lighthouse,

After much prayer, deliberation, and counsel from godly pastors, a difficult decision has been made to close the Lighthouse in Mississippi.

For the last couple of years, the number of girls we have in Mississippi has been dwindling down and down. Finally, we were down to just 3 girls. We have tried many things to increase the number of girls in residence but nothing seemed to help -- we made phone calls, spoke to pastors, mentioned it when visiting churches, all with no results. With the large amount of money necessary to keep the Mississippi Home open (basically the same whether for 25 girls or 3 girls - the main difference being food and utilities), our Board of Advisers felt the best plan was to close that Home, sell the property, and open new Homes in foreign countries.

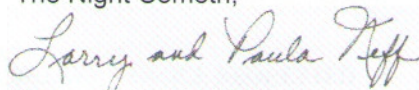
They had discussed this at Board Meetings for the last couple of years. *It was a very difficult decision, but they felt it was in the best interests of being good stewards of God's money.*

The house parents have already moved to an unoccupied parsonage donated for their use by a church about 30 miles away. They have the three remaining girls with them and will care for them until they go home. The Lighthouse will help care for them financially until they go home.

This has been a difficult time of adjustment for us, but we want to be good stewards of the Lord's money. We are excited about opening new HOMES on the foreign fields and have already been contacted by several missionaries over the last few months who want to open a Lighthouse Home in their country.

Please keep the Lighthouse Ministry in your prayers. It is our desire to follow God's leadership and rescue as many homeless, orphan, and abandoned children as we can.

The Night Cometh,



Larry and Paula Neff

*The Lighthouse Children's Homes office will remain open in Mississippi at another location. The mailing address, phone number, email address and website all remain the same. **Please make your checks out the same way; mail them to the same address.** All donations will still be processed through the office in Mississippi.*

COSTA RICA NEWS

In May, we (Sally and Terry) took Kevin to Florida for his annual checkup. He received new crutches, new braces and even new shoes. His knees are perfectly straight, and the doctors are very pleased with his progress. The Lord is so good.

In June, we had several visitors including a group from a church in Texas. Two of Sally's brothers also visited for a week, and the family enjoyed the time together.

Next, we had a missionary from Japan visit for a week, Sandy Piatt. Sally's mom, Janet McWatters (who at 94 lives here at the Home with Sally) led Sandy to Christ when she was only ten years old. Sandy and her husband Bob have served in Japan for 38 years. We were honored and blessed by her time with us.

We just celebrated our church's third anniversary. We had three days of special meetings, which ended with two ladies trusting Christ.

For the next two weeks the children are on their mid-year school break. Six of the teens are going to camp with our Church.



Four of the older young people will be going to Panama to help put on a camp there with Bro. Alex Taylor.

As I hope you can tell, things are quite busy around here. Please continue to pray for our health and strength. We pray for the Lord's blessings on each of you who have a part in the ministry here.

Terry & Sally Sanders

INDIA NEWS

The new school year started the second week of June. We have 13 new children added to our Home, eight boys and five girls pictured here.



Four of our old children from Telangana area (the newly created State) have gone back there. Two from Telangana have completed their course of study and have returned to that area to find jobs. One completed a course in nursing and the other a course in the Industrial Training Institute. At present the total number of our children is 47; we still expect three more children to come very soon.

Everyone is doing fine. They are adjusting to their new classes. We are trying to buy new sets of clothes (school uniforms), books and school bags. Some of the books are still not available.

During the holidays they had a wonderful time. Some children went back to their hometowns to spend time with their relatives for a couple of weeks. Others stayed here at the Children's Home. We kept them busy in sports and also taking them to the seashore, parks and etc.

Kindly pray for all the children. Every one sends their regards to all of you. May God bless you.

Bro. Mathew Henry

MEXICO NEWS

The summer vacation is quickly approaching for the girls in the Home here in Zacatecas, Mexico. They are very excited about getting a break from school. We are currently having Vacation Bible School in our Church and for the majority of the girls, this is a new experience. Each day, they come back with stories and crafts they made and are eager to return the next night. As you can see by the photo below, the children enjoy the action songs a lot.

We are thankful to have Matt and Lorna Sweet here from the Lighthouse in Costa Rica. Matt is helping with construction projects and Lorna is working in the VBS. Please remember to pray for the spiritual needs of the girls in the Home. We try to provide for their physical and emotional needs, but most important to us is that they will learn to have a personal walk with God as they grow. Thank you for your faithful support and prayers.

Jonathan & Laura Bryan



PANAMA: SAN FELIX NEWS

We have a new member in the Lighthouse Family in Panama. Her name is Zelmira Santos. On the Indian Reservation where she lived she had to walk six hours every day to get to the high school – 3 hours coming and 3 hours going. She also had to cross a river each way. When it is the rainy season, the water gets very high and it is very dangerous. We are helping her because she wants so much to finish high school. She is a very good student and a good girl. Please pray for Zelmira as she gets adjusted to life here at the Lighthouse Home in San Felix.

Alex and Mirtha Taylor



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Psalm 27:10*

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