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India

Christmas Celebration

Mercy Children's Home celebrated Christmas with a special feast, a movie, and by sharing the message of God's love to those who had not heard it before.

The children performed skits, danced, and sang worship songs during their Christmas show.



New Items for India

In November, MCH was able to purchase a few new items for the orphanage. This included a new solar lamp and solar panels allowing the orphanage to have electricity when needed. They also were able to purchase some badminton and cricket equipment and instruments for the children to use.





Liberia

Pit Latrine Complete

Christine, Laurence, and the REAP team have completed the final Pit Latrine and held a grand opening in December.





Mexico

New Feeding Center in Mazatlán

The God's Kids board approved two new feeding centers to be built in the Mazatlán area last year. The site of the two feeding centers have both been selected and were purchased in July. Construction was completed in late December on the first feeding center.

Andrew, Gabriel, Rebecca, and Jenny were able to attend a grand opening celebration for the new feeding center which coincided with the children receiving shoe box presents from operation Christmas Child.

The second feeding center will begin construction shortly and should be completed by the end of the 1st quarter of 2016.





Visits to Casa Hogar and Government Updates

Gabriel and Rebecca have continued to visit Casa Hogar every 4 to 6 weeks to check in the children as well as look for updates to the construction upgrades requested by the Mexican Government.

The repairs and upgrades are being made. Of the original 23 projects we found that needed to be upgraded or repaired, 14 have been completed. An additional 5 projects are set to be finished by mid-February.



Christmas Celebrations

Casa Hogar celebrated Christmas by giving the children presents with Santa and serving a very nice meal for them.



Philippines

New Well and Home Updates



Since the last update, the septic tank work has begun and the foundation work for the new home has started. Water and electric are currently being brought to the site, and phase two will start shortly. Phase two includes framing the new homes, installing trusses and beginning roof work.



The well diggers have struck water! They need to go deeper so the well can be more productive, but for now it's got more than 100 gallons capacity. The cement work around it has begun; once the casing is cured they'll go deeper.



Christmas Celebration

The children had a wonderful Christmas and sent us [this thank you video](#).



Roldan Update

It's been six months since Roldan's heart disease resurfaced and two months since he had his heart surgery. He is currently under rehabilitation - making his lungs stronger and working to reduce his INR (how thin his blood should be).

Roldan turned 20 on January 26th and they celebrated at the hospital. He is still trying to fully understand what has happened to him and how it will change his life, but is grateful for the surgery he had that saved his life.





Thailand



7 Jogging Strollers Purchased

In October, Sharon Porterfield asked her supporters if they could help purchase 7 wheel chairs for children who needed them in Thailand. God's Kids responded to the appeal and originally funded 4 wheelchairs.

Through our discussions, we realized jogging strollers would work better in the jungle area and we also decided to fund all 7 strollers.



10 year Anniversary and Christmas Pageant



Back in August, our orphanage in Thailand celebrated it's 10th anniversary. In late November, the children performed a Christmas Pageant.

