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India

New Solar Panels



In an effort to allow the children at Mercy Children's Home to have electricity throughout the day and night, several solar panels and solar lights have been purchased for the orphanage. The children can now read, do homework, and have a source of light whenever it is needed.

Tuition

In February, we were able to provide tuition for the spring semester for the 26 children who are cared for at Mercy Children's Home. We also sent funding for new uniforms and school supplies. The children are pictured below in their uniforms.



Medical Update

As is customary before the school year begins, the children were immunized, dewormed, and had health check ups in February to ensure they are healthy.



Liberia

Fencing Project

Our friends at REAP are in the process of becoming an approved adoption agency. One of the requirements to make this possible is to have a safe and secure transitional home for children to stay in while waiting for an adoption to be finalized. We helped REAP build a chain link fence around their property to make it secure.



REAP Sewing Project

We've recently partnered with REAP to create a sewing program for the young women in Bentol to be trained to become seamstresses as a career. The program starts this summer and will allow 10 young women each quarter to be trained using 5 new sewing machines. We hope to update you more after the first class is completed.



REAP Missionary training

The team at REAP had Dr. Howard Ostendorff visit them April 24-28th to host a seminar and training for the REAP team. We were able to help sponsor a portion of this trip and training. His training focused on Christian leadership values.

Dr. Ostendorff has been the Africa Director for Freedom in Christ ministries for the past 5 years and previously worked for Campus Crusade for Christ for 38 years.



Mexico

New Feeding Center in Mazatlán



In 2015, the God's Kids board approved two new feeding centers to be built in the Mazatlán area. The site of the two feeding centers were selected and purchased in July of 2015. Construction was completed in late December on the first feeding center and the second feeding center was completed in mid-May of 2016.

Andrew and Jillian were able to attend a grand opening celebration for the new feeding center which included food, presents, and a wonderful message about God's love for the children.

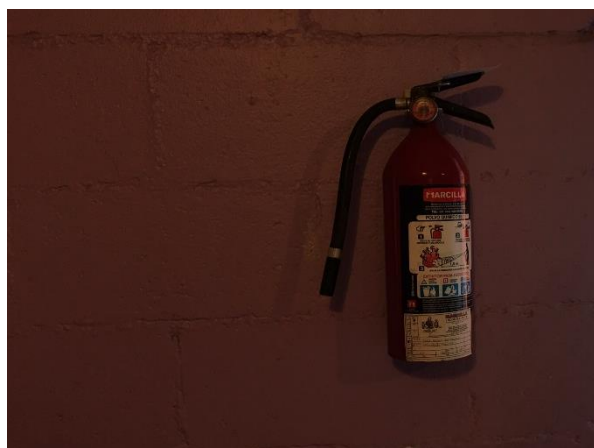
This new feeding center is located in Escuipina, a suburb of Mazatlan, where Carlos and Marilyu would like to continue building additional feeding centers in the future.





Casa Hogar Government Updates

Additional upgrades and organization has been put into place at our Casa Hogar Orphanage since our update a few months ago. All of the original 23 renovation projects (besides moving a propane storage tank) have been completed. All School Supplies are now organized and stored until needed, safety signs and fire extinguishers have been installed throughout the property, and a new dental/medical center has been built on site for when Doctors visit the children.

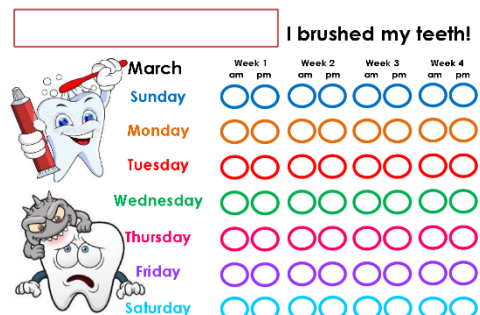




Philippines

Dental Check Up

The children at Village of Hope had their annual cleaning and dental checkup earlier this year. One key area we wanted to see improvement this year was in the children brushing their teeth every day. The VOH team created a fun chart the children use every day to get into the habit of brushing their teeth.



School Tuition

In our efforts to help the children at Village of Hope grow into wonderful adults, we have begun funding tuition costs for 5 Village of Hope orphans who are continuing their education by going to college or trade schools. We are also helping continue the education of 2 staff members as they get master's degrees in Counseling and Social Work so they can better take care of the children at Village of Hope.

Construction Updates

Construction continues at Village of Hope. The structural pieces are all in place for the well, they are waiting on the pump to arrive to finish the project.

The homes have made progress as well. The ground has been leveled for the site and the septic system has been laid into the ground.

Due to new government regulation, an office is also being built on site for use by the government when they stop by. The home construction has been put on hold until this building is completed first which will be by the end of May.





Roldan Update

Roldan recently returned to the church where he stayed last June before his disease resurfaced. He was given a chance to share his testimony. He shared for 20 minutes about the miracles of the Lord in his life since August 2015. Everyone is moved by God's grace and His plans for him.

Roldan is also transitioning back to Village of Hope. We are in the process of finding the perfect cardiologist, medication supplier, laboratory, and learn of his plans for the coming school year. These are all big decisions and he needs your prayers.





Thailand

Medical Update

Sharon Porterfield, our partner in Thailand, recently let us know about a few children in need of medical attention. We have focused on two sisters, one of whom, needed to have surgery to correct swelling in her head.

Her surgery required her to be medically induced into coma, thankfully the surgery was successful. She is now out of coma and out of the ICU! She is healing in the children's ward at the hospital.



Dorm Upgrades

Last year, our orphanage in Thailand built a new girl's dorm. As a result, they also remodeled the old girl's dorm to allow the boy's to have a better living space. They recently completed renovations on the ceiling and it looks great!

In addition to the ceiling improvements, three large water storage tanks were purchased so water will not need to be carried up a large slope each day to the girl's dorm.



School Tuition

In early April we funded school tuition costs for 13 orphans we take care of in Thailand. We also were able to fund the costs for their uniforms and school supplies.