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India

Computer training



The children at Mercy Children's Home have started to be trained to use the computers that were purchased in mid-2016.

Deepak (seen to the left) has been training the older children in groups of 4-5 and looks forward to seeing the children become computer literate.

Success Stories

We recently had Deepak check in on 17 children who previously lived at our orphanage but are now adults starting their lives. A handful have started their own businesses, some have become drivers, some are continuing their education, and a few have become teachers. All of these children left Mercy Home with a strong commitment to serve God and humanity through their profession.

Christmas

Mercy Children's Home held their annual Christmas celebration. Gifts were presented to the children and served dinner. Children were also given warm jackets and socks and Deepak delivered a Christmas message.

The children sang Christmas songs and performed dances (see right). To end the night, church leaders prayed for the children.





Liberia

New Kitchen

Over the past few months, God's Kids has partnered with REAP to build a new kitchen at their early childhood learning center in Bentol, Liberia. This center will be used as an adoption agency as well as a community center where local children can learn to cook.



Christmas

Christmas celebrations for REAP were done at the new center discussed above. The staff of REAP had their families attend as well as 100 children from the community. There was a time of thankfulness and looking back at what God had done that year for Liberia. The children sang songs and recited Bible verses. Afterward, food and drinks were provided for everyone.





Mexico

New Van

During 2016, two new feeding centers opened in Mazatlán. With the increase in feeding centers came the need for a new, larger van to carry the food to all our feeding centers. The new van is large enough to carry all the food for our feeding centers and have plenty of space left over for any additional cargo.



Christmas

Casa Hogar celebrated Christmas with the children receiving gifts under the Christmas tree. They also hit pinatas and ate a special meal.

The 10 feeding centers in Mazatlan also celebrated Christmas with meals and pinatas.





Site Visit

Dion and Andrew visited Casa Hogar in December to check on the recent improvements to the orphanage. Overall the orphanage has seen dramatic improvements in safety features to protect the children. This includes fire extinguishers throughout the orphanage, emergency lighting, high quality fencing, safety handles on all the doors, and better health and history records for each orphan.



While there have been many improvements, there are still a few items left to upgrade or fix. This includes new paint, fixing a few windows, a new computer scanner for receipts, as well as a few minor maintenance issues. These items should be completed by next quarter.





Philippines

New Computers

Mike and his team in the Philippines have purchased 10 laptops to begin training the children at Village of Hope on how to use computers. The children will begin their classes once the laptops arrive later this winter.

Christmas



Village of Hope celebrated Christmas with a Christmas festival. Gifts were exchanged by the children, the house parents lead worship and the children played on the playground equipment.





Thailand

Medical Expenses

In November, funds were sent to cover medical expenses for a young girl that needed to stay at a hospital for surgery. God's Kids has been helping this little girl for the past two years as doctors try to fix some respiratory issues she is facing as well as swelling around her brain.



Christmas

Christmas was celebrated at our Orphanage in Thailand and it included worship music, home cooked meals, and gifts for all the children. The Christmas story was also presented during their celebrations.

