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IMA'S NEWS

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Christmas in July

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Preparations for Christmas are in full swing at our stateside office! By the end of August we will be sending all 125 children and staff a package of gifts tailored to their interests and needs.

We would love for you to partner with us. Each box costs around \$60 to assemble and ship. Please consider sponsoring a child for Christmas by going to imashome.com/events.

A Visit from Acacia Church Baton Rouge

We are delighted to announce that an incredible team from Acacia Church Baton Rouge is visiting Ima's Home this week. Led by Pastor Russ and Stephanie Mercer Cripps, the team has brought immense joy and support to our community.

We are incredibly grateful to have David Arrington, a skilled dentist, on the team. David generously offered his expertise by examining our children at Ima's Home. In addition to providing immediate dental care, he has been collaborating with local dentists to establish a dental clinic at Ima's Home. This clinic will benefit our children and serve the broader community in the future. We extend our heartfelt thanks to David for his dedication and compassion.





Summer Skills Enhancement: *Making the Most of the Break*

As the days grow longer and the weather warms, summer offers valuable opportunities for relaxation, personal development, and skill enhancement. At Ima's Home, this academic break becomes a time for learners to cultivate their skills actively and explore their unique talents. Both boys and girls enthusiastically participate in maintaining cleanliness and taking responsibility for household chores, fostering a sense of responsibility and teamwork.

Our older children at Ima's Home take on the role of tutors, providing academic support to those who need it (as seen in the picture above). Each morning, they dedicate an hour to tutoring sessions, ensuring every student receives the guidance necessary to excel academically. This initiative reinforces their knowledge and instills values of kindness and cooperation in our younger learners.

One of the highlights of the summer break is the opportunity for children to deepen their understanding of technology.

Scheduled computer sessions equip them with essential skills such as typing, file management, word processing, internet navigation, primary software usage, and research methods. These lessons empower our children to harness technology for educational and constructive purposes.

At the Balati Campus, our boys participate in a summer basketball league, training both their minds and bodies. This program not only promotes physical fitness but also teaches valuable lessons in teamwork, discipline, and perseverance.

Overall, summer at Ima's Home is a time of growth and exploration. Learners engage in practical responsibilities and enriching educational experiences, laying a foundation for future success and personal development.



A Heartfelt Contribution from The Church Covington

We are thrilled to share a story of generosity. Darryl and Kristen Hooper, the incredible pastors of The Church Covington in Georgia, have made a significant impact on the lives of the children at Ima's Home.

Thanks to their kindness and the generosity of their congregation, we now have a dedicated basketball court where the children can play, exercise, and develop their skills. This new facility is more than just a place to play; it's a space where the kids can learn about teamwork, discipline, and the importance of physical fitness.

We are immensely grateful to Darryl and Kristen Hooper and everyone at The Church Covington for their support and commitment to enriching the lives of our children.

Life Church Brings Joy to Ima's Home

Pastor Buddy Thompson and the amazing team from Life Church in Virginia greatly impacted the kids at Ima's Home. Their visit was filled with excitement, joy, and heartfelt connections.

The team organized a special day at a pool resort, where the children enjoyed swimming and playing in the water, creating unforgettable memories. The team also led engaging activities and crafts that sparked creativity and brought smiles to the children's faces.

The spiritual nourishment provided by Pastor Buddy Thompson and the Life Church team was truly inspiring. They held church services, teaching new songs and sharing uplifting messages that resonated deeply with everyone. The children also enjoyed delicious meals, making the entire experience delightful.

We are grateful to Pastor Buddy and Robyn Thompson, along with the entire Life Church congregation. Their commitment to making Ima's Home part of their mission has made a significant difference in our children's lives as we work toward raising world-changers.





Pastor Chad Ducote: A Champion for Ima's Home

We are grateful for Pastor Chad Ducote's support and generosity. He has truly become a champion for Ima's Home. His recent visit, accompanied by his daughter and her friend, brought joy to our children. Pastor Chad and the girls made a lasting impact during their time with us. They helped cook delicious meals for the kids, participated in church services, and blessed our staff. Their involvement in every aspect of our community was heartfelt and deeply appreciated.

One of the highlights of Pastor Chad's visit was his special outing with our high schoolers. He took them to the mall and generously purchased school shoes and backpacks for all of them, ensuring they are well-prepared for the upcoming school year. The kids were thrilled.

The love and support Pastor Chad has shown our children have left a lasting impression. They adore him, and his contributions have significantly impacted their lives. We are profoundly thankful for Pastor Chad Ducote and his dedication to enriching our kids' lives at Ima's Home.





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