

SPONSOR TIPS

Letter Writing

The harsh grip of poverty can make a child feel helpless. But your sponsorship gives children hope that their lives are in God's loving hands. And God's love gives all children great worth. Your letters are an important way to reinforce that message of hope. These letters echo the words of Jesus: "Don't be afraid; you are worth far more than sparrows!" (Luke 12:7) The connection that you make by writing your sponsored child is a powerful reminder for you, as well. You are making a difference.

Here are some helpful hints about writing your sponsored child:

- Consider your sponsored child's environment and culture. Be sensitive to not mention your material possessions or money, as this could make your child feel uncomfortable or deprived. Also, be sure to not make any promises.
- A simple one-page letter is ideal. Share about yourself, your family, and your interests. Write about children you know. Use colorful pens and decorate your letters!
- Let your sponsored child know that you are praying for him or her. Find out about the customs, climate, culture, and country where your child lives. You'd be surprised what you might have in common!
- Encourage your sponsored child in their education, hobbies, and endeavors. If you wish to tuck something special into the envelope along with your letter, please follow these helpful guidelines: Send only flat, inexpensive items that can easily fit into a 6" x 9" envelope. A few ideas are photos, bookmarks, stamps, and stickers. If you have questions about what to send your child please contact Courtney at riversideafrica@gmail.com.

Payment Information

You can pay monthly, quarterly or annually. Checks are to be made out to:

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