



# Write from the Heart - ORC Sponsorship Correspondence Form

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*Original letter*

*Translated letter (for office use only)*

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Communicating with your sponsored child is a wonderful experience, facilitating development of a more personal relationship. You are invited to correspond with your sponsored child as often as you like. Writing to your child is not required, but is strongly encouraged. If you need more copies of this form, you may print them from the sponsorship page of our website [www.rescuechild.org](http://www.rescuechild.org). If desired, you may use your own stationary instead of this form.

*Below are a few guidelines we kindly ask you to respect in the correspondence process*

## Communication

- Written only - sent via the ORC Sponsorship Office; no phone calls or e-mails.
- Please include the child's name on the correspondence and your return address on the envelope.
- If you are able to write in Spanish, you may do so, but the letters still need to be sent to the Sponsorship Office.
- Mail to the ORC Sponsorship Office: 1217 Owl Hollow Court, Saint Augustine, FL 32092 or scan and email to: [hmhurtado@rescuechild.org](mailto:hmhurtado@rescuechild.org).

## Suggested Topics

- Describe your family members (including a picture or two if you like), your pets, and your type of work.
- List your children's grade level, favorite activities at school, and hobbies/sports/pastimes you and your family enjoy.
- Talk about your relationship with God, Bible verses, prayer requests, letting them know you pray for them, church activities.
- Share your holiday customs and home setting (do you live by water, a big city, a forest, farmland, etc?).
- With everything, please use discernment.

## Topics to Avoid

- Specific details of material possessions (kind of car, size of home, etc.), asking or suggesting your sponsored child and/or their family to visit you in your country, asking what they would like or need the most (as needed/requested, ORC does this for you through our Project Sponsorship Coordinators);
- Personal income, any personal information such as phone number, address, e-mail, etc., politics, armed forces/wars.
- If in doubt, please ask us at the phone number or email listed below.

## Sponsor benefits

- Joy of being a source of encouragement and support in the life of your sponsored child and their family.
- Demonstrating the tangible love of God to people in another culture/country.
- Receiving the most out of your sponsorship investment through developing a personal relationship with your sponsored child/children.

## Child/Family benefits

- Feelings of worth, value, and importance.
- Opportunity to practice reading and writing skills.
- Opportunity to have a tangible expression of care and love to hold and read again and again.
- Connecting faces and names to the people God is using to help them.

The ORC Sponsorship Office reviews and translates each letter before sending it to the sponsored child. We reserve the right to decline any letters whose message we deem inappropriate in whole or in part. Questions? Please call 1-866-ORC-KIDS (1-866-672-5437) or write [hmhurtado@rescuechild.org](mailto:hmhurtado@rescuechild.org)