

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. May I send a letter, card, or package to my sponsored child in Uganda?**

A. Yes. However, please do not send money or personal checks and make sure that you send lightweight objects that can be mailed in a padded envelope.

**Q: What address do I use to send mail to my sponsored child in Uganda?**

A: (Name of Your Child)  
c/o God's Care Ministries  
P.O. Box 9736  
Kampala, Uganda

**Q: What are some ideas of items that would be appropriate to send to my sponsored child in Uganda?**

A: Coloring/Activity Books, children's jewelry, small & lightweight toys (balls, stuffed animals, cars, etc.), blue pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, candy that will not melt easily (Smarties, Sweet Tarts, hard candy, chewing gum, etc.), granola/snack bars, cookies, stickers, handkerchiefs, toothbrush and toothpaste.

**Q: May I send additional money besides the \$30 a month?**

A: Yes. This money can be used to purchase items in addition to the most needed items that are provided by the regular payment of \$30. Please designate that you have included this extra money and either designate what you want it to be used for or say that it can be used for anything the child needs. (The Ugandan sponsorship team can then determine what your child's greatest need is).

**Q: What are examples of items that can be purchased in Uganda with money that is sent in addition to the monthly fee of \$30?**

A: A mattress, shoes, bed sheets, toys, and other items needed by the child. (Some of the needs are specific to the child because some children are more in need than others.)

**Q: May I send extra money for holidays and my sponsored child's birthday?**

A: Yes. On Easter and Christmas, the average village child receives little to nothing, maybe just the opportunity to eat meat. Birthdays are never celebrated. We are able to host parties for the children with the sponsorship money that is sent and give them a very small gift. However, if you would like to send money for additional presents to be purchased for your child, it would be greatly appreciated.

**Q: Should I send holiday or birthday cards to my child?**

A: The sponsorship team will be sending you cards for these occasions that you can mail to the sponsorship team in the US. They will then ensure that the cards are mailed to the sponsorship team in Uganda to be distributed to the children. Please remember to mail these cards back to the sponsorship team on a timely basis. Thank You.

**Q: What is done with unspent additional money? (For example, if a sponsor sends a particular amount for a mattress and at the time of purchase, the mattress is cheaper and does not require the total amount.)**

A: The extra money is either used to purchase another needed item that costs the same amount as the balance or the balance is put into that particular child's account until it is needed for a particular purpose (i.e. serious medical treatment, tragic circumstances, university fees, etc.).

**Q: How often should I write to my child?**

A: We recommend at least two to three times a year-the more the better. The children love receiving your letters. Their faces light up when they receive a letter. Many of them hang them on their walls or keep them in a safe place. They read them numerous times and deeply treasure them. This is an excellent way to invest in your child. As they read your words, they are able to establish a connection with you. This is also a wonderful opportunity to share the love and Gospel message of Jesus to them.

**Q: May I visit my sponsored child?**

A: Yes, there are short-term trips that are scheduled throughout the year. On these trips at least one day can be designated for sponsors to spend time with their children. If you are interested in these trips, please e-mail [hfuchildsponsor@gmail.com](mailto:hfuchildsponsor@gmail.com) or [iluvafrica80@gmail.com](mailto:iluvafrica80@gmail.com).

**Q: Whom may I contact if I have further questions?**

A: You may e-mail the sponsorship team at [hfuchildsponsor@gmail.com](mailto:hfuchildsponsor@gmail.com) or call LaVieta Lerch at 814-745-2407. We are more than happy to answer your questions or assist you in any way that we can. Thank you.