



Your Sponsorship Questions Answered

Welcome to the Sponsor A Child family! Included in this portfolio is information about your child, their school, and the broader work of Partners International in the region. Also included is a form to write to your child (see paragraph on page 2) and a return envelope for your next check. Please remember to indicate your child's code number (found on the picture card) on your check to facilitate proper receipting of your gift.

How are the funds I send used?

All contributions go into a fund which helps every child in the Sponsor A Child program, whether they have an individual sponsor or not. Since schooling is not free in most developing countries, your sponsorship helps provide tuition, uniforms, textbooks, school supplies, and evangelistic outreach to the students, their families and neighborhoods. Some programs provide meals, fortified milk, medical help and help with teachers' salaries.

Will you bill me for payments?

No, you will only receive a receipt, part of which serves as a form to return with your next gift. We do send a reminder note if you get behind in your giving. If for some reason you cannot find your form, just note your child's code number on your check. You may send your gifts monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or yearly.

Does a child have more than one sponsor?

No, each child has only one sponsor. A "sponsor" can be an individual, a family, several friends, a Sunday school class, ladies' circle, school or other group. If a group takes on the sponsorship of a child, we ask that one person serve as the correspondent to receive communications from the child, general mailings from Partners International and to send in the funds. Anyone in the group is welcome to write a letter to the child, but a reply from the child will be sent to the designated correspondent.

How long does a sponsorship last?

This is up to the sponsor, but we trust you will make a commitment for at least one year. Many of our sponsors have been helping children for over 10 years and have found it to be a real source of blessing. However, we understand that circumstances may change and we ask that you let us know if you find it necessary to discontinue your sponsorship.

Will I always have the same child to sponsor?

Yes, as long as the child stays in our program. Many sponsors support their child through the child's entire education. However, some children leave school because they need to work to supplement family income. Some families move away seeking better housing or employment. Sometimes the family's financial situation improves and assistance is no longer needed.

What happens when the child assigned to me leaves the program?

Our field office advises us when any child leaves the program. As soon as we receive this information, we pass it on to the sponsor along with information about another child that he or she may be interested in sponsoring.

Do the children come from Christian homes?

Most of the children come from non-Christian families where they are often required to follow the religion of their parents and grandparents. The children come from Hindu, Muslim, and

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Buddhist backgrounds along with many varieties of tribal religions. The sponsorship program presents an excellent opportunity to introduce Christ's light into the darkest of homes.

What kind of schools do the children attend?

The majority of children in the program attend local government schools. In addition to their secular studies, the children receive spiritual guidance from Sponsor A Child workers at Bible club programs and Sunday school classes. These children may also attend church services, camps and other special activities.

May I correspond with my sponsored child?

Yes, the children are always thrilled to receive letters and a picture from their sponsor. A letter from their sponsor makes it easier for them to write to you. Please remember that every letter you write must then be translated and can take up to two months to reach your child. Therefore we cannot promise a flow of letters in a "pen-pal" manner.

Please keep your letters short and simple—tell about yourself, your family, favorite Scripture verse, a pet, special interests, leaving out information about material possessions. Send all letters to Partners International and we will forward them to the field for translation and delivery to the child. Please do not include your address on items going to the child. Be sure that your child's code number is written on all items of correspondence.

May I send gifts to the child I sponsor?

We are happy to have sponsors send money for special occasions such as birthdays. You may send this with your monthly support. Please make it clear that the extra money is to be used to buy a gift for your child. Yours and the gifts of other sponsors are pooled by the field to buy gifts for all the SAC children in that program. This will help avoid conflicts or competition among the children, some of whom don't have a sponsor. We also have a special fund for the children's Christmas party and gifts called Christmas Cheer. All Christmas love offerings are placed into this fund, so that all the children share equally in the blessings. We cannot send packages to the

children; however, we will gladly forward to the children small, flat, inexpensive gifts such as photos, bookmarks, postcards, and stickers.

How often will I hear from my sponsored child?

The children will write two letters plus a Christmas greeting during the school year.

May I visit my sponsored child?

The ministries are delighted to have sponsors visit the children. Please let us know well in advance of your visit so proper arrangements can be made. We cannot ask the child's family to entertain the sponsor, but we will make arrangements for a nice visit with the child. Please remember that your child may not speak English. Also, some of the children live in remote locations or areas where foreign visitors are not allowed or where it would be very difficult to travel. But generally, when a sponsor visits his or her SAC child, it is a blessing to both.

What if I have questions about my sponsorship or my child?

Please feel free to write or call us at (800) 966-5515 any time you have a question regarding our program in general or a specific question about your child. It is our earnest desire that your relationship with your sponsored child be meaningful for you.

What is Partners International and what are some results of the SAC program?

Partners International is a global ministry that works to create and grow communities of Christian witness in partnership with God's people in the least Christian regions of the world.

This concept of partnership works well with the Sponsor A child program as children are the building blocks of any society. Many sponsored children grow up to serve as "evangelists" to their own families and communities. Many go on to Bible school and become full-time Christian workers.

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