Helpful Hints

How to Correspond With Your Child

Writing letters is not everyone's favorite pass time. It is especially difficult to write to a little person you hardly know. Although we do not insist that sponsors correspond with their children, we encourage it whenever possible, because it makes the relationship more real to both sponsor and child.

The children love post cards, stickers and your family photo. They appreciate and treasure them. We send these by bulk mail to save postage from our home office. An occasional card or letter will therefore be most welcome, if only to say, "We are thinking of you" or "We love you."

1. Please write the **child's complete ID number**, on all correspondence to the child. You will find this # inside the folder with the picture of the child. The first one, or two digits of the number, is the country code, the letters are the school code and the number is unique to your child. This whole ID # is important for correct delivery.

DO NOT write your address anywhere on the letter to your sponsored child, only your name. Also, use plain paper instead of a letterhead. This is for your own protection and for assuring that your child receives the correspondence.

2. Mail your child's letter or card to:

REACH International, Inc.

PO Box 187

Spencerville, MD 20868

USA

- 3. All correspondence with your child needs to go through the Maryland office. When you correspond with your child, please only include one of the above mentioned items. Any additional items you send will be equally distributed at orphanages/projects.
- 4. You may send gift money for the children. All such money is pooled in a JOY FUND, and each child receives a gift of equal value. It is hard for children to see some children getting money and large gifts from sponsors while they receive nothing. This seems like the only fair way to distribute the funds for the children. This money can be sent directly to REACH International and designated as JOY FUND.
- 5. When a group sponsors a child, please follow one of these options:
 - Appoint one person to be the letter writer OR
 - Take turns in writing to the child OR
 - Let one person write a card or letter and everyone sign it.
- 6. Remember to send only small, lightweight cards and letters because postage is expensive. If you have any questions, please call us at (301) 879-4939 or email us at *info@reach.org*.
- 7. Please include the Sponsor ID# on all checks and money transactions to make sure they are properly credited to your account.
- 8. We accept Visa and Master Card. Just include the CC#, the expiration date and your email address. You can also go to our website www.reach.org and pay online yourself.

Please include the work of REACH, your sponsored child, and those who serve your children, in your prayers.

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