



Children Sponsorship Program Frequently Asked Questions

Sponsoring a child through ServLife is an excellent way to perform an act of justice and make a difference in a child's life by rescuing them from a life of poverty and despair. Your sponsorship will ensure that children in the regions of the world we work will get an education, healthy food, love, and opportunities to hear about the love of Christ. With over 100 active sponsors, God is continuing to provide opportunities for ServLife to care for at-risk children around the world.

What children do you sponsor?

-We sponsor children that are either directly under the care of a ServLife Children's home or children in the communities we serve. The areas we currently are sponsoring children are located in India, Nepal, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

How much does it cost to sponsor a child?

-\$30 per month will go towards sponsoring a local child; your sponsorship will go towards housing, food, medical needs, school uniforms and book costs.

Does my monthly sponsorship amount cover the child's full expenses?

-No, the expenses exceed more than \$30/month, when including the administrative and staff expenses to care for the children. Some sponsors send in extra donations to help cover these expenses.

What is my role as a ServLife child sponsor?

-When you commit to sponsoring a child, you play an integral part in helping to holistically care for the future and well being of your child. Your regular donations and prayers directly impact your child and help to equip them as they receive an education and are exposed to and experience the love of Christ.

Can I write the child I sponsor?

-Yes. You can write and receive letters from your child, and you are encouraged to do so. When you sign up to become a sponsor, you'll receive some letter writing guidelines to use for communicating with your child.

Can I visit the child I sponsor?

-Yes. We can arrange a visit for you and your family to visit the child you have sponsored.

How does my gift reach my sponsored child?

-When ServLife receives the donation for your child, we then send it directly to the ServLife office in the country or region where your child lives. The funds are then exchanged for local currency and sent directly to the children's home where your child lives.

How will I receive updates or correspondence from my sponsored child?

-Our goal at ServLife is to update each child sponsor twice per year, with at least one update including a new picture and a handwritten letter from the child to their sponsor. Just like with our sponsors, we strongly encourage each child to write to their sponsor at least once per year, preferably twice per year. If there is a change in the life of the child you sponsor, we will attempt to update you as quickly as possible after being notified by our staff in the country where your child lives. Some examples of instances where additional updates would be given are: if the child leaves the home for any reason, becomes very ill, etc...

May I send my child a special gift or care package?

-Yes. However, we ask that you limit gifts to small, flat items that can fit in a No. 10 envelope (4^{1/8}"x9"). Be creative when sending items to your child, even the smallest and seemingly insignificant gift will be treasured by your sponsored child for years to come. Some ideas of things to send are: bookmarks, postcards, hair ribbons or small barrettes, sheets of stationery paper, pictures to color, a photo of yourself and/or your family, a picture drawn or colored by your own children, etc...

How can I pray for my sponsored child?

-Praying for your child can be as important as your monthly donations. Many children come from a religious background that is not Christianity. Although each child is taught about God and His love for them, it may take time for the child to understand the gift they have been given in Jesus. Below are prayer points for children in our sponsorship program:

- Pray for understanding that they may know the sacrifice made for them and accept Christ as their Savior.
- Pray for emotional, physical and spiritual healing from any situation they may have been in prior to coming to the orphanage or that they may be dealing with each day before and after their school program.
- Pray for good health, as many were malnourished when joining the program and all live in countries where there is a lack of nutritious food and clean water and a risk of various medical conditions such as Hepatitis and HIV/AIDS.
- Pray that your child will excel in school so that they can break the chains of poverty that has held their family. Pray that they will be able to learn a trade to support themselves and their family as they grow older.
- Pray for any specific requests that the child may send in their letter to you and pray in general for your child daily, just as you do your own children and family.
- Pray for the orphanage or school program that your sponsored child is in, that their needs will be met and can continue to rescue at-risk children.
- Pray for the safety of the orphanage or school program staff and children from persecution from those who oppose God.

What will happen if I can no longer sponsor my child?

-Please let us know immediately if you are unable to continue sponsoring your child. As soon as we are notified, we will begin searching for a new sponsor to ensure the child will be able to continue in the program.

What will happen if the child I sponsor leaves the program?

-In some cases beyond our control, a child will leave or move and we can no longer support them. If the child you are sponsoring should leave the program for any reason, we will notify you and send a profile card and welcome packet for a new child to sponsor. If you have automatic withdraw set up for your monthly sponsorship donation, we will update the donation to be contributing to the new child effective immediately.

What information should I not share?

-Your personal contact information such as home or work addresses, email addresses and phone numbers, material items that you own such as the type of home you have or car you drive, photos or comments that depict or suggest behavior that is not consistent with God's Word, telling your child that you want them to come to American or want to bring them to America, telling your child you will come to see them,... (they will expect you on the next plane out!).