

25 Project Writing Guidelines and Suggestions

Below are recommendations to assist in writing to your sponsored child. We hope that you understand that these guidelines are to protect each child while allowing you to experience the impact you are making!

Your letters don't have to be long.....

- Topics: Use your letters to encourage. Share your love for your sponsored child and remind them that you pray for them. Topics may include: family members' names, ages, pets, interests, hobbies, prayer requests, encouragement, artwork, favorite Bible verses, favorite holidays and why, etc. Letters should allow the children to get to know their sponsors.
- Pictures: You may include 1-2 pictures (4" X 6") of your family. **Please be aware of the background in the photos you include.** Be sensitive to your child's life and the poverty they have experienced. Exclude photos that include your home, car, or other similar things.
- Things to Avoid: Please don't make promises that can give false hope. Avoid writing that you will come to visit. Your intention may be to visit, but share that you "hope" to visit. Avoid offers of help outside the scope of the sponsorship program. If you wish help in other supplies, contact Sarah Teasdale. Due to limited luggage space, send flat envelopes.
- Consistency: Please use the 25 Project letter templates. Please write a specific letter to EACH child you sponsor.
- Delivery of Letters: 25 Project mission teams deliver letters. You can be part of one of these teams! Letters received for you will be sorted and mailed to you. Please update your address with us if you move.
- Social Media: Some children may have access to social media. We ask that you not connect with any children via social media. Parents or caretakers have expressed concern with their children connecting with adults in this form. And, as with pictures, all posts would need to be sensitive to their situation.

Reminders of when letters for your child are due will be sent via email and posted on our social media. Letters for your child can be:

- **Mailed**: PO Box 2908, McKinney, TX 75070
- **Delivered**: 419 W. Louisiana St., McKinney, TX 75069
- **Emailed**: sarah@25project.org

The 25 Project has the right to hold or change any letter or photo that appears insensitive.