



quickly to our office and saves you postage. You can submit letters or photos electronically at: www.childcareministries.org/write-to-your-child/.

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Write a word of encouragement, your favorite scriptures or something about yourself. Please do not include any part of your address, email address or refer to material possessions or affluence.

For items sent via the U.S. postal service include on the envelope:

*Your Sponsor Number
Child's name / ID Number (ex. BU111-11111)
International Child Care Ministries
770 N High School Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46214*

Always include your sponsor number and your child's number on all your correspondence. *You can find your sponsor number and child's ID number on the website **Donor Portal** with your login. Your sponsor number and the child's ID number are included on written correspondence from us.*

Consult the gift guidelines on the website before including anything in your sponsored child's letter.



Child gifts with the greatest impact are financial, as they can be used to purchase items locally and avoid many problems that arise trying to send packages. **Do not send cash.**

Please confine any physical gifts to

small, *flat* items no thicker than ¼" that fit into a #10 business (4"x 9") or 8"x 11" envelope.

Written Replies from Children

Under normal circumstances a child may write you 2-3 times per year. Letters may take 3 months to arrive because of travel, translation, and mail. If your child has not yet learned how to write, letters will be written by a family member or adult friend. In addition, you should receive an updated photo every 2 years. **Please keep in mind, letters and photos are less frequent when countries are in crisis.**

Beyond Sponsorship

Through special one-time gifts or regular giving beyond sponsorship, International Child Care Ministries can provide crisis relief, food supplements, urgent medical care and responses to other needs and creative opportunities.

Supporters who can't commit to monthly sponsorship will often give to special projects like a food fund (Burundi, India, Haiti), anti-trafficking or where needed most. These are also significant ways to help children in need.



Sponsor a child. Change a world.

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www.childcareministries.org
childcareministries@fmcusa.org

800.342.5531 ext. 502
317-616-4740 (direct line)

About ICCM Sponsorship



Our Vision

We dream of a world where every child is loved, safe and developing their God-given potential.

Our Mission

Partnering with the global Free Methodist Church, we advocate

for the spiritual, physical, cognitive and social development of children.

Our responsive, interactive website, www.childcareministries.org allows sponsors to view child sponsorship details. The ICCM website can be explored without a login.

To see your specific sponsored child(ren)'s information like name, child number, birthday, age, parent's names, you need a login which is tied to your email or cell number. You cannot login to multiple accounts with the same email or cell number.

Pledge Amount

\$30 a month – one dollar a day.

Length of Commitment

We hope your commitment to sponsor a child will continue until the child finishes high school or turns 21, whichever comes first. However, if a student turns 22 in their last year of school, they're allowed to complete the school year. If at any time you feel unable to continue, contact the ICCM office. If a child moves away or becomes ineligible for some reason, we inform you and give you the opportunity to transfer or decline your pledge to a new child.

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How the Pledge is Used

- ◆ 80% (\$24) is given for direct benefits to the child, to support his or her education and development.
- ◆ 5% (\$1.50) is invested in scholarships for secondary school students who lose their sponsor before they graduate.
- ◆ 15% (\$4.50) is used for support services and administration.

Missed Payments

Please make up missed pledge payments as soon as possible. When calculating your “paid-through date,” the next payment you make is applied to the missed month(s).

Program Set-up

ICCM children receive the benefits of sponsorship in four ways, each suited to their situation. Our approach is designed to fill in gaps in available local resources (parents, churches, governments), which vary in the 33 countries in which we have work.



- ◆ **Schools.** More than half of our 20,000 children attend Free Methodist schools. Support normally pays for tuition, books, uniforms, and lunch.

- ◆ **Child Development Centers.**

Where public schools exist and are adequate, ICCM provides after-school programs which include tutoring, games, food and Christian education activities.



- ◆ **Hostels.** Some children, for a variety of reasons, require residential care to access education. They are welcomed into hostels.
- ◆ **Pastors' Children.** In some countries ICCM sponsors children of pastors and cross-cultural national missionaries. In some places, pastors' pay is either non-existent or too low to cover school fees and related expenses. This allows parents to devote themselves to their calling without sacrificing their children's education.

How to Send Support

Automatic payments through electronic funds transfer (EFT) or a credit card are the most cost-saving. Visit our website www.childcareministries.org or call us to begin this process.

We are happy to accept payments by check. Please make checks payable to *International Child Care Ministries*. Consider sending your pledge support quarterly, semi-annually or annually to reduce expenses. However, send it monthly if that works best for you.

A reply envelope is enclosed with each paper check receipt. The bottom 1/3 of your receipt is a remittance form to return with your next check. The top portion is for your financial records. EFT/credit card end of year statements are issued in January of the following year.

Send a Gift

Your sponsorship pledge helps support a child's development, including education and other essentials. But a gift beyond sponsorship is cherished by a child. In many cases, such a gift is used to purchase items that make life a bit easier, such as food, clothes or shoes.

How Gift-giving Works

Sponsors can send a special gift to their sponsored child every single month, or for birthdays or upcoming holidays. Our National Coordinators or other adults will help the child purchase gifts locally according to what is needed.



In some group settings, gift amounts are pooled to provide special celebrations for all children with birthdays that month. The pleasure all the children experience in recognizing and honoring one another outweighs any benefit that might come from a few children receiving gifts while the majority do not.

There are no administrative fees deducted from gifts to your sponsored child. 100% goes to the child and their family (or, in a few cases, the residence where he or she lives – see above).

Anticipate at least two months' lead time for an upcoming holiday or a child's birthday.

Visit the website www.childcareministries.org/send-a-gift/ for additional details on gift-giving.

Write Your Child

We send all letters, cards and photos once a month. Sending your letters and photos to us digitally does not get them to your sponsored child any faster, but it does get them more