



thank you
for giving us a future

Grace Giving International

Child Sponsorship

about my sponsorship

GGI's sponsorship program focuses on helping at-risk children living in poverty by allowing them to experience the fullness of God's love and the life he envisioned for them. Sponsorship gives both the children and their community hope for their future.

As a sponsor you'll have the opportunity to correspond with your child and family via email and build a personal relationship with them and if desired personally visit them.

Sponsorship strives to raise confident, positive, loving children in a Christian environment. Our Christian staff show God's love to the children and teaches them to show that love to others. While poverty presents many needs and roadblocks to a child's upbringing, your decision to change a life of a child forever gives them hope that they would have never had otherwise.

This Sponsorship Guide will answer the most frequently asked questions concerning sponsorship. From writing your child to understand their life, this guide will cover the topics you need to know to successfully enter into a relationship with a child in need.

GGI's goal is to develop programs that not only assist children in need but also provide the platform to incorporate the community in the solution. Local community involved is critical in the success of our projects and your sponsorship allows this working partnership to flourish. Thank you for making a difference in the life of a child in need.



✓ Do you feel God's calling to help children living in poverty and expand the ministry of GGI in your area?

Call us to learn how to become a GGI Ambassador!

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about me

As a sponsored child I live in a community or situation that does not provide opportunities for education, health care, or a supportive environment in which I can grow with a hope for the future. Your sponsorship means so much to me and it represents the best chance I have at a brighter future.

I am only one of many children in my community and thank you for selecting me to be your sponsored child. I do ask that you remember my friends and family and pray for us as a community. While every sponsored child's family situation is unique, we all hope for a brighter future and the ability to enjoy God's creation to it's fullest.

I am also very anxious to hear from you and exchange emails so that we may better know each other and perhaps someday meet. As a sponsored child I will do my best to make you proud of me, my schooling and my contributions to my family. I will share with you my favorite things to do, my day to day life activities, and my dreams.

As a sponsored child I also need your prayers for my community, my family, my friends, and myself. Sponsorship is helping us live a better life but your prayers are just as powerful and desired.

I'm also very interested in learning about your life, your family, and what it is like being you and living in your country. My curiosity is no different than any other child around the world. Please share with me your world as we share our friendship.



Like other sponsored children, I represent a hope that my parents did not have and thus I thank you for being a part of my family and making us a part of your family.

*Blessings,
Your sponsored child.*

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corresponding with your child

All sponsors are encouraged to email their sponsored child on a regular basis and develop a personal relationship with the child and child's family. This bond will enhance the experience for both sponsor and child and change a financial relationship into a true Godly based friendship.

Sponsors can correspond with their children by emailing a message to GGI at: **john@gracegivinginternational.org** and include the child's name in the subject line. Email messages are combined with other sponsored children's emails and forwarded to the child's location for distribution once every quarter.

When writing your child, remember that their level of wealth is drastically different than yours. Select topics to write about that the child can relate to such as family, health, work, school and play. Material items and pleasure activities are few and far between, all of which the child would have a hard time relating to.

It's also encouraged to include your children in the emails and photos so that your sponsored child can relate to other children and a mutual bond of friendship can be developed.



✓ Photos of you and your family will be treasured by your children. Please include only modest photos with a short description of the photo. Remember that photos attached to emails will be printed in black and white.

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sending me gifts

GGI encourages but also cautions sponsors from sending gifts to their children. Due to the difficulties in actually getting a gift to the child – mail often never makes it – GGI offers to hand carry gifts as the only option for sponsors. Simply contact GGI and ask when the next short term mission team or GGI representative is traveling to your child's area. We will contact the them and ask if they will carry your gift to your child's country. If they accept your gift we ask that you follow these simple suggestions.

1. Respect the child's culture and faith in selecting your gift.
2. Select a gift that is relevant and useful in the child's environment.
3. Select a gift that can fit into a gallon zip lock bag or 6" x 9" envelope.

sending a financial gift

The most convenient method to bless your child with a gift is through a financial donation. GGI will then work directly with the child and family to assist in purchasing the needed items for themselves and their family. If you wish to bless your child and their family with a special financial gift, simply designate your contribution as an Extra Gift for your Sponsored Child and include the child's name. GGI will report back to you what your child was able to purchase with your gift.

An appropriate amount of money to send to your child is between \$50 and \$100 dollars depending on the needs of the family. Typically a \$100 gift will purchase a mattress, shoes, blanket, a small bag of rice, and a few small items. Depending on the family, a goat may be purchased for milking.

The most appropriate time of year to send a financial gift is in Oct/Nov as a designated Christmas gift.

✓ Gift Suggestions:

- Coloring books or paper
- Colored pencils and sharpener
- Picture postcards
- Balloons
- Home made drawings
- Holiday / Birthday Cards
- Stickers

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visiting me

GGI encourages sponsors to visit to their sponsored children if they are financially able to do so. We believe that a face to face meeting between sponsor and child will create a lasting relationship and impact both lives for eternity. Every year, GGI sends short term mission teams to our projects to assist in various ways and sponsors are invited to join one of these groups or travel independently. If you'd like to plan a trip to visit your child please call or email Grace Giving International.

how to help my family and friends

Sponsorship is often a small ripple in a community of great need. Your sponsored child often has family and friends that are also in need of assistance. From orphans living with grandparents who are unable to care for them to widows and street children, there is plenty of opportunity to lend a helping hand to your sponsor's family and friends.

If you would like to find out how you can extend your blessing beyond your child's immediate needs please contact GGI and inquire about opportunities for family assistance sponsorship programs in your child's area.



✓ Fact:

Approximately 50% of Africans are estimated to be living on less than \$1.25 a day qualifying them as officially living in extreme poverty according to the World Bank.

why my sponsorship may end

Sponsorships are designed to impact the local community and children in the areas most needed and thus each sponsorship project's objectives and goals are different. With this in mind, child sponsorship may end due to various reasons.

Child Has Graduated!

Children successfully graduate from their schooling, graduate from the sponsorship program, or simply mature into a self-sufficient adult.

Child Leaves the Sponsorship Program

Occasionally a child moves or for various family, health, cultural, or religious reasons chooses to leave a sponsorship program.

When a sponsorship ends, GGI will notify the sponsor and offer them the opportunity to help another at-risk child.

praying for your child

Praying for your child is the greatest gift you can give them. GGI reaches out to children both physically and spiritually and shares with them God's unconditional love. As you begin to pray for your child, please pray that they will come know God's love, the gift of salvation through faith in Jesus, and God's purpose in their life.



- ✓ Prayer Suggestions:
- That God will meet the needs of the children
 - That the community will understand GGI's ministry is based on our faith in Jesus
 - For your child's specific needs

about family sponsorship

In select areas GGI may offer family sponsorships where the family and community need is so great that child sponsorship does not meet the basic needs. Family sponsorships assist widows, grandparents raising grandchildren, families with no income or food, AIDS affected families, and single parents with no income.

Similar to child sponsorships, sponsors are able to correspondence with the family, send gifts, visit the family, and are encouraged to pray for the family's specific needs. In some situations the family sponsorship is combined with a child sponsorship program to meet the needs and offer hope to those with no hope.

Family sponsorships are also designed to share the word of God and our personal faith in Jesus with the family and encourage them to live their life as a child of God. GGI believes the true healing of a heart comes from both physical assistance as well as spiritual.



GGI's Uganda project shared God's love and provided physical assistance for these two women after their husbands left them and their children. The abandoned families were left with no income or support.

about teacher sponsorship

In select areas GGI sponsors local teachers that assist in providing educational opportunities to children in need. Their role as teacher extends far beyond the classroom though. Besides being qualified to teach, they also assist in our ministry of sharing God's love and ministering to the children and the community.

Teacher sponsorships also require a commitment from the sponsor to view the sponsorship as a relationship and partnership in ministry. To fulfill this, GGI only accepts teacher sponsors who are committed to emailing their teacher on a regular basis, pray for their teacher's ministry opportunities, and if possible be a teacher themselves.

If you are interested in becoming a teacher sponsor please contact GGI for more information.



Irene and Andrew, shown here, are GGI teachers at the Fountain of Hope Primary School in Uganda. The Christian based school is a GGI funded project serving over 600 rural Ugandan children and impacting the local economy and spiritual well being.

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making donations

Your donations make Grace Giving's ministry possible and help share God's love and provide needed assistance to children and families in need. GGI offers multiple methods for you to give.

Our Automatic Monthly Giving option allows you to securely and conveniently make your sponsorship or donation via a debit or credit card. Utilizing this method gives you the peace of mind knowing you'll never miss a donation and allows GGI to keep our administrative work to a minimum. Automatic giving is accessed on our self service Donation tab at www.gracegivinginternational.org. Users of this system have online access to their giving history as well as printable tax receipts.

When you send your donation by check or money order, please be sure your check has your name, address, and child, family, or teacher name on it. Annual tax receipts will be emailed to all sponsors.

Sponsorships and donations are tax deductible. If you have any questions please feel free to visit our website or contact us directly.



This single mother family of four daughters received sponsorship and assistance when their mother (far right) was diagnosed with cancer.

Sponsorship and gifts enabled the family to survive during the mother's sickness.

After her passing, the daughters moved into GGI's boarding house where they continue their schooling.

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GGI is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to reaching out to children, families, and communities in need to share God's love through physical and spiritual healing. Your decision to partner with GGI is a partnership in God's plan of providing hope to all people of the world. Your sponsorship has permanently linked you to the child, their family, and community as they find hope in their future and purpose in their life. Please "adopt" them in your heart and pray for their well being.

In addition to sponsorship, GGI operates Christian primary schools, provides no interest / no fee Micro Loans to adults to assist in starting businesses and provide income, provides assistance to widows and orphans, offers humanitarian assistance as needed, provides medical assistance, and assists the local Christian community and churches when needed.

If you would like to join our team by becoming a GGI Ambassador in your area and advocate for children, please contact us. Your Ambassadorship and willingness to share GGI's work and promote our sponsorship programs will enable us to reach more children and change more lives for the better. Thank you on behalf of all children



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