



## FAQ's

### What is a child sponsor?

A child sponsor is an individual, a couple, family, Sunday school class, etc., who has decided to personally invest in the life of a child in need. You can build a relational and prayerful connection with your child while helping to financially support his or her well-being.

### Does my child directly receive the money?

When you make a sponsorship payment, the money goes to the ministry that your child belongs and is combined with the money of other sponsors. In turn, the facility can provide for the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of the children. Birthday and Christmas money does go to your child; however all the kids participate in celebrations, so excess money will help others also.

### How much of the \$30 goes to the orphanage?

\$5 is kept in a special account for administration costs and for emergency needs at the orphanage/daycare.

### How long do I sponsor my child?

Many of the children have experienced little consistency in their lives, so we would love for you to continue sponsorship for as many years as you are able. However, we understand that circumstances arise, and if you can no longer continue please let us know immediately. Also, a child's circumstances could change and they leave the orphanage. Likewise, should this happen we will inform you and offer the opportunity to sponsor another child.

### Can I visit my child?

You may join one of the many teams SCORE sends to the Dominican Republic, or you can visit your child if you are visiting the DR as a tourist. You must contact our home office to arrange a visit with your child.

### Can I write a letter to my child?

We definitely encourage this! Writing your child letters is a good way to demonstrate that he or she matters. Here are some important tips and suggestions:

- Keep your letters short and simple
- Tell about your family – we encourage sending photos of your family
- Share family activities and what you enjoy doing
- Share about your relationship with Jesus
- Share about the area where you live
- Be an encouragement in any way you can; let your child know you are praying for him/her
- Do not elaborate on material possessions such as the size of your home or about your car since they live in poverty
- Do not “open the door” to your child by inviting them to visit you or even asking what kind of gift your child wants. It is also not best to give your email or telephone number
- Be careful about using slang or colloquialisms that may not translate
- If the child is being sponsored by a group, it is best that one person be appointed to write the letters

*Send your letter to SCORE International, P.O. Box 9994, Chattanooga, TN 37412, ATTN: Child Sponsorship*

## More on Letters and Gifts

### Letters

You will receive a minimum of two letters a year from your child (Christmas/Easter). Not all children can write, so sometimes they send a picture or card.

We encourage you to write accordingly and send a letter twice a year. A SCORE staff member will translate your letter into Spanish.

### Packages

Many people ask to send gifts to their sponsored child; however, due to restrictions on how we send letters/packages to the Dominican Republic, please use a 9 ½" x 14 ½" Bubble Mailer Envelope. **If you send a package bigger than this, please include a donation check to help pay for shipping. We suggest \$12.**

#### Items We Suggest

**Small Toys:** Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy trucks, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls.

**School Supplies:** Pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring books, stickers, composition books, and Spanish children's books.

**Hygiene Items:** Toothbrush, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

**Clothing:** Shirts, underwear, socks, ball caps, hair clips, and toy jewelry.

**Photos of your family**

### Birthday/Christmas Gifts

To give a birthday or Christmas gift, please log on to [www.scoreintl.org](http://www.scoreintl.org) then click **Donate Now** and click on **Child Sponsorship**. There you will see a birthday gift icon. Please give only \$25 for birthday/Christmas gifts. You must enter your child's name in the memo and a SCORE staff member in the country will coordinate Christmas/birthday parties at the orphanage/daycare.

*Please use label below and include inside your letter/package.*

*More labels can be found on our website under Resources > Child Sponsorship*



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pasitos de Jesus     Emanuel House     Josiah's House

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_