

## Caroline's Promise Child Sponsorship

### Frequently Asked Questions

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#### How does my sponsorship work?

- If your child attends Casita Adonai (our partner school), sponsorship goes toward their tuition. Their parent pays the other portion. During their summer months when they are not in school, they receive large supplies of food (cooking oil, rice, beans, milk, cereal, etc.)
- If your child does not attend Casita Adonai but attends the church or the project in Gerona, they receive large supplies of food.
- A portion of your sponsorship goes toward a Caroline's Promise administrative fee, and a portion pays our Guatemalan staff to administer the program.

#### What is expected of me now?

- Please place the sponsor card you received in a prominent place (e.g. on the refrigerator) so you are reminded to think of and pray for your child on a regular basis.
- You are encouraged to write letters to your child. Letters are delivered when teams go to Guatemala, and you will receive emails whenever we plan to send a team down with the letters. The email will include an upcoming due date to get your letter to us by. We will have all letters translated to Spanish when we get them from you.
- Consider being a part of one of our short-term mission teams to Casita Adonai in the coming years so you can meet your child in person. Let us know if this is something you would like to consider.
- Spread the word about Caroline's Promise and Casita Adonai to family, friends, co-workers, churches, etc, and let us know of any opportunities that arise for us to share about our work.

#### Can I send gifts?

- Due to the challenges we have with sending gifts to Guatemala, we ask that any gift you send be limited to what can fit in a business size envelope or a card envelope (such as stickers, bookmarks, greeting cards, pictures to color, or photos).
- If we receive a gift larger than the size indicated above, it may have to be returned to you. Exceptions may be made to this if a team from the US is willing and able to transport items to Guatemala at designated times during the year. We will notify you in advance

when we have a team going. These gifts would need to be able to fit in a gallon-sized Ziploc bag.

- Our team in Guatemala would be more than happy to purchase a gift for your child's birthday and/or Christmas if you would like to donate for that purpose. You can do so by sending a check or by donating online. Please let us know who the gift is designated for and if it is for your child's birthday or Christmas.

### **How long should my letter be?**

- A simple one-paged letter is ideal.

### **What should I include in my letter?**

- Your name (first names only and NO ADDRESSES please).
- Your favorites (colors, games/sports, toys, hobbies, animals, etc.)
- What you like to do on the weekend, what you like to do for fun, ask them what they like to do for fun.
- Who lives with you (spouse, children, pets).
- Ask your child questions about school, what they like about it, their favorite subjects, etc.
- Encourage your child to write back to you and ask if there is anything they want to know about you or your family.
- Let them know that you are praying for them.
- Ask about the customs, climate, culture, and country.
- Encourage your child in their education, hobbies, and interests.
- Encourage your own child (if applicable) to write to your sponsor child as well (send hand-drawn pictures or decorate the letter for fun).
- Please consider your sponsor child's environment and culture. Be sensitive not to mention your material possessions or money, as this could make your child feel uncomfortable or deprived in some way.

### **Can I share my personal information with my child?**

- Do not send the child your last name, address, or any other type of personal contact information. This is to protect you in extreme instances where someone could use your information to get into the country and put you at risk of responsibility.

**What happens if my child is no longer attending the school?**

- 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 make arrangements to send a profile card for a new child to sponsor.

**Can I tell my child I want to visit them?**

- Please avoid making any promises to your sponsored child, because those promises will not be taken lightly. To avoid letting them down and emotionally hurting your child in the long run, please avoid saying you intend to visit them, you want them to come to the US, or you want to bring them to the US. Please avoid making promises of any kind.

**Can I connect with my child on social media?**

- We have been asked by our partners in Guatemala to NOT connect with children under the age of 18 and/or their parents on social media. Thank you for respecting this boundary.