

Letter Writing Guide

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INTRODUCTION

Introduce yourself, share about your favorite things, family, and facts about where you live

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BUILD RELATIONSHIP

Ask about their life, school, and family. Share some photos and a picture about yourself.

3

MAKE IT REAL

Respond to their questions, show empathy for hardships, and celebrate with joy their accomplishments.

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DISCIPLE

Encourage your child in their faith. Share a favorite verse. Let them know you are praying for them.



Writing Your Letter

What to do: Get to know your child by reading their profile or previous letters. Imagine what their life might be like living in a poor neighborhood, and take time to write a thoughtful letter. Plan to send a letter to your child twice a year.

Leave out: Don't include any personal contact information (email, phone, address or social media). Be mindful that an impoverished child and their parents will be reading your letter. Leave out photos or wording that indicates the economic imbalance of means between you and your sponsored child.

Senegal Note: It is very possible that your child's family is Muslim. Our partners have reminded us that while it is great to tell your child that God loves them, it is best to allow them to share about Jesus, so please refrain from doing so in your letters and focus on scriptures about God's love.

Submit your letter: You can submit your letter to go one of three ways.

- 1) Email letters to letters@goonthemission.com
- 2) Submit your letter on our website www.goonthemission.com/letters
- 3) Mail your letters to:

GO on the Mission, PO Box 2556, Silverdale, Wa 98383