



Dear ULA sponsor,

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We are writing to encourage you, if you have not done so in the past, to prayerfully consider writing occasional letters to your Lamb(s). Most children who receive letters are more motivated to work to improve their circumstances. Children who receive letters may feel more encouraged to participate and excel in the activities of their lives, demonstrating greater confidence in themselves and engaging in empathetic, cooperative behavior.

Many children who receive sponsor letters keep them, reading and rereading them, particularly when they are discouraged. Your letters of encouragement can give them hope, courage, and the belief that they can rise above any negative circumstances. Your letters can inspire your Lamb to study harder at school, to be more confident in his or her relationships, and to draw closer to God.

Clearly, however, it can be difficult to know what to write to a child you have never met, and who lives in a culture much different from yours. To help get you started, we borrowed letter-writing suggestions from Compassion International, another wonderful Christian child sponsorship organization. It's recommended that letters/emails be limited in length to a page or less; and remember that English is a second language for your Lamb, so keep it simple.

Here is an acronym, GREAT, an idea that also came from Compassion International, to help you get started:

- G — Greetings
- R — Remember something your sponsored child has said or you have heard about her/him, and build on it.
- E — Explain something about yourself, your family, or your life...keeping it *simple*.
- A — Ask your sponsored child a *simple* question about him/herself.
- T — Tell your Lamb how glad you are to be her/his sponsor, and close with a prayer or word of encouragement.

Please remember these are just suggestions. God will use your words to speak to the heart of your Lamb. If you need more ideas, the board has a more lengthy list that is available to you for the asking

As the mission team prepares to head to Uganda in September, you may want to have a letter "hand-carried" with them. Whether now, later, or any time, you may email any letters you would like to send to secretary@ugandanlambs.org or US mail them to ULAUSA, P.O. Box 90491, Long Beach, CA 90809, Attention: Board Secretary, and we will get them to the children.

On the reverse of this letter, please find a copy of ULAUSA's communication policy; and don't hesitate to let us know if you have any questions.

God bless you! *Board of Directors, ULAUSA*