Preparing to Meet Your Sponsor Child

Dear child sponsor,

I share your joy and anticipation to touch your child and see in person a life being changed by your loving commitment as a child sponsor. Together we pray and believe for this child to have great purpose in life for self, community and God.

As you prepare to travel, please pray and ask God how you can further inspire your sponsored child and family to know and love God. Be ready to tell your story of how you found a relationship with Jesus. Don’t hesitate to ask the eternal question, “Have you accepted Jesus as Savior.” Ask them to tell you their story.

An easy gift for the family can be a tablecloth or set of bed sheets. A box of chocolates are the desired sweets. Basic food items can be purchased locally.

Together, one life at a time, we are honored to be of God’s mission to love and save the world.

Jeanne DeTellis O’Connor

You are welcome to bring gifts for your sponsor child. Suggested list of items is listed below:

**SUPPLIES FOR ALL AGES:**

**School Supplies**
- pens/pencils
- pencil sharpener
- spiral notebooks
- rulers/erasers

**Hygiene Products**
- toothbrush/toothpaste
- bar soap*
- washcloth/hand towel
- hair brush/comb
- deodorant
- travel size toiletries* (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, etc)

**Clothing**
- socks
- underwear
- t-shirts
- flip-flops/sandals

**Other**
- flashlight with batteries or hand crank
- sunglasses
- buttons
- shoelaces

*please put soap and liquids into sealed plastic baggies

**BOY**

Preschool - 2nd grade (3-7 yrs.)
- whistle
- small ball
- markers
- Play-Doh
- stuffed animals

Third - 6th grade (8-11 yrs.)
- soccer ball/pump
- markers
- journals
- kites
- yo-yo
- kazoo
- small cars

Middle - High School (12 and up)
- soccer ball/pump
- watch
- athletic shorts
- baseball cap
- razors
- solar calculator
- playing cards
- necktie
- headphones
- water bottle
- bike repair kit

**GIRL**

Preschool - 2nd grade (3-7 yrs.)
- doll
- hair ribbons
- stuffed animals
- sundress
- markers
- Play-Doh

Third - 6th grade (8-11 yrs.)
- nail polish
- markers
- stickers
- small purse

Middle - High School (12 and up)
- headbands/hair accessories
- feminine hygiene products
- nail polish
- manicure set
- sports bra
- journal
- headphones
- water bottle
- small purse

You are welcome to give your sponsor child money. However, we do not recommend you give large amounts of money. Small bills are recommended.

There will be a translator there for you with your sponsor child. This is a great time of encouragement for you and your sponsor child.

We recommend putting your gift in something your sponsor child can carry. They travel 3-5 miles to visit with you and will need a way to transport items back home with them.

Please bring your sponsor child’s name and number with you on your trip. Information is sent ahead of time, but it is best to have information with you as well.