

GUIDELINES TO WRITING OR SENDING PACKAGES

DO

- We prefer you send a written letter to: Another Hope Children's Ministry Sponsorship, P.O. BOX 28407, Kampala. Please keep the letter simple and relatively short for those children aged 10 years below.
- Describe your country, city or town where you live, the climate in your country and what your surroundings look like during different seasons.
- Including interesting topics such as your interest and hobbies.
- Write about the customs and tradition of your country, the holidays you celebrate and the type of food you enjoy.
- Invite your children to write to you sponsored child/children. It might also be interesting for them to discuss the school they attend and describe what atypical day in school is like for them.
- Send photograph of yourself and your family, keeping in mind that photographs of individuals in revealing clothing are considered offensive.
- Send packages with small gifts for your child /children, ideally that can be shared with the other children at Another Hope Children's Ministries or at the child's home. Excellent choices are hair ribbons, stickers, photographs, postcards from different locations, foreign stamp, paper doll, etc. All letters/packages will be opened by Another Hope Children's Ministries staff being given to your child so that Another Hope Children's Ministries knows what items are contained in the letter /package. This is to make sure that the children are not receiving things that are prohibited.
- Keep your letters short and use simple words or phrases. This will help in correct translation of the letters as well as better understanding by the child/children.
- Celebrate the differences between you and your sponsored child/children and appreciate the diversity of their culture.
- Parking not more than \$50 items as package is said to be more than \$50,then taxes\are paid.

DO NOT

- Discuss materialistic issues. For a child or younger that has come from a life of poverty and abandonment, these type of issues are often difficult to understand. Please consider this when you send photographs or describe your personal surroundings to your sponsored child/children. Please be sensitive to discussions of materials possessions or money that might create stark contrast for children from poor communities
- Sending anything directly to your child /children (money, checks or packages).There is no way to track or receipt these funds.
- Send large or expensive items
- Expect items to get to the child/children quickly. It may take as much as 2-3 months to get small items. Letters, especially e-mailed letters, are much quicker but still take time to translate and forward on.

- Try contacting your child/children on your own way in any way. Also, do not attempt to make an on-site visit to the orphanage on your own in any way. This is for the safety of the children, and must go through the proper channels in order to do this.