



Sponsor Child

Communications 101

As the New Vision/SCORE sponsorship program and children's ministry has transitioned and continues to grow, some of the most asked questions from sponsors deal with communications with your sponsor children. I love seeing your eagerness to stay in touch with your little loves in La Represa with letters, pictures, drawings, and gifts, and I want to go over a few basics to keep you in communication with them.

WHAT SHOULD I WRITE ABOUT?

It is important to keep your words simple when writing to your sponsor child. Try not to use American phrases or slang terms that might be difficult to translate. Also, be sensitive to the fact that your sponsor child lives in poverty by not elaborating on material possessions.

Here are some great topics to discuss in your letters:

- Your family (including pets) and activities you like doing separately or together
- Your relationship with Christ and what He is teaching you and your family
- The city, state and neighborhood where you live
- Encouragement to work hard in school, be respectful, and love others well (include some relevant Bible verses)
- Don't forget to send pictures along with your card so your sponsor child can see what your family and life look like! They also love artwork and cards from your kids!





WHAT GIFTS CAN I SEND?

Children in La Represa rarely receive gifts, so it is a BIG DEAL when they come! Gifts are not a requirement, but they are always appreciated by the children and families. The simplest of gifts brighten these kids' days, and you can send them year-round. Especially consider birthday and/or Christmas gifts. In order to respect travel space, we ask that all gifts fit in a 9 ½ x 14 ½ bubble mailer envelope or gallon-size Ziploc bag. The best gifts include a combination of wants and needs. **Here are some ideas!**

School Supplies: Pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, notebooks, backpacks, erasers, Spanish books

Art Supplies: Crayons, markers, colored pencils, coloring books, watercolor paints, art pads

Hygiene Items: Toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, washcloths, bar soap, travel size shampoo

Clothing and Accessories: Shirts, pants, shorts, dresses, skirts, underwear, socks, shoes, sandals, ball caps, hair ties and accessories, and toy jewelry

Toys: Dolls, toy trucks/cars, stuffed animals, small musical instruments (kazoos/harmonicas), yo-yos, jump ropes, baseballs, bouncy balls, baseball glove

Miscellaneous: Your favorite snack (nothing that melts easily), a frame or photo album with pictures of your family, dollar store toys and trinkets

Online Donations: If you do not have time to purchase and send a Birthday or Christmas gift, SCORE offers the ease of online donations. On their website, follow the links to sponsor a child in La Represa, and then specify that you are donating money for a gift. The suggested amount is \$25, and those gifts are purchased in the Dominican.



HOW CAN I GET ITEMS TO LA REPRESA?

Letters and gifts can be taken to Andrea Lee, the New Vision Missions Assistant, to send with the next mission team. They can also be sent to the SCORE office (address below), as they send mission teams more frequently. Include the SCORE label below to ensure your package gets to the right place.

SCORE International
Attn: Child Sponsorship
P.O. Box 9994
Chattanooga, TN 37412



Communicate with your sponsor child as much as you possibly can! It truly makes a difference in their lives and behavior just knowing that you are thinking of and praying for them often. Thank you for the extra time and efforts you put into communicating with your sponsor child. It is a joy being on this side of the communications and seeing a child's face light up to see a picture and bag of goodies from his or her sponsor. Please contact me if you have any additional questions about staying in touch with your sponsor child!



Child's Name: _____

☐ Josiah's House ☐ Emanuel House ☐ Pasitos de Jesus

☐ Lily House ☐ Score Int'l MKs ☐ HSD ☐ La Represa

Your Name: _____

Email: _____