EL AYUDANTE NICARAGUA

Google Meet Video Call Prep Sheet

Step-by-Step Preparation for a Meaningful 15-Minute Live Connection

Welcome to Live Sponsor Video Calls

A live video call is an incredible opportunity to see your sponsored child face-to-face, hear their voice, share words of blessing, and experience the relational heart of El Ayudante firsthand.

> **Call Overview:** Calls take place via Google Meet and run for approximately **15 minutes**. A trained bilingual staff member or intern sits with the child in León to provide smooth, real-time Spanish/English translation.

Preparing Before Your Call

1. **Test Your Setup:** Ensure your device (laptop, tablet, or phone) has a functional camera, microphone, and stable internet connection. Use headphones if you are in a noisy room to minimize audio feedback.
2. **Quiet Environment:** Choose a well-lit, quiet location. Ensure light is in front of your face rather than behind you.
3. **Prepare 2–3 Prompts:** Time moves quickly when translating both ways. Having questions written down helps maintain natural flow.
4. **Review the Timing:** You will receive a confirmation email upon scheduling, a reminder 24 hours prior, and a direct Google Meet link 1 hour before the scheduled time.

Sample Questions & Conversation Starters

- *"What has been your favorite project or class in school recently?"*
- *"What games or sports do you like playing with your friends at HCN?"*
- *"Can you show me a drawing or project you've worked on lately?"*
- *"What is something you and your family are thankful for this month?"*
- *"How can my family and I be praying specifically for you and your household?"*

Tips for a Smooth Experience

- **Expect Translation Pauses:** Allow 5–10 seconds after speaking for the translator to relay your sentence in Spanish, and another pause while the child answers. Short, simple sentences work best.
- **Visuals Speak Universally:** Smiles, warm waves, and gentle facial expressions communicate love beyond words. If you have a family photo or pet nearby, feel free to show it on camera.
- **Close with Prayer:** Consider ending the final 2 minutes with a brief, sincere prayer blessing the child, their teachers, and their home.

Important Reminders

To ensure every child has an equal opportunity to connect with their sponsor, please schedule only **one call per child per session**. If you need to reschedule or encounter technical issues, contact `info@eanicaragua.com` right away.