EL AYUDANTE NICARAGUA

Sponsor Communication Guide

Connecting Across Miles: Practical Guidance for Writing, Encouraging, and Loving Your Sponsored Child

The Power of a Simple Letter

At El Ayudante, we believe that child sponsorship is not a financial transaction—it is a life-changing relationship. A single handwritten letter or short note tells a child that they are remembered, prayed for, and deeply valued by someone far away.

> **Key Principle:** Consistency and warmth matter far more than polished perfection. A two-paragraph note sent a few times a year means the world to a child in León.

Writing Tips & Content Suggestions

When drafting your messages, keep sentences clear, warm, and straightforward. Our bilingual staff and volunteers translate every letter into Spanish for the children.

- **Introduce Your World:** Share your first name, describe who is in your family, mention your pets, and describe your daily work or school life.
- **Ask Engaging Questions:** Ask about their favorite school subjects, games they play with friends, favorite sports, or what they enjoy eating. This gives them an exciting starting point for their response letters.
- **Share Everyday Moments:** Talk about changes in the seasons, a funny pet story, your garden, or a family holiday tradition.
- **Speak Words of Identity and Truth:** Remind them that God has unique gifts placed within them. Mention that you are proud of their effort in school and that you pray for them regularly.
- **Favorite Scripture:** Include a short Bible verse that brings you peace or encouragement (e.g., Psalm 139:14, Jeremiah 29:11).

Photos & Enclosures

A picture helps bridge the physical distance immediately. Children at HCN cherish photos of their sponsors and often keep them proudly tucked into their Bibles or school books.

- Family portraits, photos with household pets, or pictures showing the scenery where you live.
- Photos should reflect modest, respectful attire suitable for a Christian family setting.
- Small paper enclosures (such as bookmark mementos or flat stickers) can easily be placed inside standard envelopes.

Safety & Healthy Boundaries

To protect the safety, privacy, and well-being of both children and sponsors, please adhere to our communication guidelines:

- **No Direct Contact Information:** Do not include your personal phone numbers, physical street address, personal email addresses, or social media handles (Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, etc.).
- **Social Media Boundaries:** Please do not search for or initiate friend requests with students or their family members on social media. All communication flows through El Ayudante channels.
- **Gifts and Packages:** To ensure fairness among all 31 children at HCN, please do not mail packages directly. Special birthday and Christmas gifts are facilitated through the El Ayudante Celebration Fund.

How to Send Your Letters

You can send letters digitally or by mail:

- **Digital Submission:** Email your message and attached digital photos directly to `letters@eanicaragua.com`. Please include your full name and your sponsored child's name in the subject line.
- **Mission Team Delivery:** Visiting teams regularly travel to León. You are welcome to send letters with an upcoming team for in-person campus delivery.