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# Letter Writing FAQ

## How do I write a letter to my sponsored child? Where do I send it?

There are two ways that you can write a letter to your sponsored child – by mail or email. Unfortunately, we do not currently have the option to write letters through our website.

If you wish to send a letter through the mail, please send it to:

Music for Life  
PO Box 29690  
Bellingham, WA  
98228-1690

or

Music for Life  
PO Box 3100  
Langley, BC  
V3A 4R3

To email your letter, please send it to: [donorservices@africanchildrenschoir.com](mailto:donorservices@africanchildrenschoir.com)

## Are there certain criteria for writing letters?

We do have a few things that are helpful to us for processing your letters.

- *Please include both your ID number and your child's ID number.*
- *Include first names ONLY.*
- *Do not include any contact information, such as your city, address, or email address.*
- *Do not write about material belongings, as this may emphasize the divide between cultures, rather than foster the bridge we are trying to build.*

**!** *Do not include any information that could reveal your location beyond which state or province you live in.*

[CLICK HERE](#) for more ideas about what to write

Gift Ideas

Things to Say

## How long does it take for my child to receive my letter?

The cost and logistics of sending packages to Africa is excessive! Because of this, we usually only send parcels of letters to Africa every 2-3 months. Once your letter arrives in Africa, it is delivered to your child shortly thereafter.

## Does my child write his/her own letters? Is there a translator involved?

Yes, the children write their own letters! They begin to learn English at a young age in school. It is often the case that the younger ones are assisted by their teachers when writing their letters, as is with any young child. However, please be assured that the letters you receive are written by your sponsored child. We hope you enjoy witnessing your child's growth in their ability to write in English as reflected in their letters over the years!

## Could I send a gift or letter directly to my child in Africa?

All mail and communication must go through our offices; direct contact is not permitted. This is mostly to maintain the security of your contact information and prevent it from being revealed to those it was not intended for and preventing the negative consequences of such occasions. As well, we do not permit the sending of larger gift items or money, as they may cause feelings of jealousy among the children and confuse their understanding of what a sponsor/child friendship is all about.

## Why have I received a letter from one of my sponsored children, but not the other child that I sponsor?

There are many possible reasons for this, such as the children attending different schools, a child absent from school on the day the letters were written, or a delay in processing time. Regardless of the reason, you should receive the other letter soon! If you do not receive it within a month or so, feel free to contact us regarding this so that we can follow up on it and try to determine the reason for the delay.

## How often should I write to my sponsored child?

Many sponsors will write each month, while others write once or twice a year. It's really up to you! You should receive around 3 letters per year from your child.