

In the course of our work at The Mission House, we come across many children who are in desperate need of the basics of life. Many orphans and children are living in extreme poverty. They are born into a harsh, unfortunate world with no opportunity to realise their potential. These children need the help and hope that comes through sponsorship.

The Mission House offers an exclusive personal sponsorship program in response to the individual needs of children, as well as a unique partnership between the child, local church and you.



Statement of Values for Children

1. To ensure that children have their basic rights in life such as food, water, shelter, clothing, safety, education and health.
2. To provide lasting support with sustainable long term benefits for the child.
3. To empower children to ensure they grow up with life skills rather than creating a dependency culture.
4. To offer prayers for the welfare and development of children.
5. To help children develop hope based on values and beliefs, and to have experiences of knowing the love of God through others.
6. To deliver personalised support according to the individual needs and circumstances of children.



Why sponsor a child?

- To ensure a child has the basics of life.
- To give a child education and skills for the benefit of their personal future, their family and community's future, and eventually the future of their nation.
- To make your own contribution towards tackling world poverty.

How does it help?

1. **HOLISTIC CARE:** Individual needs led assessments are done with all of the children, ensuring that their emotional, physical and spiritual needs are met.

2. **BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY:** Children who benefit from sponsorship will often share with their families what they are learning at school, which also can include health and hygiene practices. Also, once they start work will send money home.

3. **LONG TERM ASSISTANCE:** A unique feature of The Mission House Child Sponsorship Program is that a percentage of the monthly sponsorship is saved in an interest bearing 'Scholarship Account'. When the child is 18 years old these funds can be used to provide help with education and skills development costs thus enhancing the opportunities for employment and providing significant assistance for a better future.

"Give a man a fish; you have fed him for today. Teach a man to fish; and you have fed him for a lifetime."



Country Options

You can sponsor a child almost any where. However our current priorities are: Madagascar, Zimbabwe, Ghana and Romania. If you have a special interest in another country please contact us or visit our website to find out what other sponsorship opportunities are available.



How do I become a Child Sponsor?

First of all choose from the options below:

1. **Individual Sponsorship:** Between you and a child.
2. **Syndicate Sponsorship:** This option makes it possible for you and a group of friends to get together to sponsor one or more children by dividing the donation among the members of the syndicate. NB. Each syndicate member sets up a personal Standing Order to The Mission House for the divided donation amount as agreed among the members.
3. **General Fund Sponsorship:** Regular or one-off donations by individuals or groups. These funds are used to support occasional one-off sponsorship requirements and events such as The Mission House Summer Camps for Orphans.
4. **General Fund Bequests & Legacies:** This is very easy to set up. Please contact us for advice about how to do it.

Then simply:

1. Complete the sponsorship and commitment forms and return to: The Mission House, PO Box 422, Harpenden, UK. AL5 3Z
2. You will then receive a confirmation letter thanking you for your commitment.
3. Soon after details about your child, including a photo, will be sent to you.



How much is a Child Sponsorship donation?

Until further notice:

£24 €36 Can\$52 US\$50

per child per month.
(we are able to accept donations in all four currencies)

How much is a General Fund donation?

That's entirely up to you, and if a syndicate, you and your friends.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. How much of my contribution will reach the sponsored child?
Ninety per cent. The other ten per cent equips us to administer the program.

2. How often can I expect to hear from the child?

Every 6 months you will receive an update on your child's progress. If your child has the means to communicate you may receive letters throughout the year. (Please note not all countries have a letter writing culture).

3. What happens if I cannot continue as a sponsor?

We will understand if your circumstances change, all we ask is that you inform us as soon as possible so that we can find a replacement sponsor for your child.

4. Can I send letters or gifts to the child?

Yes, you can send letters or gifts using the address we give you. Usually, this will be our in-country representative who will pass on your letter and/or gift to the child.

5. How long should my sponsorship last?

That's up to you, but ideally until the child is 18 years old.

For more information, please contact:

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