

# Good Shepherd's Fold Orphanage



## Corresponding with your child at GSF

The relationship between sponsor and child is the most important part of this program. Most of the children at GSF have come from very difficult situations. Many of them have never had anyone, or no longer have anyone, that is "theirs." It is a blessing for them to know someone cares about them, loves them, and is praying for them. Although the missionaries and staff at GSF provide all the love they can it is virtually impossible for them to give special one-on-one attention to each child. This is where you have the opportunity to touch the life of a child in a most awesome and profound way.

We suggested that you keep it very simple. A card, pictures of you and your family, or small packages will mean a lot. Due to the cultural differences please be sure the photos are modest in nature and do not show bare abdomens or thighs. Although these children do not have a lot as compared to children in the US they are very blessed by what they do have. By Ugandan standards they have much more and live in a much nicer home than the majority of the people in Uganda. We have to be very cautious not to impart materialism on the children. Ugandan culture is a survival culture and GSF is striving to prepare the children educationally, spiritually, and culturally for their adult lives as Ugandan citizens.

Below is a list of suggested items you may want to mail if you would like to send your child a small package. Postage can become fairly expensive so if you prefer to send a monetary gift to the child to purchase something on this end we ask that it will not be more than \$5. per gift. You can send it with your monthly contributions. Be sure that you include a note to Global Outreach when you do this and they will advise GSF. GSF will then either purchase the item for the child or take the child shopping. This is always a treat, especially for the older children.

### Suggested items to mail:

Stationary	Puzzles
Stickers	Art / Craft items
Toys – age / gender appropriate	Games – age appropriate
Educational toys / games	Card games (no gambling type)
Books - Christian theme & educational	Candy (pack in zip loc bag)
Girl items – hygiene, nail polish, etc.	Boy items – hygiene, etc.
Under garments	Christian shirts / hats

Remember to be sure to include the child's name and GSF# on all correspondence. **We ask that you do not include your address or email address within your correspondence to your child.** This is for your privacy and to insure that someone not authorized will not get your address or email. We have your information in file in order to handle the communication from your child to yourself.

I have had the privilege of seeing a child's face when they receive a card or package from their sponsor. What a precious sight. The joy on the child's face is indescribable. Should you have any questions please feel free to email us.

Thank you for your commitment to being a blessing to a child!

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*"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' "* Matthew 25:40