

July 2020

Dear Sponsors,

Let me begin by saying that we, as a ministry, have thought about you often because we have certainly seen a lot of unsettling things happening in our world recently, haven't we? It is our prayer that your experience during *such a time as this* has been one that is filled with the peace and the joy of the Lord. How can that be, you may ask? It is a blessing to understand from scripture that because of our loving and unchanging God, we can KNOW that even in the midst of what we are seeing and going through, He is faithful and always working for our good! In other words, if God is for us, who (or what) can be against us (Romans 8:31)? We will continue to pray that you will live by the Light of Jesus, no matter what the future holds, until He comes again! What a glorious day awaits us!

When international travel to Uganda was banned beginning in March, we realized we had a unique problem....the children's letters!! Because they are usually hand carried over by staff or mission teams, we were forced to use a shipping service, and thankfully, the letters arrived and we are grateful!! In fact, some children wrote to their sponsors prior to the lockdown, and we just received those letters too. We must share with you that, in regard to the pandemic, the children are very worried about their sponsors! They hear how the United States has suffered during this pandemic, and their tender hearts are touched. **If you write your child before Sept. 1st to let them know how you are doing, we will gladly ship your letter to your child.** Please mail your letter to Juna Amagara Ministries, P.O. Box 2384, Glen Ellyn, IL 60138 and write your child's name and ID number on the envelope. Your child will be more than blessed to hear from you, especially now.

And speaking of writing to your child, I know some of you send packages with your letters. We are so moved at your generosity and we want to give you a special thank you for your sacrifices. However, **with over 950 children in our program, it is not logistically possible to allow packages to be sent over any longer. Instead, you may provide a gift donation for your child.** We hope you will not be disappointed and pray for your understanding. The guidelines written on the back of this letter explain the policy we have put in place for sending gifts to your sponsored child. Any packages that arrive at our home office that do not meet these guidelines will be taken to a local charity. We thank you in advance for adhering to this policy and allowing Juna Amagara to do its work efficiently and in a financially responsible manner in regard to gifting to sponsored children.

In closing, I want to assure you that the children are doing well and your dedication to living out the gospel to take care of orphans and widows is why we see success in what we do. We thank you for faithful sponsorship. In the days ahead, **please continue to pray for the children** in the following ways....

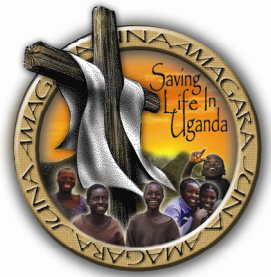
- 1.) God stirs their hearts to seek Him more each day
- 2.) They realize their God given potential and strive to live it
- 3.) The fears or doubts they may have are comforted by knowing God's love for them
- 4.) They continue to be motivated in doing their best in school (when it resumes) and daily routines
- 5.) Any caregiver they may have while not being active in our program will show love, patience, and guidance because children are valuable in God's sight
- 6.) That they remain free from Covid-19, HIV, malaria, or any other illness that seeks to destroy

Thank you for your praying! If you have any questions, you may reach us at sponsorship@amagara.org or at 318.686.7491.

Blessings,

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Sending Gifts to Your Sponsored Child

These guidelines are written in response to requests by sponsors for gift ideas that would be appropriate for their child should they want to give one. ***You are under no obligation to send gifts.*** Should you want to show your support in this manner, below is our policy on gift giving. Your child will be so grateful that you cared for them in this way.

As you may or may not know, child/sponsor correspondence is carried back and forth between the U.S. and Uganda by missionary travelers. Due to cost and limited space, our gift giving policy allows you to send items that will fit into a flat 9 x 12 envelope and weigh less than one pound. Examples include photos, cards, coloring books, stickers, bookmarks or any other *small* items appropriate to Christian values. Please mail your envelopes to the address above. **Your child's name and I.D. must be clearly seen on the outside of the envelope.**

If you want to fulfill a bigger need, go to our website (www.amagara.org) and click on the "Donate Now" box. Select amount to be donated. In the dropdown box, select "Gift for Sponsored Child" as the purpose. Scroll down to "Notes" and make an entry that states what special gift you would like your child to receive; for example, "birthday gift," "Bible," "most needed," etc. **Please also list your child's name and I.D. in the Notes section.** If you prefer to send a check rather than donate online, please mail the check to Juna Amagara at the address above. **In the memo section of your check, please clearly mark it as a special gift and add your child's name and I.D.**

If you're not sure what gift to provide, our staff will assess your child's needs and gladly purchase most needed items. You may also email us at sponsorship@amagara.org and request to know your child's needs. Most likely, it will be items and costs that you see listed below.

Bible - \$9	Sweater - \$7	School bag - \$6
Bible reading devotional - \$3	Notebooks - \$3	Traveling bag - \$12
Bible storybooks - \$9	Towel - \$5	Suitcase - \$12
School shoes - \$10	Water bottle - \$3	Water tank - \$26
Socks - \$1	Toothbrush/toothpaste - \$1	Solar panel - \$70
Clothes - \$6	Mattress - \$20	Pig - \$23
Underwear - \$2	Bed sheets - \$6	Goat - \$57
Sandals - \$2	Blanket - \$9	Sheep - \$43

Gift money is wired once a month to Uganda, and you will receive a thank you letter from your child along with a picture in response to your gift donation.

Thank you!

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and is a registered NGO in the Republic of Uganda