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Dear Sponsors,

Here are a few guidelines on how to correspond with your child:

- Be sure to put your child's name and number on the top portion of any correspondence. All correspondence should be mailed to the email address or street address above.
- Please type or print neatly. (Maximum of 3-4 lines for 5-6 year olds. This can be expanded when your child is old enough to read English.)
- Keep it simple. Write about things your child can relate to such as: your family, pets, sports, hobbies, climate differences, and your activities. As you write, encourage your child in schoolwork and in their relationship with the Lord.
- Please avoid references to things you own such as: cars, the size of your home, or material possessions. These children come from poverty, and this can give them the wrong impression.
- Photographs of your family are very much appreciated, as it will help your child get to know you and see what you look like.
- Please refer only to the state or province in which you live, not the city. For your privacy and protection, we do NOT allow direct mailings. Mail your correspondence, and it will be forwarded. Also, our policy does not allow us to send maps, addresses or phone numbers.
- Although we can't send gifts to the children during the year, sponsors may have a Duka basket made for your child and family. This basket is \$20, and it is distributed in October. It contains food to last a family of four for a month. The basket is wrapped in a Kitenge (a piece of material for clothing), a bin for washing, and it is filled with rice, tea, sugar, salt, coconut oil, and flour.

You may include items with your correspondence if they will fit into a small or medium-sized envelope. For example: bookmarks, greeting cards, or a photo of you and your family.

Special arrangements can be made to give extra assistance to your child's family in the form of "credit" at the "duka" (on-campus store). The family will travel to the store twice a month and receive rice, flour, tea, sugar, salt, and coconut oil. A twelve-month period is suggested at \$20 per month for continuous supplemental help.

All monetary donations may be sent to The Sakila Sponsorship Program (SSP), P.O.

Box 1430, Poulsbo, WA 98370 www.sakilasponsorship.org ~

sakila@sakilasponsorship.org

We hope that you find these suggestions helpful, and that you will write to your child. For questions, please contact sakilacorrespondence@gmail.com, 541-405-6650.

Mungu Akubariki (God Bless!)

Jennifer Kamrath