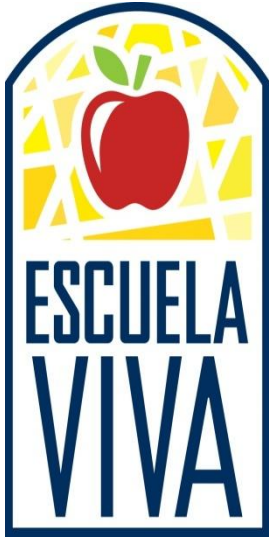


CONNECT TO YOUR CHILD IN REYNOSA!



Your sponsor child would love to hear from you! We will be taking letters down to Reynosa during all home building trips with Homes for the Homeless. This is a great way to initiate and deepen your relationship with your sponsor child.

A letter is a special way to touch a child's heart and allows you an opportunity to share the love of Jesus. Not only will you touch him/her emotionally by encouraging them in their learning and helping to nurture their dreams but you will be providing a tangible expression of love from people that seem far away and outside of their world. This expression of love will help break down walls and open hearts to be more receptive to spiritual truth.

On the other side of this page is a "stationary sheet" format that you can use to write your child a letter. You can follow these easy steps.

Step 1 – Write the Letter

What if I don't know what to say? That's perfectly ok! Think of this sponsor child as a part of your family and someone you care deeply about. Here are some helpful tips:

- 1. **Pray and wait on the Lord!** The Spirit will give you words to speak and just what God wants you to say.*
- 2. Be positive and encouraging but please avoid discussing material aspects of your life. Remember their economic circumstances.*
- 3. Describe yourself and your family, where you work and things you enjoy to do as a family.*
- 4. Attach a picture of yourself or your family. Please avoid pictures at special events or theme parks.*
- 5. Explain the holiday of Thanksgiving we celebrate here in America.*
- 6. Ask them simple questions about themselves that will encourage them to write you back.*
- 7. **Hand-write the letter.** This will add a personal touch that will say more than a computer generated copy.*

Step 2 – Get it Translated

Find someone in your "oikos" who can translate this letter for you – also in handwriting. The second column on the back side is for this translation into Spanish. This may be a great way for you to connect with someone else about this ministry and possibly open doors for additional spiritual dialogue with that person about Jesus. Or, you can use Google to translate the letter for you.

Step 3 – Bring it to church or contact Suzie Killeen

You can contact Suzie Killeen at either (480)695-4919 or suzie@strategicalliance.org.

