



Welcome to the Child Sponsorship Program at Morning Glory!

Whether you are a long-time sponsor, newly committed, or just considering making a commitment to sponsorship, first and foremost we want to thank you for your love for the children of Guatemala. Sponsored children, their families, and Morning Glory as a whole greatly benefit from the gifts and funds provided by sponsors. We sincerely hope that your sponsorship experience is a fulfilling one, both for you and your child. This guide is intended to give you the necessary information to make the most out of your sponsorship and relationship with your child. Please read it carefully to understand all of our policies and opportunities for building a relationship with your child.

What does it cost to sponsor a child?

There are 2 levels of sponsorship: \$35/month or \$45/month.

Why are there two levels and what is the difference?

The basic level (\$35) covers the cost of tuition for one student.

The higher level (\$45) covers the cost of tuition for one student and buys the textbooks for the year.

All child sponsorship payments are tax-deductible

How is my money used?

It costs Morning Glory \$30 to educate one student for one month. This is the cost to pay teachers, administrators, maintenance, busses, and bills associated with running the school. Because of their low income, the parents of the children enrolled are asked to pay only \$5 monthly for primary school and \$13 for secondary. Sponsorship money is sent to the school to allow us to subsidize the costs of the students and offer low prices for all of our students. Morning Glory uses donations, both sponsorship and regular/unspecified donations to fund the school so the low-income families of the area can afford a quality, Christian-based education. Most sponsored students still pay a portion of their own fees. Each family is evaluated to decide the level of help needed so that all students are taking responsibility and contributing to the well-being of everyone.

In addition, there are approximately 70 families who receive full scholarship because they are otherwise financially unable to send their children to a school. The “leftover” money from your sponsorship donations are used to not only help these families, but to provide funds for special needs and activities to benefit all the students of Morning Glory.

If you are a Higher Level Sponsor (\$45/month), your child receives their textbook at a substantial discount.

How can I send money?

There are a few ways to send sponsorship money:

1) Paypal (recommended): To set up a Paypal account simply go to www.paypal.com. Paypal is a secure site which we highly recommend because Paypal receipts can be easily and quickly sent between our home office and our administrators on the field in Guatemala to help us apply sponsorship benefits to your child more efficiently.

To pay with Paypal, you can visit <http://www.missionoffaith.org/> and click on the “Paypal” link on the left to be automatically directed. NIMA is Morning Glory’s 501c3 sending organization in the US.

You can also sign in to Paypal with your personal account. When signed in, click on the “Send Money” tab. Then enter nima@zianet.com as the recipient to send your sponsorship donation.

Please remember to include your child’s name in the “comments” line.

For any issues with sending money through Paypal, please contact Rob: (rob@morningglorychristianacademy.org).

2) Check: Send checks to

NIMA
PO Box 15133
Las Cruces, NM 88004

Please include the word “sponsorship” and your child’s name in the Memo Line

3) E-checks/automatic payments

To set up automatic withdrawals or E-checks, you should contact your bank directly. If you need information not included in this manual, contact Rob Courtney (see email above).



How do I send Birthday/Christmas gifts?

Giving extra gifts to children and their families is a delicate process. Through years of experience in working with the culture, we have developed the following guidelines to protect the our mission, the families that receive the gifts, and the sponsors who send them.

Here's how the gift program works:

1) You should send an extra donation to NIMA for your child. **You should mark your Paypal donation or check with your child's name and "Birthday/Christmas gift."** We do not have a system that allows you to send gifts through the mail as easily as donations. Morning Glory is charged an import tax for any goods that come to any of our personnel through the mail.

We ask that you only send \$25 as a Birthday/Christmas gift per child. As much as we appreciate your generosity, healthy limits help prevent conflict for the sponsored child and their peers.

Note: Our monthly bank wire is sent at the 15th of every month. If your child has a Birthday near the first of the month, you should send your donation by the 12th of the preceding month to ensure the gift arrives in time for the child's Birthday.

2) We will take your donation and use it to buy one of the following gifts for a child according to the child needs or your preference:

- Uniform needs (P.E. uniform, sweater, polo, pants)
- A backpack
- A pair of shoes
- A quality reading book
- Other school supplies needed by the family.

Many sponsors enjoy the process of selecting gifts for their children. By contacting Rob (above) you can help choose the details of the gift you want to send to your child.

3) Our representative will go buy the gift and deliver it to your child. You will receive a picture of your child with the gift, and a letter from your child.

To ensure timely and efficient delivery of your gift to your child, please contact Rob Courtney (email above) when you send your gift donation.



How can I communicate with my child?

We know that communicating with your child is a highly rewarding experience for our sponsors. We are working to expand the communication aspect of the sponsorship program to help you build a relationship with your child. Presently, we are able to facilitate communication with your child through electronic communication.

You will be sent a yearly update of your child with a current picture and brief summary on his/her progress in school. Additionally, you are encouraged to write to your child (see below). Morning Glory will send you communication from your child twice a year. Your child will respond to any “letter” you write to them. Therefore, you will receive two letters from your child but *your* initiative in communicating with your child will produce more letters from them and a better relationship with the child as well.

How to write to your child:

All letters sent to your child should be e-mailed to rob@morningglorychristianacademy.org. Please do not send letters to our home office. We use electronic communication because ‘snail mail’ to Guatemala is often unreliable and your letter may get lost. You can either write a normal email, or scan in a letter that will be printed off, translated to Spanish, and then, given to your child. You can write in English or Spanish. Morning Glory has adequate translators. If you would like some guidance to write letters, email Rob Courtney (above) to request a copy of our Letter-Writing Tips.

You should never communicate your address or email to the families you sponsor. All communication with your families should go through a Morning Glory representative to prevent families from abusing the system and ultimately losing their eligibility to receive sponsorship help.

What happens if I have problems paying ?

We understand that life can be unpredictable and undesirable situations can happen to anyone. Therefore, if you cannot make a payment on time, simply contact Rob or Kelly (kelly@morningglorychristianacademy.org) to inform us. However, after 4 months without pay, we reserve the right to place your child in the rotation to look for another sponsor.

What happens if my child stops attending Morning Glory ?

We sincerely hope that your child stays at Morning Glory until he/she graduates and moves on to further education. However, for various reasons, it is not uncommon for parents to change schools for their children from year to year. In the event that your child graduates or withdrawals from Morning Glory for whatever reason, we will notify you and offer you a new child, who will automatically receive the benefits of your contributions.

Under no circumstances can we offer any sponsorship benefits to children who are not enrolled in Morning Glory. Once a child withdraws, he/she forfeits their sponsorship benefits.

Thank You!!

We thank God for your heart to love and support the children in their education at Morning Glory. We sincerely hope your sponsorship is a mutually beneficial one. For any questions or concerns, contact Rob (rob@morningglorychristianacademy.org).

