

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ONE

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Child Sponsorship Program

CORRESPONDENCE

Be sure to include the child's name and ID # in the email 'Subject' line as-well-as at the top of the letter.

Please email all correspondence to: info@significanceofone.org

Letters to Your Child:

Children enjoy letters, cards, and photographs. The SoO school staff will translate your letters (if needed) and have the child dictate or write a reply. The reply will be translated into English (if needed) and emailed to you. English is being taught in the SoO schools so translation may not be necessary in some cases. Correspondence is the best way to demonstrate that your child matters to you! (**Please note** that all correspondence to and from the Haitian school is done through email, however, the internet is not always available in some areas so you may still experience some delay in receiving a response.)

Some TIPS for writing your child:

1. Keep letters **short** and **simple**, making it easy to understand.
2. Give words of **encouragement** and **instruction** as the children will appreciate them.
3. Tell your child about your **family** (include photos) "family" is important to Haitians, so speak freely and share about your family.
4. Describe your **work, church** and **school**.
5. Talk about **food, feasts, parties** and **celebrations**. Your food and celebrations are very different than those in Haiti which will intrigue the student.
6. Discuss your **favorite past times** - hobbies, sports, etc..
7. Talk about your **relationship with Jesus Christ** and share prayer requests. This allows the child the opportunity to give back to you, by praying for you and your family. You can also include your **favorite bible verse**.

Here are some topics to AVOID:

1. Since Haitians do not have a lot of material possessions, do not elaborate on yours (size of your home, kind of car you drive, etc.)
2. Do not suggest your child visit the United States.
3. Do not use slang or colloquialisms that would be hard to translate or understand.
4. Asking what your child would like as a gift places them in an awkward position.

It's a great ministry to encourage a child through correspondence. You have no idea how much joy it gives a Haitian child to get their own letter from someone far off who knows their name and cares about them.