


Touch a Life

A child sponsorship ministry of the Final Frontiers Foundation, Inc.

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Once your first payment has been made, our computer program will automatically allocate your future giving to your chosen child, unless you direct us otherwise.

You may give monthly, annually or however you prefer. Payments can be made by check or online at our websites: www.finalfrontiers.org or www.touchalife.net

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Dear Sponsor,

On behalf of all those involved in this ministry, I want to thank you for your commitment to sponsor a needy child. As we pledged to you, your funds will be used to make a difference in the life of this child. From time to time we will send you photographs, letters and school reports as they come to us.

Information regarding your child:

- Please know that your support and prayers will be vital to your child's wellbeing. He/she will need to be able to count on your regular assistance. If you should ever find yourself unable to continue support, please inform us as quickly as possible so that we will have an opportunity to find a replacement sponsor, thereby avoiding a lapse in support. *Remember, we are just a channel for your support. Only the funds sent in by sponsors will be forwarded for the child's care. We do not have any guaranteed, surplus funding to make up for sponsorship that is not sent in on their behalf.* If you have any questions you may contact us at our toll free number listed above.
- I know that your child will want to know your name and pray for you and we will pass that information along to him/her. It would be great if you could send us a family photograph with your names attached, that we can forward to the child. I know from experience that your picture will be proudly displayed on a wall in their homes, as perhaps the only "decoration" they may have.

Information regarding your child's letters to you:

- Most of these children are unaware of our culture in America. They have the mistaken idea that we are all wealthy. For that reason, they feel at liberty to ask such things as help for their friends, or money to pay their "luxuries". While we are sensitive to their needs, we are also sympathetic to your financial capabilities. Thus we are asking you to send and receive all correspondence through the Final Frontiers/Touch a Life home office. This will protect you from receiving overburdening requests and will help us to maintain accountability for your child. We will never give out your address to anyone without your direct consent. We will of course, from time to time, make you aware of any specific needs your child has which you may or may not wish or be able to supply. Your child will be discouraged from asking anything specific from you except on the occasion of their birthday and Christmas. A Gift List is included on page 10 of this portfolio for your use on those occasions or whenever you may desire to provide a gift for your child. *Gifts of cash are never sent.*
- You will also receive a report from your child most every month. The first one will take several months to arrive. Once the process has begun, the reports should be received regularly.

Information regarding your support:

- As mentioned during the ministry presentation, the support increments for child support are requested in the amount of \$35.00 per month.
- To help you remember to send in your support, we will send you each issue of our

Progress Report and send you a receipt of your giving monthly and an annual giving statement as required by law.

- Of the thirty-five dollars, your child's care provider will receive \$25.00 as "designated support". This is the care funding your child will receive according to the faithfulness of your contributions.
- The remaining \$10.00 of your monthly support will be used for "personal accountability" both in his/her nation and here in the United States at our home office. These funds will cover such expenses as telephone, postage, printing, transfer of his funds by express certified mail or international bank wires with associated fees. They will also be used to help cover the expenses incurred in finding and maintaining accountability for your child such as travel, translations, photographs, etc. Funds may also be used to help feed children who are in a desperate situation but do not yet have a sponsor. Our policy is that critically hungry children will not be turned away from our feeding centers.
- We also want it to be made known that your child will receive any special gifts you send to him/her. We do not transfer cash to the child, rather we send the funding you provide to the child's care provider. The funds are then used to purchase the gift of your designation and the gift is delivered to the child. A photograph is then taken of the child, with your gift and sent to you for accountability purposes. A Gift List is provided for you later in this portfolio on page 10.

Method of payment:

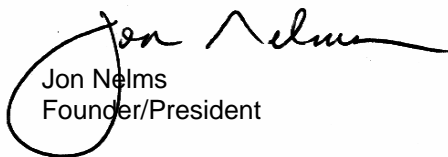
- If you prefer, you can make your payments by check and send it to our main office. Please make your check payable to either **Final Frontiers** or **Touch a Life**.
- Or if you prefer, you may pay by use of your credit card over our secure internet server (www.finalfrontiers.org or at www.touchalife.net), or by calling our toll free number and giving your information directly to our financial secretary. We currently accept Visa and MasterCard.

Final thoughts:

In reality, the expansion of our ministry is only as strong as our prayer and financial base. We are thankful to have you as a new member of our family. In time you will learn of other opportunities of ministry with us. One of these is our **Final Frontiers Society**. Membership in this elite group is also \$10.00 monthly and the funds are used to purchase and distribute Bibles to Christians and Pastors who do not own one. If you would like a *free video* outlining our ministry and the effectiveness of the Society, please request it by email or phone, and it will be sent to you immediately. It is our hope that it will bless you and others you will choose to share it with.

I hope you know what a blessing your sacrifice will be to your child. You are stepping out on the path of not only changing but also enriching the life of a child who until now, knew only hopelessness. May God bless you richly with a harvest equal to your sowing.

Yours for Souls,



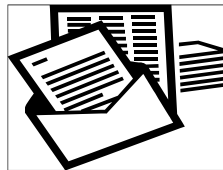
Jon Nelms
Founder/President

Our Six Steps of Direct Accountability

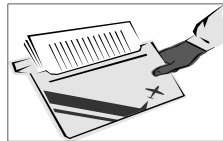


The sponsor sends his child's support to the Final Frontiers/Touch a Life office in Louisville, GA. A sponsor may be:

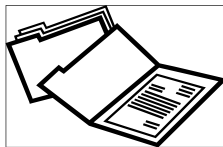
- a family
- an individual
- a Sunday School class
- a Bible Study group or
- a church



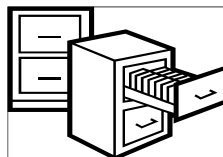
That funding, along with any instructions for special gifts, etc. is then sent to the Touch a Life Director and used to purchase the food, uniforms, gifts, etc. for your child as you have provided.



The child writes a letter to you his sponsor by his own hand or with the help of his guardian or the Touch a Life Director.



The child's letter is translated as necessary, and returned to the home office in Louisville, GA by the Touch a Life Director.



The information from the child's form are recorded, and a copy of his report is made and filed for our permanent records.



The original report form, along with the translations as necessary, and a note of appreciation, is mailed you, the sponsor.

How our “*Touch a Life*” program operates

www.touchalife.net

An Introduction to our method:

All children sponsored are in the direct care and administration of a pastor with whom we already have a ministry relationship. He has personal knowledge of your child and approved their application for assistance. We operate in partnership with these pastors and their churches in order to guarantee accountability and honesty in dealing with your child's needs, support and future. So that you will better understand the quality of preachers that we are working with, let me briefly explain the approval process for these preachers. We work through established organizational structures in foreign countries, that already have an accountability system in place. It is our desire to support such preachers who are held highly accountable for their doctrine, life style, ministry and family life.

For more detail on our approval process of the pastors who act as Touch a Life Directors as well as general ministry information please see our website at: www.finalfrontiers.org

Now, about our program ...

Nothing moves the heart more than the cry of a helpless child. The problem is, we seldom hear their cry. It has been drowned out by distance, language differences, our own personal financial crisis and day to day concerns for ourselves, our families and our lives in general. Yet they continue to cry for our help.

Years ago we began to receive correspondence from poverty stricken national preachers in third world countries, whom we were sponsoring in an effort to help them enlarge their ministries. We found that more and more of them were taking their own support and using it to feed, clothe and house children, whom they would see day by day in their ministries. These were orphaned, abandoned and destitute children, who were fleeing tribal wars, religious persecution and devastating poverty.

We felt that since these preachers were so willing to take from their personal, meager funds in order to care for these small strangers, that we should do all we can to encourage Believers in the West to give from our abundance to help with this cause as well. Thus, **Touch a Life** was



born as a ministry subsidiary of the Final Frontiers Foundation. The seed of this ministry was germinated in the hearts of these national preachers, and transplanted in ours and in yours. The concept is simple: ***to visibly demonstrate Christ's love, by offering supervised care and relief to children who live in such desperate need.***

You may find more information about Touch a Life on our website at: www.touchalife.net or through a link on our parent website at www.finalfrontiers.org

Our Purpose

The purpose of Touch a Life is to offer Christ's love in visible form through care and relief, to orphaned, abandoned and destitute children; while providing for the sponsor, the highest level of personal involvement and financial accountability.

Our Program ...

There are three classifications of children whom we assist ...

- *Orphaned*
- *Abandoned*
- *Destitute*

... and three types of placement programs.

- *Traditional Orphanages/Hostels*
- *Individual, Christian Home Placement*
- *Own family*

Child Classifications ...

Orphaned

The word speaks for itself. An orphaned child is one whose mother and father have passed away. In many cultures, upon the death of the father, the mother through anxiety, family persecution or poverty, is soon deceased as well. Formerly in India, (and still practiced today though seldom admitted by government officials) when the husband died, the wife was tied to his dead body and cremated with him. The children, if not taken in by a family member, were left to roam the streets or jungles; abused, hungry, and destined for an early and unmarked grave. This remains the lot in life for children around the world who are left parentless. Hunger, filth, disease and premature death are the companions of orphaned children.

Abandoned

Many children, due to poverty or shame, are abandoned and left to care for themselves. Typically those who survive do so, because they cluster with other street children. In this setting the child quickly learns what to do in order to survive. Prostitution, pedophile abuse, theft and begging soon become the daily life style of these children. The real tragedy in this is that these children have families but they have been cast out. Often they will be taken to a city far away and left, not knowing how to find their way home; not old enough to even know the name of a relative or the village they are from. They may as well be orphans literally, because they are

“dead” to their families.

Destitute

These are children who do not fare as poorly as the others, since they do have families and live at home; but home being as it is, steeped in poverty, they lack the nutrition, education and medical care they will need to grow into productive, healthy adults. Thus this cycle of poverty will be repeated for another generation. Destitute children often survive on a meal a day or even less, they are often denied education because they cannot afford to pay for it or because the parents put them to work as early as age five to help put food on the table. These children may or may not have the love of their parent(s); but that is all they have.

Placement Programs ...

Traditional Orphanages/Hostels

When we hear this word, we immediately envision a cold, damp, institutional type setting. Thankfully, this is not the case with the ministries with whom we affiliate.

All orphanages involved in our program are ministries of a local, national church. They are staffed by loving Christian house parents and their daily lives are overseen by their pastor. He knows their names, he knows their personal situation; and they know what it is to be picked up and loved by him, his wife, and the church members. Through these local church members, the children daily feel the care and concern that Christ has to offer them.

Home Placement

More and more of the ministries we affiliate with are changing to this method. In some ways, Touch a Life, through the pastors supported by the Final Frontiers Foundation, has pioneered this program. We cannot take the credit however, for this is a concept given to Jon Nelms in the early 1990s by pastors in Vietnam, who had already been using this method for more than two decades.

Before the fall of their country to communism, they had for years conducted a typical orphanage. (*Many of the pastors now supported by Final Frontiers, or their wives, were actually raised in this orphanage.*) When the communist took the nation, the orphanage facility became a school and dormitory for the military. Out of necessity, the pastors rescued the children before that occurred, and placed them in the homes of faithful church members. These Christian families agreed to take the children as their own; to raise them, to care for them, to love them. The benefits are astounding.

First of all, the child gets to live in a home environment with a new “mother” and “father”. Often times, the child will, as a result, gain a new “brother and sister” as well. They literally become part of a new family. Loneliness is displaced, discouragement is overcome and a new sense of belonging, engulfs the child’s life.

The benefit for the family is having the opportunity to love and raise another child, who will help to care for them in their old age. Obviously the funding given for the child will trickle down beneficially to the family as well. In any case, the child is placed in the home by the pastor, who knows the family personally. They are good church members. Their house is in walking distance of his own. He knows if the child is being provided for properly, receiving an education, being cared for by a doctor, and attending church. They are still under his personal care and supervision.



Basic Medical Care



Education



Food



Clothing

In the case of destitute children who are living at home with their own parent or parents, the pastor has the responsibility to visit in their home every month. The child is required to attend Sunday School and also receives a Bible story each day before his meal. He is taught Bible verses and Christian songs and is guaranteed an education as long as he is in our program. The assistance is being given to help the family provide for the necessary care for their children because they are financially unable to do so. Thus, for destitute children, sponsorship is offered solely due to their extreme poverty and not the absence of parents.

Our Procedure ...

Sponsorship for an orphaned, abandoned or destitute child will help provide for their food, lodging, basic medical care, clothing and education. Ultimately the decision for all of these concerns is in the hands of the pastor who referred the child to us for assistance. We will do our part to hold the child accountable to you, insuring that you get the letters you desire in a timely manner. (at least 6 per year)

It is of primary concern to us as a ministry, that the child is raised in a Christian environment, has the opportunity to learn about Jesus and accept Him as Savior, and is cared for in an appropriate and loving manner.

What we will do:

- Qualify your child according to their need and status
- Provide photographs and a biographical history of the child
- Correctly channel your support to the child's overseer
- Require the child to write to you most every month, and arrange for all translation of correspondence from you and to you
- Provide you with an updated photograph annually
- Pass along to you, all annual educational reports on your child
- Provide you with financial statements for use in verifying your sponsorship as a charitable contribution.

What do we ask of you in return?

- Be consistent and faithful with your support. Inadvertently dropping your support or being tardy with it, could cause your child to be dismissed from their school. If you are unable to continue support, please contact our office immediately and if possible, attempt to provide for a final three months support, while we give your child's case priority in looking for a new sponsor.
- Love and pray for your child
- Do your best to write to you child several times a year and send a Christmas card and a birthday card if possible.
- Give the child a photograph of your family, so he or she will know who you are and will feel a part of your family as well.

Questions and Answers

Why does it cost \$35.00 to sponsor a child with this program, when others on television ask for only \$20.00 monthly?

We believe that we offer a better and more thorough quality of care as outlined in this portfolio; and far more accountability to you, the sponsor.

You may be aware that other similar organizations promise to care for a child for a much lower amount per month. While we do not wish to go into what may be embarrassing information for these other organizations, let it suffice to say that there is no comparison between the services provide by them and us. We do not just feed them a bowl of rice when the cameras are filming. We feed them balanced, nutritious meals at least five days a week, provide two sets of uniforms and two pairs of shoes each year, as well as all the educational materials they need, basic health care, family visits, levels of tutoring as needed and available and spiritual care. We also give you at least ten reports each year.

Many of the ministries you will see on television are not founded by them, only co-sponsored. One day the ministry will have one name over its door, the next day a different name, depending on what film crew is in the country at the time. Thus in reality, each child may be receiving support from several different sponsors through various different organizations; yet each sponsor believes they are the only ones providing for "their" child. This practice logically lowers the support amount.

With Touch a Life, your child is your child *only*; no one else will sponsor him or receive his biography. This is our commitment to you. You, and only you, will make the difference in your child's life.

Can I legally adopt my child and bring him to live with me?

We are not an adoption service, however, should you over time desire to do this, we will use any contacts we have available in that country to assist you in your goal. It should be known however, that while some countries are eager to allow their children to leave the nation and be adopted by "foreigners", many are opposed to it and will make such an enterprise very expensive and difficult.

Can I visit my child in their country?

Yes you may. We schedule regular mission trips for this purpose.

Can I send gifts to my child?

Yes and no. Sending a gift overseas is expensive and often times the recipient has to pay import taxes of up too 100% of the value of the item. In this portfolio on page 10, there is a list of recommended items you can purchase for your child and corresponding prices for that region. Our policy is to send the funds to the overseer and allow him to make the purchase locally and give your gift to your child. You will receive a letter of thanks from your child for any gift you send to him or her and most likely, a photograph as well.

Can I call my child on the phone or write to him?

Yes you may, providing the orphanage or placement home has a telephone. If not, we will try to arrange a time and place for you to call your child, and to have a translator available. This call may be expensive, but to place such a call once a year will likely be affordable for you. Do be aware however, that until the child gets to know you better, he or she will probably be quite shy. Additionally, they may be somewhat frightened because this will likely be the first time they have ever talked on a telephone. It is better to wait a half year or more after beginning sponsorship, to do this. Writing is not problem but for accountability sake, we ask for all correspondence to go through our office. We will bear the expense of forwarding your letter to your child. Additionally, your child will send you at least six, personal letters each year.

Gift List

Below is a list of suggested gift items for your child. These are not required, they are merely provided for you as suggested gifts. If you are interested in giving an item that is not listed, please contact us and we will investigate the price for you.

Please understand that you are not under any obligation to provide gifts for your child. This list is provided simply because, from our experience, from time to time most sponsors do wish to give a gift to their child. Rather than fielding hundreds of phone calls each year for this purpose, we chose to provide you with a sample list below.

Baby Doll For Girl	\$12.00	Jump Rope	\$5.00
Baby Powder	\$2.00	Large Backpack	\$10.00
Basketball	\$12.00	Large Bicycles	\$125.00
Beach Towel	\$3.00	Large food Bag **	\$50.00
Bed with Mattress	\$90.00	Large Umbrella	\$8.00
Bibles	\$10.00	Long Skirt	\$10.00
Blouse	\$10.00	Men and Teen Button up Shirt	\$10.00
Body Cream	\$3.00	Mens Socks	\$2.00
Boys Belts	\$10.00	Microscope	\$30.00
Boys Watch	\$12.00	Normal Skirt	\$10.00
Bra	\$2.00	Panty Hose	\$2.00
Brand Name Soap	\$2.00	Perfume or Cologne	\$10.00
Child Panties	\$2.00	Sandals	\$6.00
Child Shirts	\$10.00	Scientific Calculator	\$20.00
Child Socks	\$2.00	Set of Combs and Brushes	\$8.00
Childs Pants	\$10.00	Set of forks, spoons, knives	\$10.00
Clock Radio with alarm	\$25.00	Set of Marbles	\$3.00
Coloring Books	\$4.00	Set or Sheets for Bed	\$12.00
Crayons	\$3.00	Sewing Kit	\$20.00
Cream	\$3.00	Shoe Shine Paste	\$2.00
Deodarant	\$3.00	Sleepwear for Girl	\$10.00
Dress	\$20.00	Small Backpack	\$8.00
Dress Shoes for Boys	\$30.00	Small food Bag *	\$20.00
Dress Shoes for Girls	\$20.00	Small Umbrella	\$5.00
Electric Stove - Two Burner Hot Plate	\$45.00	Soccer Ball	\$12.00
Flash Light	\$4.00	T Shirt for Child	\$7.00
Foto Album Large	\$10.00	T Shirt for Teen	\$9.00
Hair Gel Large	\$4.00	Tape Recorder and Radio	\$30.00
Hair Gel Small	\$2.00	Teen and Mens Pants/Jeans	\$10.00
Hair Rollers	\$5.00	Tennis Shoes	\$15.00
Half Gallon of Shampoo	\$4.00	Thermos to carry food	\$15.00
Hammocks	\$30.00	Tooth Paste	\$2.00
Iron	\$20.00	Tooth Brush	\$1.00
Jackets	\$20.00	Vaseline	\$2.00
Jigsaw Puzzle	\$10.00		

* Food Bags consist of Beans, Rice, Corn, Cooking oil, Sugar, Salt

** Large Food Bag includes "small bag" items as well as a whole Chicken and other Items