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Dear Sponsor,

We want to welcome you to the *Africa Renewal* family! By becoming a sponsor, you are not only changing the life of a child in Uganda, but you are bringing renewal to a family, a community, the country, and even the world.

Africa Renewal works in 30 locations throughout Uganda, where sponsored children are given the opportunity to participate in our Child Development Program. Through the program each sponsored child receives help with educational costs, access to basic medical care, spiritual discipleship, and leadership training. Your generous gift opens the doors of opportunity that otherwise wouldn't be available to a vulnerable child.

We are thankful that you have chosen so answer God's call to sponsor a child through *Africa Renewal*.

God bless you,
Lauren Lambert
Program Director, ARM-USA



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Getting Started: Your Online Account

Every sponsor has a personal account where you can:

- Send your sponsored child a letter and photo
- Send small monetary gifts for your sponsored child or the child's family
- Make donations to Africa Renewal
- Manage your account and personal information
- Advocate for sponsorship with friends and family

Sign up for an account today at africarenewal.org!



HOW SPONSORSHIP MAKES AN IMPACT



1 You choose a child who will participate in the Child Development Program (CDP).



2 Donations from all sponsors are combined to meet our CDP budget. Each sponsored child is enrolled in our program and receives help with:



Educational Fees



Basic Medical
Care



Leadership
Development



Discipleship
Training



3 Transformed lives impact the family, community, country, and the world!

Thank you.

What You Can Expect

Every sponsor will receive:

- **An Annual Update with a new photo of your sponsored child**
- **One general letter each year, even if you don't write**
- **Replies to letters that you write**
- **A personal "thank you" from your sponsored child for every gift you send**
- **A Christmas Greeting from your sponsored child each year**



Building a Relationship

We hope you will build a lasting friendship with your sponsored child. Africa Renewal encourages you to write letters and pray for your child regularly.

Use your online account to get a letter to your child quickly and easily.

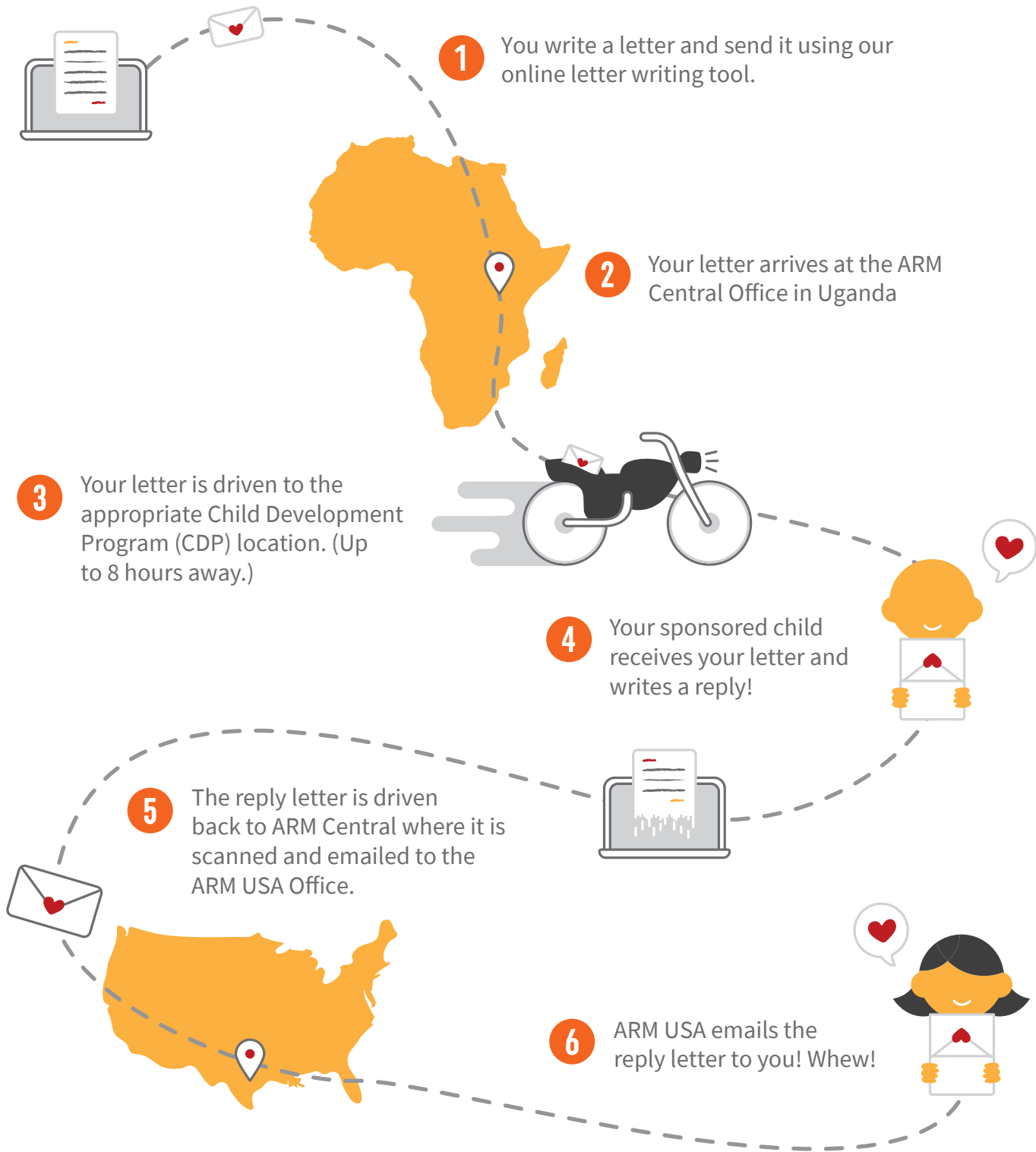


Letter Writing Tips

- Ask about the area where your child lives or about the culture.
- Share your favorite things to do or interesting cultural things.
- Encourage them to stay in school and participate in ARM activities.
- Tell them about your family, customs, and traditions.
- Ask them to pray for you and share your requests and answers.
- Share your favorite Bible verse and tell them you are praying.
- Avoid details about your possessions, invitations to the U.S., or asking them how you can help or what gift you can send, political or theological philosophies, personal contact information.



6 SIMPLE STEPS TO COMMUNICATION



Total Time: 3+ months

Giving Gifts to Your Sponsored Child

Sponsored children in Uganda have very few personal possessions so an occasional birthday or family gift can be a great blessing to a child and their family.

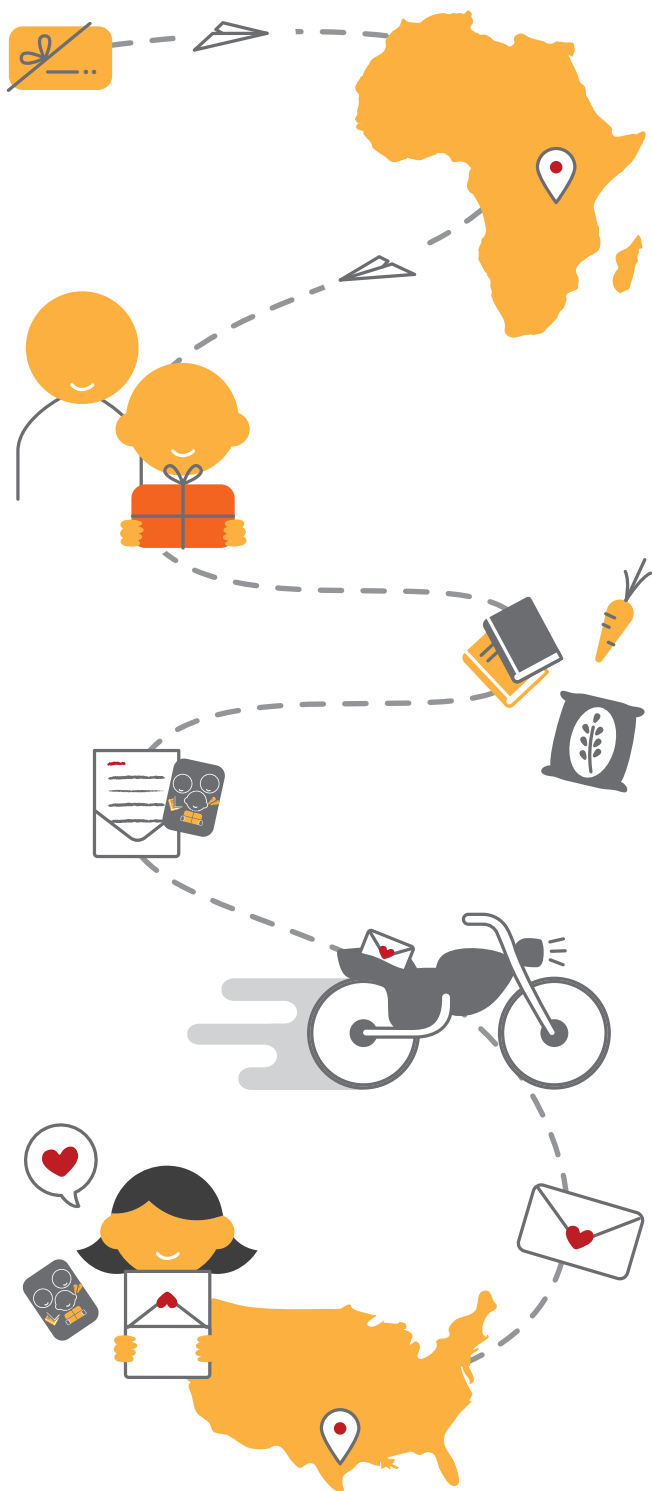
Our desire is to provide a helping hand, not a handout, so small, occasional monetary gifts are best for your child and don't create disharmony in the community. A gift of \$20-\$30 is ideal. No more than \$200 total/year.

When the monetary gift is received, the staff in Uganda will work with the family to determine the greatest need that can be provided with your gift.

See your online account to give a gift today!



SIMPLE STEPS FOR GIFT GIVING



- 1** You send a monetary gift to the ARM USA Office. All gifts are wired monthly to the ARM Central Office in Uganda.
- 2** ARM Central processes and wires your gift to the appropriate Child Development Program (CDP) location.
- 3** The CDP Staff arranges for your sponsored child to pick up your gift.
- 4** Your sponsored child and their family shop for what is most needed. All items and receipts are brought back to the CDP office.
- 5** Your sponsored child writes you a thank-you letter and takes a photo with their gift.
- 6** The CDP staff drives the letter to ARM Central (sometimes an 8 hour drive). It is scanned and emailed to the ARM USA office.
- 7** ARM USA emails the letter to you!

Total Time: 3+ months

Visiting Your Sponsored Child

Some sponsors will have the privilege of traveling to Uganda and might like to schedule a visit with a sponsored child.

If you would like to arrange a visit, please complete the Sponsor Visit Application and return it to ARM USA at least one month prior to your departure.



The Child Development Path

Each child sponsored through Africa Renewal follows a similar path that builds Christian leaders who will bring transformation and renewal in society.

Child Development Program – most children will complete this program by about age 20, when they finish secondary (high) school or trade school.

Children often begin school 2-3 years after they should due to lack of funds.

Students who will not finish high school by age 20 often attend a trade school when they reach age 18. Without a degree or a skill it is very difficult to support a family so attending a trade school will provide them with more options.



Post-Secondary Opportunities

Students who have excelled in secondary school (high school) and have been accepted at university may have the opportunity for further sponsorship. In addition to excellent scholarship, these students will be recommended by the CDP staff because of their leadership abilities.

If your sponsored child qualifies, you will be notified and given the chance to continue your sponsorship through our post-secondary programs.

****Transformational Leadership Training (Gap Program)*** – this intensive program prepares students physically, mentally, and spiritually for their next steps.

****Next Generation Leadership Program*** for university or vocational students – provides tuition, room & board, health care, and intense discipleship.

Life in Uganda

Children who participate in the Child Development Program live simple lives. Although they reside in “The Pearl of Africa”, political systems, tribal wars, AIDS, and terrorism have left their mark on Uganda. Poverty, unemployment, and inflation continue to plague the country.

Sponsorship brings opportunity to escape poverty, but more importantly, for each child to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ!



Home

Children in the ARM program come from a variety of home situations. Some live with both parents, but many live with grandparents or relatives, some with single mothers or fathers, some in orphanages.

In some areas home is a small one-room dwelling that all family members share. Most don't have electricity or indoor plumbing. On occasion a small area for a garden is available, but providing food for the family is challenging.

Children help with all the chores while parents try to earn a living.



School

Ugandan schools follow the British education system. Many children in our program are not able to start school at the usual age because school is privately funded. Students attend either day schools or boarding schools (particularly at secondary levels).

Nursery	=	Kindergarten
Primary 1-7	=	Grades 1-7
Secondary 1-4 (O level)	=	Grades 8-11
Secondary 5-6 (A level)	=	Grades 12+



Child Development Program

Our Child Development Program is active in 30 rural and urban locations throughout Uganda.

Program staff meet with the children for Center Days during school holidays to work with them for discipleship, leadership, and health trainings.

Primary students attend AWANA and older students learn life skills (income generating skills and debating ideas in loving ways). Staff visit children in their homes to monitor living situations, and also perform school visits to check on each child's progress.



Protecting Your Sponsored Child

Africa Renewal is committed to the safety of the sponsored children. One way that children can be put at risk is through use of social media and internet. We ask all sponsors to abide by the following for the safety of our children (and our sponsors).

- **Do not engage in unmonitored communication, including Facebook, email, Skype, instant messaging, or phone.**
- **Sponsor Visits should be arranged and coordinated only through ARM staff by submitting an application to ARM USA.**
- **Do not post your child's last name, ID number, or community on any social media or internet sites.**
- **Questions should be emailed to sponsorship@aficarenewal.org.**

Questions?

**If you have any questions about sponsorship through Africa Renewal,
please contact us at:**

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