

# Visiting My Sponsored Child

Please complete and return this application at least **four** months before your departure date from the US. **\*Required Fields**

\*Sponsored child's country

\*Sponsored child's name

\*Sponsored child's ID #

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\*Your full name

\*Your World Vision account #

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\*Phone number

\*Email

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Emergency contact, who we can contact in the U.S. once you are out of the country

\*Full name

\*Phone number

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Other persons who will accompany you on the visit:

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (if minor): \_\_\_\_\_

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (if minor): \_\_\_\_\_

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (if minor): \_\_\_\_\_

How many people traveling in your party?

How many minors traveling in your party?

Have any traveling visitors resided outside of the U.S. for 3 months or longer, within the last 7 years?      Yes      No

If yes, which travelers and what country? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Your travel information

\*Planned date of departure from the U.S.

\*Planned date of return to the U.S.

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\*On which day do you prefer to visit your sponsored child? Please suggest three dates we can propose to our local staff.

Please note: visits are hosted on weekdays only and are typically not possible around the Christmas holiday.

First preferred date

Second preferred date

Third preferred date

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\*Where will you be staying while in your sponsored child's country?

Local address, including city (e.g., hotel, residence, etc.).

Phone number while in sponsored child's country

\*Will you require transportation during your visit?      Yes      No

\*Will you require a translator?      Yes      No

\*I understand I am responsible for all costs associated with visiting my sponsored child.      (Please initial)

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Other helpful information that will help us assist you with your visit plans?

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We are committed to the welfare of children around the world, and we have a responsibility to ensure their protection. All potential visitors who are 14 years of age and older must complete a background check and the required forms before the visit will be approved. This process is required for all visitors including minors and World Vision staff. Please note that each person 18 years or older must provide a separate email address for the background check.

Once the requested visit information is received, each person visiting will be sent a separate email from Asurint (a background screening company) in order to comply with World Vision's Child Protection Policy. It takes approximately two weeks (up to four weeks depending on your location, international background checks may take up to 3 months) to receive the background check results.

There is a \$25 per person fee to cover the cost of a background check for you (the child's sponsor) and anyone in your immediate family accompanying you on the trip. Minor background checks are required for all travelers between 14-17 years of age. Travelers 13 years old or younger do not require background checks, but will still be required to submit all required forms, including the signature of a parent/legal guardian.

Sponsors will only be required to have a criminal background check conducted even though Asurint must disclose their capabilities of conducting investigative consumer reports.

Once all background checks and required release forms are successfully completed, an inquiry with your visit details will be sent to the World Vision office in your sponsored child's country. Our staff will then visit the child's family to obtain permission for the visit, provide arrangements for staff to be available on the proposed date, and follow up with our office here in the U.S. about the visit details. It can take a considerable amount of time for us to receive a response back and their approval of the visit may take about a month. If we receive the approval, we'll continue with the visit plans.

World Vision will make every effort to arrange a visit with your sponsored child. Please understand, however, that political or family circumstances can sometimes prevent such a visit. Due to the amount of time it takes to coordinate a visit, we're unable to approve visit requests that are less than 90 days from the visit date.

Besides having to cover your own airfare and accommodations you may also incur additional expenses. Depending on the location and the site you visit, expenses may arise for things such as meals and travel expenses for yourself, your child, and the World Vision staff member(s) acting as your guide or translator. Visiting sponsors are expected to cover any such cost. The fees are due the day of your visit and are paid directly to local World Vision staff in your sponsored child's country, in their local currency.

Please send your completed forms to us by mail, email, or fax so we can begin to process your application. If you have questions, please call us so we can help.

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