My visit to my sponsored child

Travel Journal

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.

—Proverbs 19:17 (NIV)
Travel and writing tips

Documenting your visit is a great way to preserve your memories of meeting your sponsored child. You can also inspire other sponsors who might not be able to travel by telling your story and sharing your photos when you return home.

Writing

While you are on your trip, you may find time to reflect on what you have seen or heard. Please take a moment to write down your experience in this journal. Whether it is at the end of each day or on the flight home at the end of your trip, recording the small and interesting details is easier to do when they are still fresh in your mind.

Photography

On the day you visit your sponsored child, you’ll want the special moments between you and your child captured on film. Think about handing your camera to a World Vision staff member so they can take a few candid and action shots of you and your sponsored child.
The day I visited my sponsored child
I visited _______________________ on ____________________.
This is my ____________ time visiting.
The community I visited was _______________________________.

Describe the experience of meeting your sponsored child:
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I felt:________________________________________
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I saw:________________________________________
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Describe your sponsored child’s reaction to meeting you:
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The day I visited my sponsored child

Conversations I had with my sponsored child, staff, or family:

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Projects in the community my sponsored child is benefiting from:

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Things I will never forget

Describe the experiences that touched you the most while on your trip.

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Tips for what to talk about

1. What are your family members’ names?
2. What do you like to eat?
3. What would you like to be when you’re older?
4. What makes you happy?
5. What do you do as soon as you wake up in the morning? What do you do right before you go to bed at night?
6. Does your name have a special meaning? Were you named after a special person?
7. What is your favorite game?
8. Who is your favorite friend? Why do you like him/her?
9. What is your favorite place? Will you tell me why you like it?
10. What is your favorite time of the year? (season, holiday)
Getting to know you

Use this space to interact with your sponsored child. You may wish to create a drawing together, or you could ask your child to write words or phrases in their language.
Thank you for taking this journey to visit your sponsored child.

We know the time and effort you invested in this trip will result in treasured memories for both you and your sponsored child for years to come!

We’d like to encourage you to share your stories, memories, and a few of your favorite pictures once you return home by emailing them to sponsorvisits@worldvision.org.

Please be sure to include your name, the name of your sponsored child, and your child’s ID number.