



ACRES OF HOPE

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Thank you for your generosity and the love you share with the children at Acres of Hope! Please enjoy the letters and pictures from your child, then take a minute to review these procedures for sharing letters, pictures and gifts with the children when teams from the USA visit Uganda.

Printed letters and pictures are loved and appreciated by your child and are always welcome!

These will be shared with the children by the visiting team members! If you would like to send a 4"x6" or smaller photo album/book that is great also. Your letters and pictures are truly treasured by the Acres of Hope children! Please feel free to send printed letters and pictures at any time – we will always send them with the next visiting team. You may also write to your child anytime via AOHI.org/Sponsor.

Gifts

When teams travel to Uganda, we often ask for donations of items needed by Acres of Hope. **We ask that sponsors give only the items that are requested.** We understand that in our culture giving unique gifts is a common way to show love. However, Acres of Hope is a beautiful family where love is shared in community with others, without many material possessions. Experience has shown that when a few children receive unique gifts, jealousy and arguments occur. We do not want to contribute to this problem. Neither do we want to export our material-based culture to a place where joy abounds without such things.

Items that Acres of Hope can always use (and are less expensive in the U.S.)

These items will be left at Acres of Hope by the team and distributed by Pastor Geoffrey and the AoHU staff:

Good News Bible – Inscription to your child is OK – given to your child by AoHU staff

Twin Bed Sheets and Bath Towels – dark colors best – distributed by AoHU staff as needed

Pens and Pencils – Shared with all students

Composition Notebooks and Lined Paper – Shared with all students

Scientific Calculators – Casio, Solar best - Needed by Primary 7 students heading to Secondary School

Story Books – Placed in school library and shared by all students

Toothpaste (large size) and Toothbrushes – Shared with all students

Feminine Hygiene Pads and Sports Bras – Shared with all girls as needed

Used Cell Phones – For Staff – Unlocked, reset to factory settings, and SIM card removed

***Note:** Sometimes Pastor Geoffrey will request additional items from a team. We will use email, newsletters and Facebook posts to notify you of additional needs.*

Examples of items that Acres of Hope no longer needs

Stickers

Crayons

Markers

Coloring Books

Jewelry

Tote Bags

Rather than spending money on these items, consider donating a few dollars. If your child has a unique need, your donation will be used for your child. If not, your gift will be shared with another child who has a specific need. Buying items in Uganda for the children also stimulates the local economy! Thank You!