

FAQs to assist you in posting these kids on your fridge:

- 1 Do the families receive cash?** No, our teams use these funds for monthly food helps, clothing, shoes, school supplies, and an occasional toy for the children. We also assist with general medical needs on a case by case basis.
- 2 What's in the food packets?** General supplies such as rice, macaroni, canned meats, cheese, nuts, flour, sugar, salt and oil, shampoo, soap, tissue, etc.
- 3 What do you do spiritually for the children?** The refugee kids and their families have been greatly traumatized and need consistent, gentle care and demonstrated love before anything else. As a Christian nonprofit, our goal is to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the children. We fully disclose this to the families before they register their children into our programs. In each of the countries we work in, IM staff share Bible stories and lessons with the children and their families, and they have opportunities to respond to the love of the Lord if they so choose. There is never any pressure or coercion. Our child sponsorship ministry is also designed to work through the national churches we partner with, building relationships. This brings a much higher level of long term effectiveness, especially in families with PTSD.
- 4 Where do the children live?** This depends on the country the child is in. In Egypt, the children live with their widowed mothers. In Iraq, refugees live in organized refugee camps, some are back living in their hometowns ISIS destroyed trying to re-settle, and others live in tents, apartments or homes. It varies greatly. In the Philippines, the kids live with parents, grandparents, or adoptive parents within their community, which is located at the Payatas Dumpsite near Manila.
- 5 What if there are a lot of kids in a family?** We take each family on a case by case situation and will enter all the children in a family if needed.

- 6 Am I the only sponsor of my child?** Yes.
- 7 What is expected of me?** Please pray regularly for your child(ren) and for our IM teams, regularly contribute \$39/month, write your child(ren). (Donations can also be made in full once per year.)
- 8 What can I expect of Indigenous Ministries?** You receive a packet with your child's bio, photo and other helpful information. IM sends monthly receipts of your donations, as well as reports on the sponsorship program and progress of the children. We send you *The Liaison*, our ministry newsletter, and if we have your email, we will send you video and email updates. In emergencies and natural disasters, you will be contacted and given the opportunity to respond with prayer and financial helps. You have full access to our website with hundreds of resources and insightful blogs on the ministry and working in Islamic and Hindu cultures.
- 9 Can I write my child? Will he or she be able to write me?** Yes! We provide you with helps and encourage you to write your children. You will hear from your child three times a year. Oh, and yes, we will translate these letters for you!
- 10 Who meets with the kids and what oversight does Indigenous Ministries have?** Our local Indigenous Ministries staff, who speak the local language, meet with the kids regularly. Families are also contacted by our pastors and church members when feasible. We interact with our teams weekly and require financial reporting, as well as reports on the activities of the children. Our US teams are regularly on-site training and monitoring each of IM's child sponsorship programs in Egypt, Iraq and the Philippines.
- 11 What is the administrative fee Indigenous Ministries takes?** Our US admin fee is 20% on child sponsorship programs which helps to cover administrative oversight, accounting, fund transfer fees, utilities, equipment, office supplies, postage and translation at our Colorado Springs office. We work diligently to keep overhead costs within check and constantly monitor them in order to direct these funds exactly to the purpose for which they are intended.

12 What about visiting my child? Please let us know if you are interested in visiting your child, and when we have a conference or prayer walk near where your child lives, we will be happy to arrange for you to meet him or her.

13 How long will my child be in the program? There are two ways a child leaves the program: At age 18 they “age out” and have a choice to go to vocational training. You will have a chance to help your child with this vital life preparation training. Secondly, if a family becomes stable financially, our local staff will make a recommendation that they are removed from the program and another more needy family take their place. You will be notified and we hope you’ll continue your sponsorship with a new child.