

## 2020-2021 BACKPACKS FOR HONDURAS

Thanks for filling a backpack! Important Instructions for sponsored children: Attach a luggage tag to the backpack with the child's name on it. Also, please use a permanent marker and put their life number on the back of one of the straps so it won't show when they are wearing it. Here is a list of items for the backpack:

**Backpack pick up date: Sunday, July 26 drive thru at LCC from 6-8pm**

**Backpack drop-off date: Sunday, August 30 at LCC, time TBA**

### Backpack Checklist:

What to Include in the Backpacks:

- 8 spiral notebooks
- 10 pencils
- 2 large pink erasers
- Pencil sharpener
- 2 boxes of 24 crayons, or 2 packs of 12 colored pencils for older children
- Pens (2 red, 2 blue, 6 black)
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Glue or glue stick
- 4 toothbrushes
- 2 large tubes of toothpaste
- 1 bar of soap with a washcloth
- 3 pairs of socks
- Soccer ball for boys or baby doll for girls

Optional Items to Include:

- Matchbox cars
- Baseball cap
- Comb
- Hair accessories for girls

### Additional Letters for Sponsored children:

We'll also be collecting letters for your sponsored child. Please place in an envelope with your child's name and LIFE ID number. No need to translate the letter. Letters may be turned in separately on August 30 backpack collection day. Additional info on letter writing below.

## Tips for Writing Letters to Your Sponsored Children:

- Sponsorship is a HUGE deal in Honduras for the whole family (imagine someone who doesn't know you entering your life and agreeing to pay for your child's education and more. It's not unusual for a photo of the sponsor to be hanging up in the child's home so sponsors photos are a hit.
- Family relationships are paramount in that culture (with maybe the exception being soccer) so telling about your family in short simple sentences is good.
- Asking the child to pray for you is important. This gives them (and their families) a way to connect with you. Sponsors can also ask the child to include their own prayer requests if the child writes back.
- Telling stories about traveling to visit family would be understood. Maybe a map to show where you traveled. Tell about who you visited and how you are related. Short simple sentences.
- If the sponsor gardens, that would be a fabulous subject as most of the families rely on gardens for food.
- Drawing pictures or having your children draw pictures about your life would be great, especially if your child is younger.