

Samuel's Fund

Your Sponsorship Journey



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Samuel's Fund is a sponsorship program named after the Old Testament prophet who heard God's call as a child and became a great leader, used by God in mighty ways. With the support of sponsors, Samuel's Fund helps children develop spiritually, mentally, and socially, allowing them to one day become Christian leaders in their communities.



Through Samuel's Fund, orphans and at-risk children in the Dominican Republic, age four through high school, are given the opportunity to get an education, receive spiritual training, and have other critical needs met. A sponsor is matched with a specific child, chosen from our list of children awaiting sponsorship at www.stchm.org/SF.

What Children Receive

Your sponsorship significantly helps a child with:

- ◆ Physical needs such as food, clothing, and medicine
- ◆ Educational needs such as school uniforms, books and supplies, special tutorial assistance, and opportunities for enrichment
- ◆ Spiritual guidance through a local Christian church or agency committed to the care and development of children in their community
- ◆ The opportunity to attend camps and Christian programs



Making Contributions

Samuel's Fund sponsorship costs only \$35 a month. As a sponsor, you will receive pictures, drawings, and/or letters from your sponsored child, as well as a yearly report on your child's progress. Many sponsors develop close personal relationships and have great influence in the child's life. One of the special



joys of sponsorship is the opportunity to visit a sponsored child in the Dominican Republic through one of our short-term mission trips.

Sponsorship gifts can be made monthly, quarterly, or annually. Tax-deductible contributions can be made online at www.stchm.org/donate. Please call our office at 361.994.0940 if you prefer another payment method.

Every sponsorship dollar goes directly to meet the needs of our sponsored children. Nothing is deducted for administrative costs.

We hope that you will continue to sponsor the child for the entire time he or she is in Samuel's Fund, which is usually until the child completes high school. We realize circumstances in life can change, so if you are unable to continue your sponsorship, let us know and we will immediately seek a new sponsor for your child. In the event that a sponsored child's situation changes and the child becomes ineligible for Samuel's Fund sponsorship, you will be notified and given the opportunity to support another child in need.

Extra funds given over and above the child's needs are greatly appreciated and used to meet the needs of *all* sponsored children. These additional needs may include serious medical issues or crisis situations in a family—needs that are not met by regular sponsorship contributions, but are still a high priority. Thank you for considering making additional financial gifts when you can.

About the Dominican Republic

The Dominican Republic (DR) is a nation on the island of Hispaniola, part of the Greater Antilles archipelago in the Caribbean region. Explored and claimed by Columbus on his first voyage in 1492, the island of Hispaniola became a springboard for Spanish conquest of the Caribbean and the American mainland. In Santo Domingo, the DR's capital city, stand the first university, first cathedral, and first castle in the Americas. The latter two are located in the Ciudad Colonial area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Both by area and population, the Dominican Republic is the second largest Caribbean nation (after Cuba) with 18,704 square miles and an estimated 10.65 million people. The DR also has the second largest economy in the Caribbean. Though long known for sugar production, the economy is now dominated by services. The country's economic progress is exemplified by its advanced telecommunication system and modern metro transportation system. Nevertheless, unemployment, government corruption, and inconsistent electric service remain major Dominican problems. The country also has marked income inequality.



International Ministry

Since 1952, God has called STCH Ministries to minister to the needs of abused and abandoned children and strengthen families. In 2006, we expanded to the Dominican Republic with our International Ministry. We coordinate short-term mission trips that bring churches, medical teams, and other groups to the DR to serve through a variety of projects and activities.



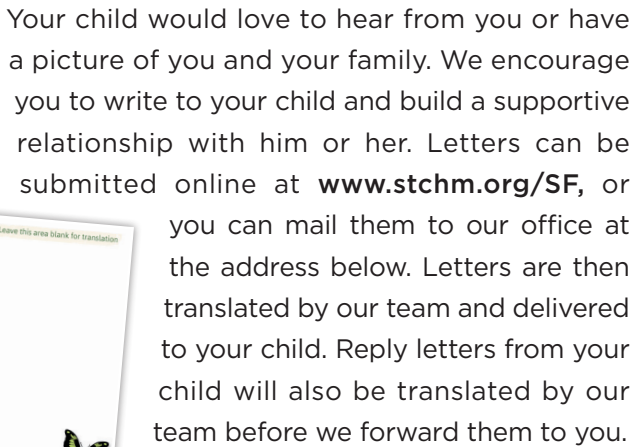
Although much of our International Ministry work takes place in the Santo Domingo area of the Dominican Republic, we are expanding to cover more of the island. We have Dominican ministry team members who assist with all mission efforts and follow up on mission projects to promote ongoing and long-term success. One of our goals is to ensure that local Christians continue to minister to those reached by our short-term mission efforts.



Unique Advantages of our International Ministry:

- ◆ Family-friendly and customized trips
- ◆ Effective partnerships with established Dominican ministries
- ◆ Long-term success
- ◆ Stability and safety of ministry areas
- ◆ Affordability

Our mission trips are tailored to each group's interests and skill sets. Some of the many activities available on our trips include: children's ministries; orphanage ministries; medical, dental, and eye clinics; and construction projects. If you have a desire to serve on a mission trip, visit www.stchm.org/intl to learn more!



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Sending Special Gifts

Many sponsors choose to send a gift to their child for his/her birthday, Christmas, or the start of a new school year. One option is to send designated funds and our team in the DR will pick out something personal for your child, according to your wishes or the child's need. This requires that we receive the funds at least one month in advance.

You may also mail a gift to our office and we will deliver it on our next mission trip. Please call us in advance to find out the deadline for us to receive the gift and be able to deliver it in time.



Prayer Points

You might be surprised and humbled to know that your child and their family will be praying for you regularly. Here are some ways that you can pray specifically for your sponsored child, just as they are praying for you.

Salvation: The most important work we do at STCH Ministries is share the Gospel with children and families. Pray for your sponsored child's spiritual growth, that they will receive God's free gift of salvation, or if they are already believers, that they will mature in their faith.



Love: Many of the children in Samuel's Fund are orphans or come from single-parent households. They may struggle with a void in their life that they need the Heavenly Father to fill. Pray for your child's interactions at school, church, and their home or orphanage, that they would feel the love of God and their caregivers, and be able to share that love with others in their community.

Attitude: In order to take part in Samuel's Fund, parents or caregivers and sponsored children sign contracts requiring faithful church attendance, best efforts in school, and obedience in their home. Tutors or another responsible person provide encouragement and accountability. Pray for your sponsored child to have positive attitudes toward authority figures (especially for teenagers), and that they will thrive as they grow mentally and emotionally.

Impact: As your sponsored child grows, they will have younger children looking up to them. It may be a younger sibling or neighbor child. Pray that they will be good examples to the younger generation, impacting their culture for Christ, and becoming leaders in the Body of Christ.





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