

Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ

[Who Is SCM?](#)

SCM (Street Children Ministry) is a Christian non-profit organization caring for street children in South Sudan. SCM currently operates one children's home for a number of street children, and engages in extensive outreach to help more kids and youth on the streets. Our goal is to transform the lives of street children in a holistic way through the power of the gospel and our Christ-centered programs and activities.

[What do I do as a child sponsor?](#)

As you sponsor a child, you help someone who lives in or around extreme poverty and who has come out of a life on the streets filled with danger, pain, and hopelessness. You help provide financial, social, spiritual, and emotional support for your sponsored child while you help their holistic life transformation and healthy development.

[How long will my child sponsorship last?](#)

SCM's sponsorship program seeks to give you the opportunity to stay with your sponsored child for several years, generally to the point when they become independent or can be reunited with family members, and thus leave the children's home. As the children vary greatly in age (6-18 years), so do the potential time frames for sponsorships.

It is our hope and desire that you will be able to accompany your sponsored child throughout this journey, but we also know that it is possible for certain circumstances to change unexpectedly, which might prevent you from continuing your sponsorship.

In such a case, you may discontinue your sponsorship and we will do our best to find

[Does my sponsored child have only me as sponsor?](#)

Indeed, each child has only one sponsor. We do not ask several different people to be sponsors for one and the same child. This is also why you will be an important part in your sponsored child's development, since you have the opportunity to be that person who encourages and loves on a child in need, showing them that you care about them and their future and that they are precious. Your support as well as your frequent prayers and your letters will make a big difference in your sponsored child's life.

[How much does my sponsorship cost?](#)

Our Sponsorships entail a financial support of \$60 per month (in other words about \$2 a day), which helps us provide your sponsored child with the following necessities:

- nutritious food
- quality Christian education
- life-skills training
- medical care
- the gospel of Jesus Christ!

[Why does SCM's sponsorship program cost more than some other child sponsorship programs?](#)

We are a ministry that pursues the holistic transformation of the children under our care. Because of that, we empower children to become free from spiritual, emotional, physical, and socio-economic poverty or distress. Many organizations merely sustain their beneficiaries through poverty for some time, which takes less financial investment but also has less of a positive long-term effect on those who are assisted by them. Although we recognize the need for such work, we take a different approach, since it is our goal to positively shape the entire life of

[Can I send gifts to my sponsored child?](#)

Yes, you can do that. If you have it on your heart, you can send additional donations for occasions such as Christmas, to further help with particular needs, or simply as an act of love. For learning more about any other opportunities to support, you can consult our regular newsletters that we send out to our partners. If you do not receive our newsletter yet, please email us to streetch1828@gmail.com, and we will gladly send you our regular updates.

[How will I learn more about my sponsored child and his life circumstances and well-being?](#)

First of all, you will receive regular letters from your sponsored child and you can ask him about his well-being in the letters that you write him. Moreover, we will send you updates about your sponsored child's development. If you are interested, we will also gladly provide you with our periodic SCM newsletters, which also contain reports on the children and their current circumstances.

[How can I communicate with the child I sponsor?](#)

You will have the opportunity to write letters to your sponsored child. In fact, we ask you to write to your sponsored child at least once per quarter (every 3 months), so that the child you support will be assured that you care about him and so that you can both get to know each other. You will have the privilege to encourage and inspire your sponsored child through your letters, sharing the hope and love of God with him and being part of his growth. You will also regularly receive letters from your sponsored child. We suggest that you introduce yourself with your

another sponsor for the child you had been supporting.

However, we would be happy to have you as a continual and steady support for one of the boys as long as they are at our children's home. Our goal is to maintain sponsorships for the boys up to the time when they transition into a family context or an autonomous life. That means that we seek to reunite every boy with a responsible and trustworthy family member or help them step into a self-sustaining lifestyle.

[Could my sponsorship be unexpectedly terminated?](#)

Unfortunately, a sponsored child's circumstances may unexpectedly change too, which might make it impossible for your sponsorship to continue with a child. For example, there are cases that a boy might choose to return to a life on the streets because former addictions or other temptations drives him back to that dark place. If that is the case, we will make sure to inform you about said changes as soon as possible, and we will do our best to offer you another opportunity to sponsor a child who will need and greatly benefit from your support.

[If I cannot continue my sponsorship, how does that affect the child I'm helping?](#)

If you need to cancel your sponsorship, we will try to find a new sponsor for the child as soon as possible, so that we can continue to provide the support without interruption.

[What do I do if I need to discontinue my child sponsorship?](#)

To let us know about your intention to discontinue your sponsorship, please email us at strectch1828@gmail.com.

each child under our present care for their holistic well-being and the glory of God through Jesus Christ. That is why our sponsorship program has a higher amount of monthly support set than certain other organizations, since we also provide more varied support to our children.

[Do I need to hold to specific Christian beliefs to sponsor a child?](#)

Yes, we ask you to confirm that you agree with a general statement of faith, since it is a crucial part for us as an organization to have sponsors for all children under our care, who are also spiritual role models and who will not harm or hinder the spiritual growth of any child. That is why we take great care to know that our sponsors are mature believers.

Here is our Statement of Faith:

- We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule for faith and life.
- We believe in the one and living and true God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as revealed in the Scriptures.
- We believe that man is born in sin and liable to the judgment of God.
- We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only Redeemer of His Elect, and that His free gift of salvation is received by faith alone.
- We believe that there is one body and one Spirit just as we were called to one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
- We believe in the bodily and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ at the end of the age, at which time He will judge the living and the dead.

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first letter, and even send a photograph of you or your family to him. We will translate your letter (if necessary) and read it with the child you support. Be assured you're your sponsored child will treasure your letters and that he will be happy about every single one.

[Is prayer an important part of my sponsorship?](#)

Yes! We strongly believe that regular prayer for your sponsored child is the best and most necessary thing you can do for him. We know that God calls us to pray, and that He works through our earnest prayers. So, what could be more beneficial than to entrust Your sponsored child's needs and future to the almighty God again and again? You can pray for the spiritual growth, character development, safety, health, and educational progress of your sponsored child. The beautiful thing is, that you can be assured that the child you sponsor will pray for you, too. So, feel free to share some prayer requests with each other.

[Is there anything I should not send to my sponsored child?](#)

We at SCM and specifically your sponsored child will be very happy about every kind of communication from you, and we encourage you to make it a habit of yours to write an uplifting letter from time to time. However, we ask you to share material that is consistent with the Christian values to which we all adhere. Thus, we will not share any contents with your sponsored child, that:

- promote lifestyle choices that we view as inconsistent with biblically based lifestyles, or otherwise unhealthy for the sponsored child.
- might threaten the safety or healthy development of the sponsored child in any way.
- might be regarded inappropriate in the child's culture.