

## Group Leader: What to Know

2 Timothy 2:15 NIV "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

### Example



Taissa was born on September 27, 2011. She loves to play games, and wants to be a nurse someday. Being sponsored means Taissa will receive love, education, nutrition, and direction to Jesus through the local church in her community.

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In October of 2014 SCC sent a team to Northeast Brazil to form a partnership with Living Stones (part of World Renewal Brazil) and a community in rural northeast Brazil. We partnered with the church in Cajueiro Claro (in the state of Pernambuco).

Since that initial trip, SCC has regularly sent a team to continue loving on the people of Cajueiro Claro, Brazil, developing relationships, and helping Living Stones in any way we can.

The partnership between SCC and Cajueiro Claro is only as strong as our families and members that are praying and supporting them.



Living Stones



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### This four week session is about getting to know and write a Living Stones kid:

- Please make sure to look over each page before you present it
- If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail rachel@worldrenewal.org: please email before choosing a specific kid to get to know/write!
- Make sure to have copies of the kids card for each child to take home, and many copies of the Portuguese Packet on hand before you try to translate letters
- The four graphics on this page are available in high resolution, screen size to put up on the big screen/TV, or you can use the handouts for the kids to take home: whatever works best for your group

Thank God that He knows and loves them more than I do

Ask God to provide the things He knows they need



For their health and safety

For their education and future

For their community, church, and family

## Praying for Living Stones kids

<b>Hello!</b>
I am so happy to be writing to you because...
<b>I want to tell you</b>
A Bible verse I want to share with you is...
<b>I am praying for</b>
I would like to ask you to pray for...
<b>With love,</b>
Translation:

<b>I Drew You a Picture</b>
[Large blank area for drawing]
<b>I drew you</b>

**Letter To My Living Stones kid**

Caro João,

Como vai? Eu estou bem. Você gosta de jogar futebol? Eu também! Mas meu esporte favorito é basquete. Você também gosta de basquete?

Eu quero ir ao Brasil um dia, mas preciso aprender mais português. Está muito frio aqui agora, mas está quente onde você está, não é?

Espero que gostem de projeto cresce criança, e que estejam aprendendo muito na escola. Eu especialmente espero que você saiba o quanto Deus te ama. Meu versículo favorito é 1 João 3:1 "Vede que grande amor nos tem concedido o Pai: que fôssemos

Dear Joao,

How are you? I am doing well. You like to play soccer? So do I! But my favorite sport is basketball. Do you like basketball too?

I want to go to Brazil someday, but I need to learn more Portuguese. It is really cold here now, but it is hot where you are, right?

I hope you like Living Stones, and are learning a lot in school. I especially hope you know how much God loves you. My favorite verse is 1 John 3:1 "See what great love the Father has lavished on us,

## Get to know A Living Stones Kid: Basic Information

1 Peter 2:5 NIV "You also, like **living stones**, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

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### Read the Kids Card :

- On the back of the card it explains how your church partners with their church. This is really important. With Living Stones, you do not support individual children: you support a church that reaches out to individual children and makes a difference in their lives
- The kids card has their picture, name, birthday, what they like to do and what they want to do when they grow up
- Our plan is to get to know them a bit, pray for them, and write them. Once they receive the letters, we will figure out a way for them to reply back to us (that is translated into English!)

### Pray For:

- Your Living Stones kid and their family
- The local leaders and pastor of the church who work with the child
- Your church partnership with their church
- The school and educational opportunities your Living Stones kid has
- The likes, dreams and goals that your Living Stones kid has

### Questions to talk about:

- What is their name? Is that a common name? Can you pronounce it correctly?
- When is their birthday? How old are they? How do you think they celebrate their birthday? Are they close to your age and/or birthday?
- What do they like to do? Is that similar to what you like to do?
- What do they want to be someday? Is that something you want to be? Why do you think they want to be that?
- What else do you want to know about this Living Stones kid?

**Something Extra:** on "Building Living Stones" YouTube channel you can find a playlist of your partner church!

# Get to know A Living Stones Kid: Praying for Them

2 Corinthians 1:11 NIV "As you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many."

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knows and loves them  
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For their health and  
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For their education  
and future

For their community,  
church, and family



## Praying for Living Stones kids

### Pray for your Living Stones kid about:

- Basic needs: food, water, clothes, shelter, sleep, and love
- Relationships: friends and family
- Growing: school, skills and character
- Knowing Jesus: giving their heart to Him and learning about Him, loving Him, and being like Him
- Their future: hopes, dreams, and opportunities

### How can you pray for someone you haven't met?

- There are many things you don't understand, and that are individual to your Living Stones kid: but there are also many things that are the same for all kids around the world
- It is important to remember that you never know all of the story when praying for someone, even if you know them really well! But God does know the whole story, and the deep needs that each person has, so you can trust Him
- Basic needs are the same everywhere: everyone needs food, water, clothes, shelter, sleep and love. Kids everywhere like to play and have fun and friends. School and learning are a really important part of growing up, and we believe getting to know Jesus and learning to be like Him are the best choices anyone can make!

### Questions to talk about:

- What are things I can pray for this Living Stones kid, without knowing more details?
- What are things I can't pray for without knowing more details?
- What are things that I want prayer for, that are probably similar for this Living Stones kid?
- What are things that I want prayer for, that are probably different for this Living Stones kid?
- What do I want to know more about, to be able to pray for this Living Stones kid better?

**Something Extra:** There is a great video about praying for Brazil at [PrayerCast.com/brazil](http://PrayerCast.com/brazil)

# Get to know A Living Stones Kid: Writing to Them

2 Corinthians 3:2 NIV "You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. "

<b>Hello!</b>	<b>I Drew You a Picture</b>
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A Bible verse I want to share with you is _____	
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With love,	I drew you _____

## What to write to your Living Stones kid:

- You've gotten to know (a little bit) this kid, and you've prayed for them: now you get to write them!
- All of the things you wished you knew about them the past few weeks? Ask them!
- Let them know a bit about you: they are curious too!
- Tell them a funny story about yourself
- Have you ever had a pen pal? This is kind of like that
- Share your favorite Bible verse
- Tell them what you are praying for them about
- If you aren't sure what to write: draw them a picture!
- Is it close to a holiday or birthday? Ask or share about it
- It is always easy to talk about your favorite food

## Pray For:

- The words to say
- What God wants to share with your Living Stones kid through you
- All of the other people who care about your Living Stones kid: their family, friends, and local leaders at Living Stones
- The challenges your Living Stones kid will face today

## Questions to talk about:

- What is cool about writing someone you've never met?
- What is weird about writing someone you've never met?
- What do you wish you knew to better write your Living Stones kid?
- Writing letters isn't as common as it used to be: have you written letters to other people before? If yes, who was it?
- If this was your only chance to talk with your Living Stones kid, what would you want to say? What are the most important things?
- What does it feel like to get a letter from someone who cares about you?

**Something Extra:** At [Pinterest.com/rwinzeler](http://Pinterest.com/rwinzeler), there is a board called "Child Sponsorship" with ideas and templates

# Get to know A Living Stones Kid: Translating Your Letter

1 Corinthians 14:11 NIV "If then I do not grasp the meaning of what someone is saying, I am a foreigner to the speaker, and the speaker is a foreigner to me."

## Letter TO My Living Stones kid

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### All of the Living Stones kids speak Portuguese:

- Some of the Living Stones kids have learned a little bit of English as a foreign language, but most do not know any English
- Portuguese is the ninth most spoken language in the world, and is the official language in 9 countries (Berlitz.com)
- Portuguese sounds similar to Spanish, but also has a lot in common with French. If you speak Spanish to a Brazilian, they will not understand you as much as you understand them speaking Portuguese
- Portuguese is not an easy language to learn, with lots of verb conjugations and feminine/masculine endings ("Thank you" is Obrigada for girls, Obrigado for boys)

### Pray For:

- People who are trying to learn new languages
- Courage to learn and try new things, even if you don't get it right all the time
- Many of the Living Stones kids who are still learning to read and write in Portuguese
- The Living Stones kids that want to learn English

### Questions to talk about:

- Can you imagine a world in another language?
- Have you ever heard someone speaking another language? How did you feel?
- Have you ever been to another country where everything was in a different language? What was it like?
- Have you, or are you learning a language other than English? Why?
- Why do we have so many different languages in the world?
- Have you ever heard Portuguese spoken?
- What are some good reasons to learn another language?

**Something Extra:** At [Worldrenewal.org/sponsor-a-child](http://Worldrenewal.org/sponsor-a-child), there is a download called "Portuguese Packet"