

## Writing to your sponsored child in China



1. Indicate your child's name and ID number in the letters; and
2. Indicate your name and partner number
3. Letter in English – send to World Vision Hong Kong. After translating it into Chinese, we will direct it to the World Vision office in China.

Letter in Chinese – send to World Vision China, P.O. Box 79880, Mongkok Post Office, Kowloon.

4. Affix sufficient postage for mailing
5. Do not disclose your contact details such as address, email or phone number(s) in the letters. However, you may write your address on the envelope for return mail.
6. In view of the cultural differences between rural areas in China and Hong Kong, we would like to bring to your attention several common phenomena:
  - Children often go by different names and change names from time to time. To avoid any confusion, we ask children to specify their old and new names if their names have been changed.
  - Since children often share some common names in the same community, please also indicate your sponsored child's ID number on the envelope and in the letter.

- Children usually go to school at the age of seven, and may only write simple messages even at ten.
- Children tend to call their relatives or neighbours as brothers and sisters, or uncles and aunties. When referring to other people as such in their letters does not necessarily mean that they are part of their families.
- Since birth records or official birth certificates are not commonly used, parents may mistake their children's ages or birth dates.