

LETTER-WRITING GUIDELINES

Please note – these are only generic guidelines. Please consult the specific guidelines provided on the individual campaign web page before submitting your letter.

GET CREATIVE Greeting cards, handmade cards, children's artwork and postcards are great for recipients of all ages.

BE CLEAR Write in simple English, or, if you can, in the recipient's language. Keep your letter brief and print clearly.

BE ENCOURAGING Let them know that their Christian family is standing with them. Include one or two Bible verses (for security reasons, please do not use verses that refer to Israel, armies or war). For verses in other languages, visit biblegateway.com.

SHOW SENSITIVITY Don't dwell on the recipient's plight or share about the blessings of life in your country.

DON'T WASTE ENVELOPES If you are posting more than one letter at a time, send them in one envelope.

PRAY Ask God to inspire your words and pray that the person that you've written to will be encouraged.

FOR SECURITY

- 1. Do not** mention Open Doors in your letters.
- If writing a postcard, please send it in an envelope and **do not** write Open Doors' address on the postcard.
- You may provide your name, but **do not** provide your full address.
- Do not** criticise a country's religion or religious extremists, its government, judicial system or political leaders.
- Do not** send money or make offers of help – we are not able to forward on your gift due to safety concerns, and a gift can cause issues to the recipient.

If you require further information, please contact our Inspire team at inspire@opendoorsuk.org or on **01993 460015**.