

SAMPLE LETTER

A single page handwritten letter is perfect. This is typed for clarity but is not as personal as a handwritten letter. Keep the sentences short and simple so they are easy to translate.

Remember, our Ugandan families have very little. They have no electricity or running water. In fact, I was just told that the children in my family come home from school so thirsty that they drink water that has not been boiled. That is how one of them got typhoid fever. Another child lives away at secondary school and got malaria because her mosquito net had holes. It would not be fitting to ask them to pray for our pets, safety on a summer vacation or that our children get into the Catholic high school of their choice, etc.

Dear Okwii David, Acom Imaculate, and family,

Our family is excited for this opportunity to get to know your family and to pray for you. We want to tell you about our family. The husband in our family is Ted Doughman. He works in insurance. Marlene is the wife. We have 3 children but 2 of them are young adults and no longer live at home. Will is 26 years old and works as an arborist who trims and removes trees that are overgrown. Josephine is 25 and is a medical doctor. Michael is 19 and has finished his basic schooling and is now in college. We have included a picture of our family for you.

We were given a picture of your family. We have it in a special place so that we can see it when we are sitting together for dinner and pray for your family. For now, we pray that you are all healthy, that the weather is agreeable and that you have the food, water and clothing that you need.

The special prayers that we would like you to include for us are for the health of one of our mothers who is 80 years old, for a young couple in our family who will get married this summer, and for our family to be able to get together more often.

We know that St. Patrick's Day is coming soon and that this is a very big and special celebration for St. Patrick's church. Our family plans to say a Rosary for your family on St. Patrick's Day.

May God bless you abundantly and send you His graces and peace and keep you all safe and healthy.

The Doughman Family

Ted, Marlene, Will, Josephine and Michael